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Daniel Scott Richardson, “The King of Kindness”, delightful, fun, creative genius, wonderful Dan The Man! Danno died on August 20, 2018 and must be the most missed husband, son, brother, uncle, dad, nephew, cousin the earth has ever said goodbye to.

Dan had contagious laughter that delighted everyone. You always felt uplifted by Dan. He loved to have fun and enjoyed life the most when he was helping someone else to have fun and smile, too. Whether it was a BBQ or dinner, a dance party, a surprise baked treat, a funny quote—Dan was almost always about the business of making life more pleasant for other people.

Dan was the most delightful man to reminisce with. He remembered everything with a funny twist and made even life’s hardest moments enjoyable to think about.

Dan was devoted to his family. Everything he did, he did with the intent to make life nicer for the people he loved most. Dan has always been this way. When someone set a goal he was their biggest cheerleader. He loved to see people accomplish their goals.

Anything he did, he did well. Dan learned from his dad how to do electrical work and amazingly taught himself how to do even the most complicated electrical jobs. It seemed there was nothing Dan was not able to learn how to do. Daniel was exceptionally creative and talented, sewing his first pair of slippers at age 5.

Elder Renlund recently said “I believe the vast majority of cases, we will find these individuals lived heroic lives and that suicide will not be a defining characteristic of their eternities.” We believe Dan did live a heroic life and are grateful to know that the Atonement of Jesus Christ is not limited in any way.

The walls of his home are full of pictures of his loved ones, who love him back. Dan is survived by his loving, supportive, and champion husband Brandon, step-children Rachel, Hannah, and



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Jordan, Scott and Kim Smith (parents), his siblings Sam (Samantha), Ammon (Tera), Lizzy (Matt), and John (Lia) as well as his nieces Charity, Lucy, Penny, and Lola and nephews James, Jeffrey, and Lincoln, all of whom love, adore, admire, and greatly miss him. Dan is also survived by his dogs that he loved who loved him back, Super Bolt and Lady Starbuck.

All are welcome and wanted at a funeral service to be held Saturday, August 25, 2018 at the 33rd Ward LDS Chapel located at 455 South 1100 East, Salt Lake City, Utah. A viewing will be from 9:00-10:30 with the service to begin at 11:00. We will be looking forward to receiving hugs and love from the many, many people who loved our dear Daniel and who love us. Thank you to all who have supported and loved Daniel through all that life brought to him.

If you have a moment, please help us process our grief by writing down a happy memory of Daniel. We will have a basket at his service to collect these cherished memories and will take delight in learning new things about Dan.



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HR

Hr posted:

Dan taught me how to drive, before I should have gotten behind the wheel. That was something that I had only done with him, and he was so kind and patient about it. When I started drivers ed, I had hoped he would be the one to take me driving, but it didn't work out that way.

January 16 at 9:37 AM

AJ

Ashley Jensen posted:

I met Dan in a Salt Lake Community College Musical Theater class. We sang a duet together in the class musical review. I remember how kind Dan was, and I remember laughing with him a lot. I was very lucky to have known him, he made my college days fun. Dan was such a wonderful person to many including myself, and I am so very sorry for your loss.

August 25 at 3:50 AM

BA

Bradley Abrams posted:

My heart goes out to Daniel's family, especially his kind and gentle mother. I was such a small part of Daniel's life, but I know he is loved and that in life only kindness matters. I wanted to share a few words from a hymn that came to mind. My prayer is that peace may be with those he loves. Each life that touches ours for good Reflects thine own great mercy, Lord; Thou sendest blessings from above Thru words and deeds of those who love. What greater gift dost thou bestow, What greater goodness can we know Than Christlike friends, whose gentle ways Strengthen our faith, enrich our days. When such a friend from us departs, We hold forever in our hearts A sweet and hallowed memory, Bringing us nearer, Lord, to thee. For worthy friends whose lives proclaim Devotion to the Savior's name, Who bless our days with peace and love, We praise thy goodness, Lord, above. Love, Bradley Abrams

August 24 at 7:55 PM

KS

Kim Smith September 18 at 6:32 PM

Brad, this is Kim... we had that hymn as the opening hymn at the funeral! Thank you for your comments. I'm so glad to know you are doing well. Much love always, Kim Smith.



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MS

M. Bugs Stanley lit a candle in honor of Daniel.

Dan was in the Orchestra at East High with me, and he made class fun. He always had a sense of humor, and a patience for those of us who didn't always catch on to his jokes. I pray for Dan's family and everyone who's hearts, minds, and spirits are being affected by this sudden loss.



August 24 at 5:19 PM

CN

Craig Nielson posted:

Daniel was such a kind-hearted guy. I am so so sorry for your loss. I'll be thinking of his husband and kids, and of course of his wonderful parents and siblings.

August 23 at 11:55 PM

SK

Stephanie Kaufusi posted:

My heart is so saddened by this news. I had an organizational behavior class with Dan at the U and remember always thinking how polished he was. He would wander in with his messenger bag, pull out his MacBook, and make our coursework look like a piece of cake. I was always amazed at how everything seemed to come so easily to him. He was incredibly bright. More importantly, he included all and never looked down on anyone. He was so kind and someone I truly admired. The world has lost a beautiful soul, but our memories of Dan and the way he made us feel will forever live on in our hearts. Hugs and much love to Dan's family and loved ones, especially Kim, Scott, and Dan's husband. My prayers are with you during this difficult and heartbreaking time. Love, Steph Kaufusi

August 23 at 8:14 PM

RG

Robert Gibbons posted:

Dan was always kind. he shared the same kindness his Mother has with a great mixture of his fathers sense of humor. He was always kind hearted and open minded. I remeber Dan ice skating at a church activity and falling a few times. I could not forget that laugh. Dan's laugh always put a smile on my face and lifted my spirits. He is on to the next great adventure. I will see you on the other side my friend.

August 23 at 6:28 PM



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Miriam Erickson posted:

Dan was the year under me at East High. He ran around with some of my favorite people, and always seemed so bright, and outgoing, and kind. One day we were discussing our favorite musicals, and he said his was "On the Town", which I had never seen. "You HAVE to see it!" he said. The very next day, he brought his cherished (and fragile) copy of the movie to school and entrusted it to me, a virtual stranger. I loved it, of course! And I have been grateful ever since for exposing me to good art, but more than that, for showing me one of my best examples, to date, of a generous heart. I have this theory about names. It seems to me that people with the same first names tend to share characteristics. Which is why I could never name a child of mine "Mike" or "Steve" (no offense awesome Mikes & Steves out there-- I've known some good ones) ...My point is, I did name my son "Daniel", and, while I didn't name him directly after Dan, I definitely named him with Dan & all his fine qualities in mind. Qualities he passed on, by example, to everyone he met. Qualities I hope my own son will have. Sincerely, Miriam Sandberg Erickson (class of '99)

August 23 at 4:36 AM



Barbara Thornton posted:

Dearest Dan, there was never a more clever, gentle, and talented soul. I knew Dan in high school, from the musical we did together. I'm so sorry for this tremendous loss.

August 22 at 4:09 PM



Amanda Morris Russell posted:

I'm truly sorry for your loss. Daniel was a huge part of my life for a long time. I loved him very much and am grateful for the time I had with him.

August 22 at 3:51 PM



Bryan Beckstrom posted:

We lived next door to Dan and Brandon when they live in Syracuse. What amazing neighbors. We miss them. So our dog liked to dig under our fence to try and get to bolt. My wife shared on Facebook the other day a picture of our dog in the mud digging under the fence. Shortly there after Dan posted on of our dogs head popping out the other side. Dan will be greatly missed. God bless the family. We as family know that we will meet Dan again on the other side and all will rejoice together again.

August 22 at 4:02 AM



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MS

Marlene Swedberg posted:

I worked with Dan at Delta in the Baggage Office and always enjoyed working with him. He always had a smile on his face. My heart goes out to you, his family and close friends, and my prayers are with you. Marlene Swedberg

August 21 at 6:36 PM

LK

Lance Kocherhans posted:

Last winter after going thru a rough divorce from my husband, I caught a nasty cold. I said something about it on Facebook and Dan got hold of me and asked me if I'd like him to make me some homemade chicken noodle soup, a special recipe he had learned on his mission I believe he said. Of course I said yes and less than 24 hours later Dan showed up with this delicious amazing soup, he even made the noodles from scratch. I will forever be grateful for that small act of kindness that he showed me when I was down emotionally and sick physically. Dan, I will miss you! Brandon, call or stop by if you need to please.

August 21 at 5:32 PM

AR

Amanda Russell posted:

I am heartbroken for you. Dan was such a huge part of my life for a long time. I loved him very much. He was so fun and kind and thoughtful. Many many nights were spent watching movies and cuddling the poodles... I am grateful for the time I had with him. With love, Amanda Morris Russell

August 21 at 5:20 PM

JY

Jo Yaffe posted:

Dan, I watched you grow up into a fine young man. I always felt a certain kinship with you, and will miss you. I will keep my tender memories of you close to my heart...

August 21 at 3:18 PM



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Chelsea Owens posted:

Such a beautiful write up filled with love! My favorite memory with Dan was in Tybee Island about 15 years ago. We had been in Savannah for the Wingfield Family Society reunion, which that trip was filled with about a million other funny memories. Our crew that week consisted of Dan, Aunt Kim, Dad, Aunt Wendy, Kyle, and me. Towards the end of our trip, we decided to stop by the beach to just go see the sand and walk around. While exploring the beach, Kyle, Dan, and I went over to the ocean's edge, just to put our toes in the water, knowing that we couldn't go swimming as we didn't have swimsuits and were fully clothed. And then, cousins being cousins, we "accidentally fell" into the ocean. And once one "falls" into the ocean, which is quite tough to do given the gradual downward slope, you might as well go swimming. Which is precisely what we did. We had such a blast during our impromptu ocean swim, and we didn't want to leave. Every time I think of Daniel, I think of how much fun we had that day!

August 21 at 3:16 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Daniel by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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