



Daniel Merrill Kelley

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Daniel Kelley Our Danny Boy dies at 65

It's impossible to sum up a life in a few paragraphs. Daniel Merrill Kelley, 65, a successful Northwest businessman for over 40 years, passed away at his home suddenly on August 5th, 2012. His memorial service will be held Friday, August 10th at 3pm in the Valley Chapel at the Mountain View Memorial in Lakewood, WA.

Dan was born September 15, 1946 in Tacoma, WA. He attended Claremont Men's College, graduating from The University of Puget Sound with a degree in English Literature. Dan worked hard in the construction industry, building single-family homes and apartment complexes and developing land. He continued to flourish as a homebuilder until the very end, working alongside his family members. A rock to his family, a joy to his friends, and a never-ending source of entertainment to everyone in his life. Those who knew Dan know there is no topic he couldn't talk about (or debate).

Some of Dan's most cherished memories were his summers on the family farm; competing in the rodeos, riding horses with his siblings and floating on the river. His love of horses stayed with him into adulthood, he was still in the process of training his Bay Tobiano Arabian stud named Starr Rider when he passed. Dan was an avid reader, a lover of animals and a long time golf enthusiast. His last day included 18 holes with his buddies and a swim in the lake with his family.

Dan is survived by his wife of 32 years, Nancey; son Jeff (wife Brenda); daughters Shannon, Kacey and Kirby; brother Dave (wife Mary); sister Janice; his grandsons Daniel Merrill Jr. and Jackie. (And his beloved doggies, Zoey & Zena).

Remembrances may be made to the Johnny and Chelsea Harbottle Scholarship Fund at Harborstone Credit Union, or help our Wounded Warriors by contributing to Friends of



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American Lake Veterans Golf Course by following this link:

<http://www.veteransgolf.org/tocontribute.html>.

Arrangements by Mountain View Funeral Home.



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Anonymous posted:

To the family and loved ones of Daniel. We offer our condolences to you all. Barbara is Dan's cousin and we haven't really seen each other for a long time but I remember our times on the farm as good times. We feel very sad about his sudden passing. May you be comforted and watched over.##imported-begin##LaVell & Barbara Veteto##imported-end##

August 14 at 4:03 PM



Anonymous posted:

Please accept my sincere condolence for the loss of your husband & father. I sold lumber & building materials to Dan when he was a young man & they first started building homes was a fine young man & always treated people equal. Dan was always fair, honest & always kept his word. Even though I am much older than Dan I have thought of him many times over the years & thought what a fine example he was for other people to follow for a wonderful life. I am looking forward to seeing Dan in Heaven.##imported-begin##Al meier##imported-end##

August 11 at 12:36 PM



Anonymous posted:

Nancey and Family. Nancey I don't know if you remember me or not as many years have passed between us. I felt a profound loss for you and your family when I read about Dan's passing. As we get older and our mortality gets closer, life's memories become so important to me. Dan was a part of a very happy time in my life and we all enjoyed some fun times together. My thoughts are with you and your family. Kathleen##imported-begin##Kathleen Walker##imported-end##

August 10 at 8:02 AM



Anonymous posted:

in lieu of flowers send FRIENDS OF AMERICAN LAKE VETERANS GOLF @
WWW.VETERANSOLF.ORG/TOCONTRIBUTE.HTML OR HARBORSHONE CREDIT UNION (253-584-2260) C/O JOHNNY AND CHELSEA HARBOTTLE SCHOLARSHIP FUND##imported-begin##JIFFY LEMCKE##imported-end##

August 10 at 7:49 AM



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Anonymous posted:

Dear Nancey and Family,I was shocked to hear of Dan's sudden death. I saw Dan at the bank last week and we talked for a while.I remember the partnerships that we were in together and that Dan was an honorable and and fun partner. He will be missed.You and your family are in my thought and prayers.MikePS: I am sorry that I am unable to make the service.##imported-begin##Mike Tucci##imported-end##

August 10 at 4:58 AM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Nancey and family. Ron and I were both shocked and sadden to hear of Dan passing away. His life was too short. Please feel our thoughts and prayers through this difficult time.##imported-begin##Ron Hollyoak and Carol Severson##imported-end##

August 10 at 4:37 AM



Anonymous posted:

To the Kelley Family,Wishing you all the best in this difficult time and sad news. Dan was always so much fun to be around, I guess that's what I'll always remember. Even though I'm still shocked and saddened by the sudden news, somehow every time I think of him, I can't help but smile and laugh.Dan is my godfather and what a great person for that. He literally saved my life when I was a child, when I nearly drowned in the Winemiller's pool. The way he told the story, it just kept getting better and more heroic every time (I think recent version compared him to diving in like Greg Louganis or swimming like Michael Phelps). There's no way I can forget the great times playing basketball with Jeff and Ben; Dan giving himself the glorious nickname of "Chocolate Thunder" while me, being the smallest, was renamed "Duk Koo Kim." I think his legacy will last for all time; no one could bring a group of friends together and make everyone laugh so much. To me, I'll always remember how often he played with all the kids and how much fun we had. Although his passing was sudden and very sad, I guess I'm happy that his last day was spent playing golf with his friends and them playing in the lake with family. That sounds alright.All my love and condolences to the family. -Tige##imported-begin##Tige Young##imported-end##

August 9 at 4:09 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Dear Nancey, We are both shocked and very sad to hear of Dan's passing. The four of us did not spend much time together but the time we did spend was terrific. I had tremendous respect for Dan, his business sense and his willingness to share his experience. I always looked forward to seeing Dan at the Lyon's party and we will miss him. We wish the best for you and your family. With sad hearts....Kevin & Joni##imported-begin##Kevin & Joni Prosser##imported-end##

August 9 at 3:12 PM



Anonymous posted:

Nancey and family. Although we don't know each other, Dan and I went separate ways a long time ago. I have many fond memories of childhood and our mutual experiences in the CWA first class. My sincere condolences and best wishes to you and your family. Having lost my wife as well I do understand the pain and sadness. It will go away but as my grandfather's sundial says on it "Time Takes all but Memories". savor them. My regards, Robert DeLong New Zealand##imported-begin##Robert DeLong##imported-end##

August 9 at 1:54 PM



Anonymous posted:

To the Kelley family. Needless to say I was shocked to hear about Dan's passing. As one of his bankers (now retired) it was always a pleasure to do business and just talk with Dan about anything and everything. He will be missed.##imported-begin##Gary Johnson##imported-end##

August 9 at 8:20 AM



Anonymous posted:

Nancey, Kirby, Jeff, Family and Friends: I was so very sad to hear of Dan's passing. Although I did not know Dan well, I know that he loved his family very much, that he worked hard and played hard, and that you would often find him laughing or smiling about something throughout the day. You will miss him everyday...hold onto the memories he made with you and, in time, those memories will make you smile replacing the tears you shed today. Take care of one another. Barb##imported-begin##Barb Monroe##imported-end##

August 9 at 7:27 AM



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Anonymous posted:

Nancey, Kirby, Jeff and all of your family My heart and prayers go out to your family. I loved the way Dan interacted and talked about his family. He was so proud of everyone of you and loved to talk about each one of you. I know on many occasions I would go into his office, or call him or see him somewhere and talk way to long but I just really enjoyed our conversations. Dan shared many insights about life with me and I feel blessed for the time I had with him. God bless Bob##imported-begin##Bob Bowden##imported-end##

August 8 at 7:21 PM



Anonymous posted:

I'm sorry to have lost contact with Dan since leaving Seattle after the Wellsford years, and sadder to hear of your sudden loss. Dan graciously welcomed us to town and he never failed to entertain. I have fond memories of paddle tennis at your home and many good bottles of wine.##imported-begin##Gary Hudson##imported-end##

August 8 at 10:30 AM



Anonymous posted:

To Nancey and children and all Dan's friends, As an employee for one of Dan's major lenders, I encountered customers from all walks of life and all manner of personalities. Dan was always kind and courteous in a genteel manner which was rare in a business long on tight margins, deadlines, and stress. My heart goes out to all of you for your loss. With my sincerest sympathies, Patty Schumacher##imported-begin##Patty Schumacher##imported-end##

August 8 at 8:05 AM



Anonymous posted:

Greetings Nancey and family: we was shocked to read of Dans passing this am, we always enjoyed working, golfing and partying with him and you. He will be missd. May the Lord be with you and your family in this time of need, George and Katina##imported-begin##george and Katina Atz##imported-end##

August 8 at 4:10 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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