



Daniel "Dan" Weber

April 13, 1925 - October 9, 2020

Daniel Edward Weber, "Dan", 95, passed away Friday afternoon, October 9, 2020, at his home, surrounded by his children and grandchildren.

Dan was born in Hannah, Michigan on April 13, 1925. He was the son of Anna (Zenner) and Jacob Weber. He was raised in a devout Catholic household, a faith that would sustain him throughout his 95 years. He graduated from St. Mary's of Hannah High School in 1943. On September 8, 1956, he married Dorothy Mae Breithaupt at Immaculate Conception Church in Traverse City.

Dan was a lifelong resident of Traverse City. He grew up on a farm along with his two sisters and eight brothers. He was raised in a home abound in faith, respect, love, and hard work. Dan loved the farming life, as hard as it could be at times, and he remained on the family farm until his late twenties.

Being the social butterfly that he was, Dan, along with his brothers, would sometimes frequent "dance halls" as they were known in those days. On one of those nights Dan, now thirty-one years old, found himself at the Fireplace Inn in Karlin, Michigan. Soon an attractive, young gal (ten years younger to be exact!) caught his eye. He approached her and said, "Hey good lookin', wanna dance?" Dorothy accepted his offer and soon it was the end of Dan's bachelorhood! They married six months later and the rest is their history.

Dan and "Dort" soon started their family and within three short years they became parents to Mark, Doug, and Marcia. Lisa, forever Dan's baby, was born five years later. Their family was now complete!

In the years following their marriage, Dan transitioned from farmer to small business owner and entrepreneur. As a skilled auto mechanic, he purchased his first gas station, Mobile, located on Front Street in Traverse City. Several years later, Dan purchased the Pure Gas Station at the corner of Eighth and Garfield in Traverse City. He was making a name for himself as a successful business owner and a trustworthy mechanic in the

community. Life was good!

In 1968 Dan sold the Pure gas station after locating a prime piece of real estate for his next business venture, the Texaco Service Station at 636 East Front Street. When Texaco left the state of Michigan, Dan continued his bustling business under the Phillips 66 brand, expanding to include a U-Haul rental operation as well. He could be found seven days a week at that gas station until his retirement in 2002 at the age of 77. Dan was especially proud of the fact that his gas station was the last full-service station in all of the five county area, concluding with a Jack O'Malley news special highlighting a bygone era.

Furthering his dedication to the Catholic Church, Dan served in numerous ways at Immaculate Conception Parish. His volunteer work included The Gladhander, church ushering, bingo, and the funeral committee. In addition to this work, Dan was a loyal supporter of Aquinas College and countless non-profit organizations including Child & Family Services, Big Brothers Big Sisters of America, and the American Heart Association.

Dan had a unique, special relationship with each of his four children as well as his grandchildren. Though very different, these bonds contained a common thread — unconditional love and support. He was a proud, dedicated father and grandfather. He was generous with his love and affection, always quick to forgive and “move on.”

Dan loved watching and listening to Tiger baseball, bird watching, and fixing things around the house — rarely could he sit still and do nothing! Without a doubt, Dan's favorite hobby was his family! That family included not only his children and grandchildren, but also his ten siblings, their spouses, many nieces and nephews as well! Never did he miss a graduation, a wedding, a funeral, or the monthly “Weber breakfast.” Dan, known as Papa and Papi, was an ever-present figure at all of his grandkids' many academic, sporting, and religious events. He was a much-loved fan and proud supporter of TC Trojan hockey, as well as many other sport teams his grandchildren participated in over the years. One of Dan's most treasured traditions was gifting all of his children and grandchildren a car for their sixteenth birthday. This was a unique Weber tradition in which both Dan and Dort found great pleasure and pride... as did the kids!

Dan is survived by his children, Mark Weber of Traverse City; Douglas Weber of Lady of the Lakes, Florida; Marcia Weber (Nick Nixon) of Traverse City; Lisa Weber Wisniewski (Paul) of Traverse City; grandchildren, Dane and Danielle Macdonell of San Francisco, California; Cooper Macdonell of Chicago, Illinois; Kenneth (Kelsi) Wisniewski of Chicago, Illinois; Lily Wisniewski of Traverse City; Dr. Rob Gielczyk (Dr. Jen Vis-Gielczyk); great

grandchildren, Willa and Wren of West Olive, Michigan; sister, Sr. Aquinas Weber of Grand Rapids; brothers, Raymond of Traverse City; Jay (Donna) of Buckley; and Jack (MaryEllen) of Grand Rapids; sisters-in-law Thelma of Traverse City; and Barb of Traverse City.

Dan was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Dorothy, brothers Carl (Patricia) Paul; Clarence; Ambrose (Ruth); Vince (Lou); sister Margaret (Dick) and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Those wishing to make a memorial contribution are encouraged to consider giving to Child & Family Services of Northwestern Michigan and the Mary Free Bed Foundation Attn: MFB Traverse City Rehabilitation

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, October 14, 2020 from 5 – 7:30 pm at the Reynolds Jonkhoff Funeral Home.

The funeral mass will be celebrated on Thursday, October 15, 2020 at Immaculate Conception at 11:00 am.

Interment will follow at Oakwood Cemetery.

Cemetery

Oakwood Catholic Diocesan Cemetery

1720 Hannah Street
Traverse City, MI, 49686

Events

OCT 14 **Visitation for Family and Friends** 05:00PM - 07:30PM

Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home
305 Sixth St, Traverse City, MI, US, 49684

OCT 15 **Mass of Christian Burial** 11:00AM

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
308 Cedar Street, Traverse City, MI, US,
49684

Comments



“ Our family lost a beloved patriarch when Dan Weber left us to go to Heaven. Family reunions and other family events just won't be the same without "Cousin Dan". We will all miss his jovial laughter, quick wit and words of wisdom. He was always there to offer a helping hand or start a cheerful conversation.

I fondly remember how Dan would give Lyle and me a friendly but discreet little wave if he passed our pew on Sunday on his way up to receive communion. I will cherish his memory. May God receive Dan's soul into Heaven.

Sue Zenner

Sue Zenner - October 22, 2020 at 05:43 PM



“ i used to rent a UHaul from Dan to get back to school. He forgave a lot of profit to help me out Heaven got a good soul.

Bill Connolly - October 18, 2020 at 11:07 AM



“ He ALWAYS was so interesting to talk with...telling stories of the things he had done..and never failed to ask how my Dad was...he was especially proud of you kids...so sorry for your loss...but what a gain for Heaven :) Sharri Robertson-Craft

Sharon Craft - October 18, 2020 at 10:53 AM



“ What a great man! I worked for Dan at the Phillips 66 station while in high school with friends. Dan was not only my employer, he became a lifelong friend and role model to me. He was at the bus station to slip me \$20 when I enlisted in the Army and always checked in with my parents after I Joined to keep tabs on me. He was a special man to me in a point in my life where I needed his insight,wisdom and in a way accountability. He was a man you just didn't want to disappoint. Which in many ways made me the person I am today.
You will be missed my friend! Rest Easy

Jeff Priest - October 17, 2020 at 09:16 PM



To the Weber's

May our loving God wrap His arms of comfort, strength, and love around you. Dan was a terrific man. I always enjoyed seeing and having conversations with him. Of course they were about his family, whom he adored. That positive attitude and healthy laugh were his way of life. Traverse City has lost another special man, but memories will live on forever. RIP Dan. a special kind man, in my book.

Darlene A. Miller



Darlene A. Miller - October 16, 2020 at 01:03 AM



Dan was our wonderful neighbor for 23 years. We met him the very first day because we had to return our Uhaul trucks and trailers to him.

He was a kind neighbor always telling us to use his pool "you don't have to ask; just come over anytime. It needs to be stirred up once in awhile" he would say. We used it a few times over the years but were never quite comfortable just showing up. We always called first and the answer was always yes.

My son used to go over and play on Thursday when Dorothy would watch Cooper. They had a grand time.

In later years, I'd be out working in the yard and Dan would call a hello over the fence.

We moved last year but I will always cherish and always miss Dan's presence. In good weather and bad he would be out working on his pool or yard. He always made sure that the piece of his yard that faced our property on the backside of his fence looked good. I always told him not to worry about it, but he would be out there tending it anyway.

He will be missed.

linda koro - October 15, 2020 at 08:45 PM



“ I’m so sorry to hear of Dan’s passing. I always enjoyed talking with Marcia and keeping up with how he was doing. May he Rest In Peace.

Kim Hines - October 14, 2020 at 07:04 PM



“ All the Peeks send love and prayers to you . We know how hard it is. Hope you feel our hugs .

Marilyn Peek amd family - October 14, 2020 at 06:56 PM



“ Sorry for your loss
He was a good man. So sorry for the Weber family

kenny paulk - October 14, 2020 at 03:53 PM



“ Dan Weber! I'm going to miss you! Your booming voice and your strong handshakes and good humor - Always!! I loved running into you around town, especially at Gladhander and at church on Christmas Eve at the 4:00 mass. We rented our moving vans from Dan, and lived just a half block from his station for many years! Joe's favorite memory of Dan is volunteering at his first IC Chicken Dinner as an usher. Joe showed up early to help, and Dan directed him to the "Vernors" in the back of the building! So sorry to lose you, but thrilled to know you are with Dort and other loved ones in Heaven! My deepest sympathies to the Weber family, Dan will be missed.

Cheryl and Joe Stayman

Cheryl - October 14, 2020 at 03:14 PM



“ So sad about Dan's passing. He lived a long and fulfilling life; recent years(living into his nineties) had to be tough on him, but you'd hardly know it when you were around him!
He just had this great cheer, this vibrancy about him.I was only around him every so often,yet I feel that he touched my life,as no doubt a good many who knew him must feel.
I remember back in the early 1980s at his Phillips 66 station and sensing what a nice guy he was,well before he'd become part of my extended family! To Lisa and the many of you who survive "Papi", you have my sympathies.RIP Dan!

Glen Swanson

Glen Swanson - October 14, 2020 at 11:54 AM



“ So sorry to learn of your Dad's death. He was a great man and fathered and raised some great children. My prayers and sympathy are with you. All my love!
Barb Bonham

Barbara Bonham - October 14, 2020 at 10:59 AM



“ I love you Dan. I'm going to miss you like crazy! I hope you're dancing in heaven with your beautiful wife right now. Rest in peace my sweet Dan

Mary Joslin - October 10, 2020 at 06:12 PM