



## Daniel A. Buchberger

August 22, 2022

Daniel A. Buchberger, beloved husband, father, Papa, Opa, brother, brother-in-law, uncle, and friend, passed away on Sunday, July 10, 2022, after a long and valiant battle with cancer. Dan was born on August 3, 1950 in Belvidere, IL, to parents Earl F. Buchberger and Betty J. (Sowers) Garrison.

After graduating from Alden-Hebron High School in 1969, Dan enlisted in the Navy, attained the rank of HM3, Hospital Corpsman, and served until being Honorably Discharged in 1973.

In 2006, he retired as Propane Bulk Manager from the original Country Gas Co, in Crystal Lake, IL, where he had been employed for 32 years. He had been a member of the Northeastern Illinois Propane Gas Assoc. while employed.

He was a member of Grace Lutheran Church in Richmond, IL.

He loved sports and excelled in baseball, a love that lasted his entire life. As many team mates will attest, he had a wicked, terrifying, curve ball. His shining moments would have been pitching a no-hitter in teener league and watching the Chicago Cubs win the 2016 World Series. He was a Cub fan his entire life, in good times and bad. He not only coached Little Guys Baseball, but also Little Guys Football in Hebron. He enjoyed watching the Green Bay

Packers and was always quick to rub it in whenever they beat the Chicago Bears.

Dan loved the Sprint Car races (a love that was instilled by his grandparents) and was a regular spectator (and sometimes pit helper) at Wilmot Raceway in WI and attended the Knoxville Nationals in Iowa with family members for many years.

Dan loved his family dearly. He also loved traveling, the outdoors, Civil War History, camping, and hiking. In 2006 after retiring, he and his wife took the “trip of a lifetime” with their camper, for a 6-month tour of National Parks, Civil War Battlegrounds, and Custer State Park in South Dakota. In 2008, they started wintering in Arizona and Dan loved it.

Dan retired 2 hiking sticks and 2 sets of hiking boots. Over the years, he made many camping trips west to Yellowstone, Grand Teton, Glacier, Grand Canyon, and Rocky Mountain with family. Sometimes, there was a caravan of family campers driving west to these beautiful places. He really enjoyed camping with the grandchildren in Custer State Park, Green Lake, WI or the local KOA in Union, IL. Always poised to talk about our country’s National Parks for anyone who was interested, he would even make up “travel itineraries” for family or friends.

He loved Elvis and anything Elvis. He took many of his family members on pilgrimages to Graceland in Memphis TN, and Tupelo, MS. His love of music included classical, old blues, and oldies from the 50’s through the 80’s but NO DISCO.

He is survived by his wife of 31 years, Susan (Moss) Buchberger, Sun City, AZ (formerly of Woodstock, IL), daughter, Lora A. Vercamen, of Alden, IL, son Ryan T. Buchberger (Vanessa) of Surprise, AZ (formerly of Salem, WI), and

step daughter, Kristen E. Hardesty (Eric) of Woodstock, IL. Sisters, A. Eileen Winchester (Keith) of Wonder Lake, IL, Peggy Lawson of Marshall, MN, Julie Kiddell of Ringwood, IL, Bonnie Pernet (Brian) of Johnson Creek, WI, Sue Borman (Kurt) of Rockford, IL. Step sisters, Kristine Kopsell (Ken) of Woodstock, IL and Kathleen Eremo of Pleasant Valley, MO. Five grandchildren, Elizabeth A. Vercamen of Denver, CO, Hannah P. Schroeder of Delores, CO, Michael A. Kent of Franklin, WI, Morgan T. Buchberger of Surprise, AZ and Rhys W. Hardesty of Woodstock, IL. Two great-grandchildren, Elijah Fish and Brantley Kent. Three sisters-in-law, Beatrice L. Flood of Wyandotte, MI, Madelyn G. Roberts of Sun City, AZ and Sharon L. Mahan of Phoenix, AZ. Also surviving are uncles, aunts and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by maternal grandparents, Byron G. Sowers and Anna Lucille (Tay) Sowers and paternal grandparents, Alex Buchberger and Ella (Hornung) Buchberger, his father, Earl F. Buchberger, mother, Betty J. Garrison, step-father, Eugene N. Garrison, step-mother, Lucinda "Cindy" Buchberger, a brother, Steven L. Buchberger, mother-in-law, Betty J. Moss, brothers-in-law, James D. Moss, Robert N. Kiddell, Caesar E. Robles, and Robert B. Mahan, Sr.

A memorial service will be officiated by Pastor Andy Tyrell, at Grace Lutheran Church, 6000 Broadway St., Richmond, IL, 60071 on Saturday, October 22nd, 2022 at 11 a.m. with a celebration following in the church all-purpose room.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Daniel's name, to the Yellowstone Forever Institute, PO Box 1857, Bozeman, MT 59771-1857, the National Park Foundation, 1500 K Street NW, Suite 700, Washington D.C. 20005, Grace Lutheran Church, PO Box 425, Richmond, IL.60071-0425 or St. Jude's Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place,

Memphis, TN 38105.

# Tribute Wall

EH

“ So sorry to hear about Dan’s passing, praying for Susan and all of his family for the Lord’s comfort!

Ed Hall - August 03, 2022 at 03:03 PM

RK

“ You added much to our lives. We will miss you, Dan. RIP Ron and Kay

Ron and Kay - July 24, 2022 at 10:44 PM

LS

“ Who would think that a chance meeting at the Wooden Heart in Door County would have lead to a friendship that lasted many years.? We are grateful to have spent many nights siting around the fire, laughing, sharing life stories and sipping wine. We will meet again some day. In the meantime say hi to John for us!

Lu Smuskiewicz - July 21, 2022 at 06:55 PM

CE

“ What a wonderful tribute to your soul mate. Only met Dan once, but I have never seen the smile leave your face. You two faced many adventures in your life together, enjoyed family and friend alike. So sorry for your loss and pain for the whole family

Chris Etchill - July 19, 2022 at 06:09 PM

EI

“ What a beautiful tribute to the BEST brother anyone could have! You will be in my heart forever. Rest In Peace Dan. I love you ❤️❤️

Eileen - July 19, 2022 at 11:56 AM

AN

“ We had a great friendship in our duplex on Tara Dr. You had your love of the outdoors, scenery and mountains, etc. that we also shared in our travels over the years. Glad you had the opportunity to do so many of the things you wanted to do though your life was cut short too soon. My love to Sue and may happy memories keep her afloat... God Bless.

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**Alice Nulle** - July 19, 2022 at 12:29 AM

AN

“ You went too soon, Dan! I have had cancers here and there for 6 years I am still alive....Its wrong, wrong, wrong,.But the Lord won't let me go... You and Sue were the best neighbors at 740 Tara and we got along so well. Sue and Dan had a unique togetherness and they loved all the wildlife, outdoorsmanship and calmness and quietness and peace that Hank and I did before he passed. But life goes on and I don't know why? Peace and love to Sue. Sympathy for all that loved Dan.....

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**Alice Nulle** - July 19, 2022 at 12:18 AM

HS

“ DAN ( My adopted GODFATHER) My heart is breaking ,, I'm sure God greeted you with open arms!! Susan ( My adopted GODMOTHER) I hope you find comfort and GOD WILL wrap his arms around you to comfort you with Dan by his side.. A MILLION TRILLION HUGS AND KISSES HEIDI SATTERLEE Mitchell South Dakota.

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**Heidi Satterlee** - July 18, 2022 at 11:41 PM

WW

“ Heartfelt condolences to you and your family, Sue. Dan was a very kind and thoughtful man. He loved his family. My continued prayers. Sincerely, Waco Welsh

Waco Welsh - July 18, 2022 at 10:39 PM

CW

“ Everything I knew of Dan showed a thoughtful, caring human being. He will be sorely missed in this world. May happy memories sustain and ease his friends and family, especially his dear wife, Sue.

Cary Woodruff - July 18, 2022 at 10:06 PM

SM

“ Dan was my brother-in-law. He was a loving, caring and dedicated partner to my sister, Susan. He fit right in with the family perfectly. He had a great sense of humor and could make you laugh in a heartbeat. I'm gonna miss you, Dan. You're a great loss to many family and friends near and far. I pray for peace and comfort for all.

Sharon Mahan - July 18, 2022 at 07:09 PM

KB

“ What a wonderful tribute to exceptional man. My heart and prayers are with family and so many friends whose lives he has touched over the years. Many wishes for comfort and peace.

Katie Brown - July 18, 2022 at 07:07 PM

AK

“ Wishing Susan, and the rest of Mr. Buchberger's family & friend's both peace, and comfort during this time.

Ashley Keesee - July 18, 2022 at 06:24 PM