

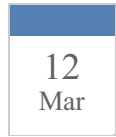


Daniel W. Jacobs

April 07, 1956 - March 03, 2017

Daniel (Dan) "Jake" Wayne Jacobs, 60, of Galesburg, died on Friday, March 3, 2017, 9:38 PM at OSF Saint Mary Medical Center, Galesburg, surrounded by his loving wife, son, and family. Dan was born on April 7, 1956 in Galesburg. He was the son of Carl H. "Bud" and Beverley J. (Duval) Jacobs. He married the love of his life Caryl "Jean" Cullison on December 29, 1979 at the Knoxville Christian Church, Knoxville. Dan is survived by his loving wife, Jean; his son, Cory (Chrissy) Jacobs of Sterling; his mother Beverley of Galesburg; two sisters, Nancy (Ken) Kirch of Virginia Beach, Va., and Becky Jacobs of Burlington, Ia; and his two grandsons, Tanner and Cameron Jacobs of Sterling. He was preceded in death by his father. Dan attended Galesburg schools. He retired as a Major of the United States Air Force in February of 1997; where he flew the F-111 during the Gulf War: Dessert Storm. During his career in the Air Force, he flew three different types of fighter jets. He received his Bachelors of Science degree in Biology at Monmouth College and then later, Masters of Science degree in Aeronautical Science from Emory Riddle University. Prior to his joining the Air Force, Dan was a minor league pitcher for the Pittsburgh Pirates Organization. After retiring, he took up the hobby of dock diving with his pup, Missy. They were inducted into the Dock Diving Hall of Fame in 2014; and Missy is the only dog to appear on ESPN's "Play of the Day" for her record setting 28' 10" dive. Dan was also a substitute teacher and coached area kids in football, baseball. He was also Quartermaster of the Galesburg VFW #2257. His son Cory had the honor of escorting him on the Peoria Honor Flight trip to Washington, D.C. Most of all Dan loved to spend time with his family and his friends; especially his little buddy, Tanner "T-Man". Per Dan's wishes, cremation rites have been accorded. A celebration of Dan's life will be held on Sunday, March 12, 2017, from 2-4 PM at the Thomas Legacy Center, Galesburg. A burial of cremated remains with military rites will be held at the Rock Island National Cemetery, Rock Island, Illinois, at a later date. Arrangements have been entrusted to Watson-Thomas Funeral Home and Crematory, Galesburg. Memorials may be donated to the family for them to decide at a later date. Expressions of sympathy may be left to the family at www.watsonthomas.com.

Events



SERVICE

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Thomas Legacy Center
1849 N. Seminary St.,
Galesburg, Illinois
61401

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"Beautiful in Blue"

was purchased for the family of Daniel W. Jacobs



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Steve Nelson

Jean and Cory so sorry to hear about your loss unfortunately I know exactly what you're going through know that you are in our prayers may the Lord bless you with comfort . Steve Nelson & Family



Sharon Pates

JEAN I WORKED AT WALMART WITH YOU & CHRISSY. I WORKED 3RD SHIFT THOUGH. YOU & YOUR FAMILY HAS MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY. DAN WAS A GREAT GUY. EVERYTIME HE WOULD SEE ME HE WOULD SPEAK & HAVE THAT SMILE. YOU TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF. SENDING PRAYERS TO YOU & YOUR FAMILY. LOVE TO ALL OF YOU!!!!



"Heart"

was given in memory of Daniel W. Jacobs



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A

Ann Mueller

Jean, Ron and I are so sorry to hear of Dan's passing. Your family is in our prayers. Ann and Ron Mueller

E

Elaine Turpin

Dan was a great man. He always knew how to make you laugh. Always loved hearing about the dogs. He was a great family man. Our prayers are with you at this time. Rich and Elaine Turpin



"Butterfly"

was given in memory of Daniel W. Jacobs



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W

Wes Wilson

"Dan the Man" Was a great guy and will be missed by all who were lucky enough to get to know him and work with him. He will be remembered by the members of VFW post 2257 who will all remember stories of his Air Force adventures. He was always trying to get folks to help one another and be kind to pets, as he LOVED his dogs. God Bless Brother, You will be missed . I will pray for your family as I know it will be a long hard battle to try and get some sense of why things happen as they do in this life. Wes Wilson

G

Greg Johnson

I'm so ver sorry to hear of the passing of Dan I had the honor of playing and growing up playing baseball with Dan thru Legion and at the High School and we played against each other in college when he was at Monmouth and I was at Western. Just a great guy and teammate/Father/Grandfather! Always had that great smile! I know he will be missed by many including myself and teammates! God Bless You and Your Family during these most difficult of times!

R

Rob Johnson

So sorry to hear of Dan's passing. I will always have cherished memories playing baseball with him at both Galesburg High School and our American Legion squads, especially 1973 when we went to state. My thoughts and prayers go out to the family and may God bless you during this difficult time! Rob and Brenda Johnson
Houston, Texas

T

Todd Piper

Dan was a great man who loved his family, and life. Always was so encouraging to talk with him soo many stories I loved to hear. A true hero in so many ways. I had the honor of calling him a friend. The world is a better place because of him. I will miss him but the legacy he has left and memories of how he impacted my life will last a lifetime and beyond through an amazing family.

