



Daniel DeLeeuw

January 8, 1955 - June 5, 2018

Daniel Charles DeLeeuw, 63, died on Tuesday, June 5, 2018, surrounded by his loving family. He was born on January 8, 1955, in Holland, Michigan, the seventh of thirteen children, to Warner and Frayna DeLeeuw Jr, who preceded him in death. Also preceding him in death, his sister Carolyn Essenburgh and his brother, Steve DeLeeuw.

Dan graduated from Holland Christian High School and attended Grand Valley State University. He was a partner in DeLeeuw Lumber Company, where he worked his entire career; often speaking in his sleep of 2x4s and other rough cuts. He was a member of Calvary Christian Reformed Church and an elected member of the Park Township Board of Trustees.

He was the best kind of company – keenly attuned to the importance and value of each person, natural with a joke, and generous with his love for his family and the Lord. He will be greatly missed.

Dan is survived by his loving wife, Joan Van Kampen DeLeeuw, and daughter, Elizabeth (Evan Burton) of New York City. He is also survived by his brothers and sisters, Ann (Robert Decker) of Louisville, Kentucky; Dr. Warner (Lynne) of West Olive; brother-in-law Thomas Essenburgh of Holland; Nancy (John Bolt) of Holland; Gayle (Michael Grotenhuis) of West Olive; Faith (Calvin Prins) of Holland; Dawn (Preston Kragt) of Holland; Janice (Scott Vanden

Berg) of Holland; Kristi (Michael Dekker) of West Olive; David (Duke) (Jennifer) of West Olive; John of West Olive; and sister-in-law, Lori DeLeeuw of West Olive. He also is survived by his father- and mother-in law, Bernie and Faye Van Kampen of Holland; his sister-in-law Londa (Mark Kurburski) of Holland; his brother-in-law Dan (Dana) Van Kampen; maternal aunts, Marilyn Colman and Gladys Colman, both of Algonac, Michigan. He also leaves to cherish great memories many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Visitation with Dan's family will take place from 6pm to 8:30pm on Thursday, June 7, and Friday, June 8, from 1pm to 3pm and from 6pm to 8:30pm at Langeland-Sterenbergh Funeral Home, 315 East 16th Street, Holland 49423. A celebration of Dan's life will be held at 11:30am on Saturday, June 9, at Calvary Christian Reformed Church, 400 Beeline Road, Holland 49424. Interment will be in the DeLeeuw family plot in Lakewood Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Benjamin's Hope, or Kid's Life Bible Clubs.

Tribute Wall



“ Daniel DeLeeuw

August 31, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ *"I is a shock to me to hear of his passing. I was in the office last winter talking to him. In the typical small talk, he asked where I worked. When I told him of my job for which I was commuting to GR, he then made a comparison to a company in Holland. I think he was acting as a messenger of God in that moment. His gracious, caring question made me willing me take the call when that local company called. Now I am here in Holland, blessed and happier than ever thanks to Dan."*

Benjamin Hekman - September 13, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ Daniel DeLeeuw

Michael Diaz - July 12, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *"I sought Dan out in 2010 because I own the DeLeeuw family home on w 17thst to ask questions and talk about the houses history, little did I realize I would make a friend. Today I went in to DeLeeuw Lumber asking for him, A very nice young man Steve told me he was not with us anymore.. I gave Dan an old push lawn mower that was left in my garage which I was sure belong to him.. This was a good guy and I am still in shock.. He told me many times that he intended on buying his house back.. Rest in Peace my friend we will see one another again.. Your friend always Hank.."*

A friend - July 12, 2018 at 12:00 AM

RB

“*Know our love and prayers are with you and the family. God never said that life would be easy, but he promised better things ahead if we believe. We are so blessed to know where we are going.*”

Rosalie Den Besten - June 10, 2018 at 12:00 AM

GH

“*Please accept our deepest sympathy for your loss . Sending thoughts and prayers to the family.*”

Gloria and Bill Hardy - June 09, 2018 at 12:00 AM

AF

“*thinking of you and your family Jim and Paula Weatherwax*”

A friend - June 09, 2018 at 12:00 AM

LB

“*Joan,I wanted to offer my deepest sympathies in the loss of your husband. I guess I was not aware of any sickness he had and so I was in shock.May the Lord wrap His loving arms in the days ahead and give you the peace and comfort that only He can give during these times.In His Love, Lauren(Mr Claus).*”

Lauren Baron - June 09, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JB

“*Joan and family: our sincere sympathy to you at the passing of your dear husband and father. Our hope is in the Lord and we know He makes no mistakes. May you feel His love, peace every day. May you feel His closeness and may He give you rest. He will never leave you or forsake.*”

Jerry and and Bev - June 09, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BB

“A great guy from a great family! I remember some fun times up at Silver lake parasailing, golf outings and just having fun. Dan had a way to make you smile even when times were tough. My heartfelt thoughts for his family.”

Brad Bruursema - June 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

AB

“I have great memories of my days working at De Leeuw Lumber and Danny was one of the reasons. He was a fun loving guy who truly cared about others. My dad used to love to come into the lumber yard too - just to give him "lip service" as we used to say. The banter went on and on. Life moved on and years passed, and whenever I was able to run into him - our friendship continued and was always made to still feel like family. I will miss his shenanigans from years past and his genuine and caring friendship through it all. Thoughts and prayers to Joanie and Elizabeth along with the rest of the family thru this tough time...”

Ann Baarman Baarman - June 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

GJ

“Enjoyed working with Dan on the Park Township Board. His dedication to improving the lives of our community members was his primary concern. Dan's pensive approach to problem solving was evident in the way he conducted himself. He carefully sorted through all the data before taking a position, and always looked at the cost benefit side of the equation before making a decision. His analytical style of leadership will be greatly missed as will his compassionate interaction with people.”

George Jacob - June 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“*Jennifer & family I am so sorry for your loss, sending love & light your way*”

Frances McCartney - June 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM