



Daniel Robert Heller

March 3, 1956 - January 3, 2020

Daniel “Dan” Heller, 63, of Kalkaska, passed away Friday, January 3, 2020 at home surrounded by his loving family.

Dan was born on March 3, 1956 in Detroit, Michigan, to the late Wallace and Helen (Shaffer) Heller. On June 20, 2009, Dan married Judy (Bennett) Heller.

Dan grew up in Livonia Michigan where after high school he worked for 7 Up Bottling Company. Dan and his family had vacationed at their cottage on Manistee Lake for years and in 1987 Dan made the decision to permanently move to Kalkaska. Dan worked for R.L. Morris & Sons Construction Co. for many years until his retirement in 2019.

Dan loved sports and played and coached men’s softball for many years. He was a loyal Spartan fan but also rooted for the Wolverines when they weren’t playing each other. Dan was an avid fisherman and hunter. He made many trips down to Tippy Dam and also loved to ice fish with his nephew Conner, who he had a special bond with. Dan enjoyed pheasant and grouse hunting and had several great bird dogs through the years. He also had a passion for deer hunting and loved going to deer camp in the western Upper Peninsula where he hunted with family and friends.

Dan and Judy loved the outdoors and enjoyed feeding the birds and watching different critters at the bird feeders, including turkeys, bear, coyotes, fox, deer, raccoons, squirrels, and many pesky “possum”. They enjoyed fishing, playing ball with Conner, driving or taking walks with the dogs through the woods, and playing cards in the evening. Dan and Judy enjoyed time together whatever they were doing.

Dan is survived by his wife Judy, her two children Kari (Scott) Risinger and Rob Bennett; his “little buddy”, Conner Birmingham; siblings, Nancy (Geoff) Carter, Tom (Melissa) Heller; grandchildren; Michael, Kylee, Sara, Camdyn and Carsyn; many nieces and nephews and extended family members.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Kathy Siebert and nephew, Jake Heller.

A celebration of Dan’s life will be announced in the spring.

Comments



“ I am so very sorry to hear about Dan passing on. It seems like just yesterday we were on the ballfield, our teams competing against each other, or bumping into him in town with that contagious smile he always had. May God Bless & comfort the Heller family during this difficult time. And know that Dan is watching over all of you & smiling.

Aaron & Sandi Marvin



Aaron - January 09 at 02:56 PM



“ I work with dan for many years up to his retirement he taught me alot especially fusing pipe one thing I loved was talkin boxing while we waited and flippin quarters miss him alot and he was excellent at trivia I always knew if he was on my team we would never loseglad I got to spend as much time as I did with him tons of good times

Eric - January 09 at 08:48 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. I remember Dan as "Danny" Nancy's little brother who always made us laugh at the dinner table.

Wendy Martin - January 08 at 06:33 PM



“ Wendy Martin sent a virtual gift in memory of Daniel Robert Heller



Wendy Martin - January 08 at 06:29 PM



“ SORRY TO HEAR HE IS GONE. I ALWAYS THOUGHT HE WAS A GREAT GUY. I KNOW HE WILL BE MISSED BY MANY. DAN

DANIEL DAUER - January 08 at 04:46 PM



“ Thinking of you, Judy, and all of Dan's family. We loved Dan-o.
Tony and Sherri Barber

Sherri Barber - January 07 at 08:12 PM



“ We are very sorry to hear of Danny's passing. He was a wonderful guy and loved his family. May he Rest In Peace ! Our deep felt condolences to the family. God Bless.
Love Mike & Janice Burkett

Janice Burkett - January 07 at 04:36 PM



“ We are SO SORRY for your loss. May God hold you in His arms through this very difficult time!!!! Sincerely. Jerry and Ellen

Ellen - January 07 at 04:17 PM