



Daniel "Dan" Watts

August 25, 1962 - April 25, 2015

Daniel W. "Dan" Watts, age 52, of Roach, Missouri, departed this life on Saturday, April 25, 2015 at Capital Region Medical Center in Jefferson City, Missouri.

Dan was born on August 25, 1962 in St. Louis, the son of Jess L. Watts and Jean (Doherty) Watts.

Dan was known by many names: "Daddy Dan" to his loving step children, Maria and Monica. "Popo" to his grandchildren, Frank and James whom he loved so much. "Dan" to his family whom he always helped. His father taught him as a child how to measure to the 1/16th inch and mentored him in welding, auto work, building, etc. "Dan the Tool Man" since he had most every tool Snap On sells. He and one of his best friends, Tom, put their heart and souls into their business (Highway 7 Workshop) where they worked on cars, golf carts, 4 wheelers, R.V's, docks, etc. "The Neighborhood Handy Man" a man of few words but helped everyone in need, he could not say "No".

"Captain Dan" Dan had been coming to the lake for most of his life. He bought a new runabout boat in 1987 (Moonshadow) and by 2014 he logged more than 10,680 hours by only using it on the weekends that he could travel from St. Louis, until he moved here in 2013. He was a captain of the household and the No Tell Floatel as well.

He will be missed by all who knew him, including his dog, Byou, who got his name because he was always right by you.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Watts of the home; two step-daughters, Maria Heavel (Keith) and Monica McCarthy (Kyle); two step-grandsons, Frank and James Heavel and one McCarthy baby on the way; his mother and step-father, Jean and George Stark; four siblings, Kitty Schaffer (Mike Waeckerle), Tom Watts (Joann), Rick Watts (Terri Tafra) and Barb Cecil (Tom); one great uncle, Buddy Watts; one uncle, Ed Doherty; three nephews, two nieces and multiple cousins.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Laurie/Sunrise Beach.

Memorial services will be held at 11:30 a.m., on Saturday, May 2, 2015 at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Laurie. The family will receive friends from 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Saturday, at the church.

In lieu of flowers, make memorial contributions payable to Mary Watts to establish a trust fund for the grandchildren.

Family and friends may leave condolences at www.kidwellgarber.com

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 2. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

St. Patrick Catholic Church
176 Marian Dr.
Gravois Mills, MO 65037
<http://www.stpatrickcatholicchurch.org>

Celebration of Life

MAY 2. 11:30 AM (CT)

St. Patrick Catholic Church
176 Marian Dr.
Gravois Mills, MO 65037
<http://www.stpatrickcatholicchurch.org>

Tribute Wall

MW

“ *Mary Watts lit a candle in memory of Daniel "Dan" Watts*



Mary Watts - April 27, 2016 at 11:15 AM

MW

It has been a year and family and friends have helped me a lot. We all still miss Dan but discussing our fond memories help me laugh. He would want yet I continue to enjoy life and make more fun memories especially with the grandchildren.

Mary Watts - April 27, 2016 at 11:20 AM

MW

He would want us to continue to enjoy life

Mary Watts - April 27, 2016 at 11:22 AM

MW

Ordered good from Madison's on the 25th with Monica Kyle and Madison. Had the filet in memory of Dan it was his favorite cut of meat. Had Steak n Shake with Maria and the kids in memory of Dan another of his favorites.

Mary Watts - April 27, 2016 at 11:28 AM

SB

“ *Mary, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. May God be with you during these trying times.*

Suzan Brightwell - May 11, 2015 at 02:32 PM

 Janie
Lewis

“ *Watts Family, I was shocked when I heard of the passing of Danny. As the middle kids, Barb, Danny and I got into our own little mischief, but we also had some really great times. I would not change a thing about my childhood and all of our countless camping trips growing up together! Dan and I sailed better than anyone else in the club and had blast doing it. We would find the craziest things on our hikes and mini-bike adventures. Each and everyone of our destinations always had new adventures that we would look forward to. Tadpole hunting and the monkey bridge at Godell's, a copperhead in the rocks at Hawn, baby copperheads at Silver Springs, a huge turtle that became dinner, much to the dismay of Barb & I, at that one place called Ron & Fred's, sailing at the lakes. I loved growing up with you and regret that all of us campkids went our separate ways when we turned adults. Rest in peace my childhood buddy!*

Janie Lewis - May 06, 2015 at 08:35 AM

BR

RIP, Danny. He was our next door neighbor on Schuessler Rd as a kid. He and my son, Rick, played countless hours together. Glad to see he was so loved. Good kid

Beverly Reed - March 11, 2022 at 09:07 AM

RF

“ *Mary Helen, I was so stunned and saddened to hear of your loss. Please know you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. May God bless and comfort you -
Rick Fiedler*

Rick Fiedler - May 04, 2015 at 11:53 PM

JF

“ *Mary Helen,
Larry and i are so sorry for your loss. May
God bless you with the strength you need and
fill your heart with many cherished memories.
You are in our thoughts and prayers!
Jan and Larry Fiedler*



Jan Fiedler - May 03, 2015 at 07:54 PM

JW

“ *Uncle Dan....there are so many things I wish i would have gotten to
say to you, so many things to thank you for, and too many years i let
to by without keeping in touch better.
Growing up you were more like my dad than an uncle. It was you I
spent weekends with, you that taught me to swim, how to drive a
boat and ride a tube, you that gave me my love of the water. You
also taught me water is not soft and will leave bruises by shooting
me off the tube and across the Lake. :)
As a teenager, you moved me in your basement, helped me get my
first job, and chauffeured me back and forth. You showed me that
hard work does pay off by matching me dollar for dollar til we had
enough saved to buy my first car so you could stop having to drive
me everywhere. LOL
You taught me how to change a tire, and how important oil changes
are to a vehcile. You taught me that nothing is better than an ice
cold can of mountain dew, (although, you probably would say Busch
beer, but i was jut a kid then.) LOL .You also taught me that no
matter how much i love soda, a glass of milk is what you drink with
dinner.
The time I spent with you as a child molded me into the woman and
mom i am today, and for that I say THANK YOU!!! I love you and i
miss you and Im SOOOO SORRY I didnt get to say these things to
you. I love you.*

Jenn Watts - May 03, 2015 at 11:08 AM

SH

“ Sherry lit a candle in memory of Daniel "Dan" Watts



Sherry - May 02, 2015 at 11:56 AM



“ Our deepest sympathy's to Dans family and friends. I remember when him and Mary came over and helped take down the clubhouse Kyle's dad built in our back yard. They somehow managed to get it off the stilts (Mike set it up high so the kids could see over the fence to the creek behind us), but also kept it intact to be used again. Well it went right on the bed of Dan's truck and became a new playhouse at the lake. Dan made many modifications to it and now its a fun place for the kids at the lake. I know Dan also helped out Kyle with numerous "auto projects" and I was always extremely thankful for that. My condolences to Dans family.

God Bless,
Darlene McCarthy



Darlene Schill McCarthy - May 02, 2015 at 11:02 AM

SH

“ I will miss my friend. Dan was always there for me and I for him when we needed help. Dan could do almost anything. When he set his mind to it, it was done and done right. My family and I enjoyed the times spent at the lake with him, Mary and the girls. He knew where to get the best steaks and could grill them like nobody else!! We spent a few New Years Eves with the family and had a blast. I will always remember "nimbers" and "flannel dannel" when I think of him. Rest in Peace Danny boy, sheltered in the arms of God. Our thoughts and prayers are with Mary, Maria, Monica, the grandsons he was so proud of, their family, and all of Dan's family..

Jim and Sarena Hutson and Family

Sarena & Jim Hutson - May 01, 2015 at 07:44 PM

 Danny Borgers

“ 2 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Danny Borgers - May 01, 2015 at 01:51 AM

 Danny Borgers

“ 1 file added to the *tribute wall*



Danny Borgers - May 01, 2015 at 01:48 AM

DB

“ Dan as most of you know was my godfather and I have known him for a far back as i can remember and when I heard that he had passed I felt as though my heart stopped, and most likely not very long but it felt like it. As I recalled the memories of Dan I remember my first memory of him and it was at my birthday at which age I cannot remember but he got me a fishing game of some sort, though it was not much I had a blast with it. I also recall him coming over and working on cars with my dad "Robert Borgers" on a regular basis and him teaching me how to sand and paint. Then there are the memories of him at the lake were Dan truly love to be and was most happy, there he taught me how to tube, ski and drive a boat along with so many other things that i cannot remember. I also recall the times when everyone else was a sleep, and Dan and I would sneak off in the boat and go and talk for hours. I cannot tell you how much that time with him meant to me even though most of it was just small talk he did open his very heart and soul to me on occasion and those are the things I will never forget. As I got older in life I did not get to see Dan as much as would have liked but when the opportunity was given to see him I would not even hesitate on what ever he wanted me to do even though most of the time he put me to work I would go because I got to be with him and that all that mattered because it was the time together that counted not the work. The last time I saw Dan was at my brother "Kyle" wedding which was just over a year ago and now I so regret not be able to see him anymore and the part that hurts the most is that I did not even get to say good bye and that I loved him. Dan you'll forever be in my heart and I will miss you terribly love you always
Danny

Danny Borgers - May 01, 2015 at 01:39 AM

GE

“ Mary we are so sorry to hear about Dan. We send our Deepest Sympathy and may God Bless You and your family. I'll keep you in my prayers. From Glenda Ewing and family....

Glenda Ewing - April 30, 2015 at 11:33 PM

VA

“ Mary, Please accept our condolences. I remember when Dan would call or visit your work office. He always had a smile on his face. He was a nice young man. May God continue to embrace & comfort you & your family always. Thank You Mary for always being there for me. VERONICA A.

Veronica Abdullahi - April 30, 2015 at 03:19 PM

AC

“ Dan was an amazingly helpful man. I am very grateful for the time Dan took to teach me to drive, as well as the many other things he's done.

Amanda C - April 30, 2015 at 01:54 PM



With a heavy, yet joyful heart, I send my condolences to this family. He left us way too soon, but knowing he's in a better place should give you comfort & peace. There are soo many stories to tell, Mary, you know them all to well, I hope they bring you a smile when you think about them. I hope & pray for healing during this time, as your family grows & grows that each one of you remember the great times, tell your babies those crazy stories, revisit those times & laugh, smile & feel blessed. From the bottom of my heart.....Linda Mc

Linda Mcatee - May 01, 2015 at 06:12 PM

KA

“ MARY, MY MOM DEBRA RICHARDSON AS WELL AS MYSELF SEND OUR LOVE AND DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO YOU AND THE FAMILY MY GOD BLESS YOU ALL AND KEEP YOU WITH AN ABUNDANCE OF STRENGTH!! LOVE YA!!

Kelli Alexander - April 30, 2015 at 12:09 PM



“ I loved you more then you know buddy. My own hard headedness cheated us both. Rest easy my friend. I love you

Mike Wilson - April 29, 2015 at 09:41 PM

MI

“ Michael lit a candle in memory of Daniel "Dan" Watts



Michael - April 29, 2015 at 09:38 PM

AJ

“ I never had the pleasure of meeting Dan, but I worked with Mary for 20 years. I am very sorry to hear about your lose and I pray for strength and comfort for you and your family

Adele Johnson - April 29, 2015 at 01:48 PM

VA

Veronica Abdullahi

Please accept our condolences in the passing of a good man. It was a honor to have known such a nice person & he will truly be missed. May God continue to embrace you & comfort you always. I want to personally thank you for making my life easier. I will always remember you Mary, you are one of the most caring person I know. We love you MARY!

Veronica Abdullahi - April 30, 2015 at 08:45 AM

JO

“ THE MAGICAL NIGHT OF THE PELICANS
WITH CAPTAIN DAN

*It was a brisk evening, Everyone loaded onto the "NO TELL FLATEL" houseboat including Byou the dog. We started as always with cocktails and music, women dancing and men watching.... :-)
Captain Dan at the helm. Mary, Toad, Patti & myself were off to see the pelicans. We came upon our "danger Island. 100 or more pelicans lined up having their own party. The girls & I were so excited to see so many at one time.*

....and the magic begins....

We cruise towards the sun, just starting to set the lake & the sky became one, with hues of pinks, blues, turquoise & rose. As the sun falls deeper into the sky a song starts to play. (one from their wedding) Dan came to Mary & lovingly held her as they danced to the music & looked into each others eyes you could just see the unconditional love they felt for each other. With the sunset engulfing them, their bodies forming the shape of a heart, no one else was on that boat at that moment but them. I believe at that moment it was the first time I saw "true love."

*I will never forget the magical night of the pelicans.
I will miss seeing the love that Dan & Mary shared, but I now know what "true love" is. I thank you both for that!*

Dan will always be holding Mary as I saw them that night protecting her from harm & filling her heart with love & happiness. God bless you Dan you have made this world so much better because you were in it. R.I.P. my friend; love Joyce

joyce - April 29, 2015 at 01:48 AM

JO

“ Joyce lit a candle in memory of Daniel "Dan" Watts



Joyce - April 28, 2015 at 11:19 PM

JO

“ 2 files added to the album New Album Name



Joyce - April 28, 2015 at 11:16 PM

SR

“ I knew Dan through Maria and he was great to all of her friends. From the time he fixed a dent in my car left by a mailbox attack before my parents could see, to teaching us how to jump off the top of the houseboat the right way. The big breakfasts made on the boat and the ability to make every one feel welcome and to make you kick back and have a good time. Captain Dan was fun and watching he and Mary live every minute to the fullest taught me to let go and remember to focus on family; years later these life lessons have stayed with me. God bless you all as you remember a great man with wonderful memories. Praying for love and comfort for all of you.

Sarah Ripka-Towe - April 28, 2015 at 07:39 PM

AG

“ Mary,

I'm so sorry for your loss. I remember years ago on the STCHC campus there was a man trimming trees. I went to your office and said, "Mary, there is a strange man on campus trimming our trees." You responded with your rich, hardy, laughter and said, "Angela, that's my husband Dan!" May God continue to comfort you and give you His peace that surpasses all understanding. You are in our prayers.

Angela M. Gray & Mom (Tawnya L. Gray)

Angela M. Gray - April 27, 2015 at 04:05 PM

AJ

“ *I didn't know Mary's husband Dan, but I worked with her for some time. I would like to send out my deepest condolences to her and her family. God Bless-Alexis Johnson*

alexis johnson - April 27, 2015 at 02:53 PM