



Daniel "Dan" W. Chaney

July 9, 1964 - December 30, 2016

Daniel "Dan" Chaney, 52, of Stillwater, OK, died Friday, December 30, 2016 at his home following a brief terminal illness. Dan was born on July 9, 1964 to Robert and Betty Jean (Windom) Chaney in Aurora, Illinois. Dan lived there with his family until they moved to Hinckley, Illinois in 1978. Dan attended Holy Angels Grade School and was a 1982 graduate of Aurora Central High School. Always an avid reader, Dan continued his education at Northern Illinois University, graduating in 1986 with a B.S. in Political Science. Due to his love of knowledge and history, Dan pursued his M.S. in Library Science at NIU, graduating in 1992.

Dan sent out applications to various colleges and universities in the United States. He accepted a position in the Library System of Oklahoma State University and resided in Stillwater since that time. Dan attained the position of Subject Specialist Librarian and Assistant Professor and was an integral part of the Mountains Plains Library Association. Recently, Dan had been speaking about his mission to lessen the exorbitant costs of college text books for students at colleges and universities.

Not only an avid reader, Dan also wrote and drew illustrations for books he hoped would be published someday. In the past few years, Dan took up long distance biking and enjoyed taking his bike on his travels and discovering the countryside. One last passion of Dan's was cooking, and he treated his family to huge pot of gumbo each year at Christmas when he visited. Dan was also the epitome of a "die-hard Cub fan" and was ecstatic to watch the Cubs win

the World Series this year.

Dan is survived by his father, Robert and wife Lucy Chaney of Elgin; his sisters, Susan and husband Mark Siekierski, and their children, Hope and Matthew of Batavia, Illinois, and Sandy and husband Jess Davies of Hinckley, Illinois, and their children, Kyle (Kelsy Hinton) Davies of Childress, TX and Madison Davies of Hinckley.

Dan was preceded by death by his mother, Betty Jean Chaney in 1986 and his brother Scott in 2011. He was also the proud parent of his dogs, Stormy (1992 – 2008), Wrigley (2008 – 2014) and lastly Jenny who survives him.

Dan's dogs were indeed his children.

Dan will be best remembered as a loving son, brother, uncle, and friend.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, January 10, 2017 from THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY at 9:30 AM to Holy Angels Church at 10:00 AM. Fr. Jared Twenty, S.T.L. will officiate with inurnment to follow at West Big Rock Cemetery. Visitation will be held Monday, January 9, 2017 from 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM at THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY, 220 N. Lake St., Aurora, IL 60506. (630) 631-5500.

Please visit our interactive website at www.daleidenmortuary.com where you may sign the guest book or leave condolences for Dan's family.

Memorial donations may be made in Dan's name to the ASPCA.

Cemetery Details

West Big Rock Cemetery

Big Rock, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 9. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Daleiden Mortuary
220 N. Lake Street
Aurora, IL 60506
(630) 631-5500
daleidenmortuary@gmail.com
<https://www.daleidenmortuary.com>

Funeral Mass

JAN 10. 10:00 AM (CT)

Holy Angels Church
120 South Lancaster Avenue
Aurora, IL 60506

Tribute Wall



“ Daleiden Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Daniel "Dan" W. Chaney



Daleiden Mortuary - January 09, 2017 at 01:51 PM



“ I didn't personally know Dan but we connected through Ancestry as we share a great grandmother, Nettie Windom. I'm so sorry for your loss and my he Rest In Peace!
Dina Murley Eagles

Dina Eagles - August 22, 2017 at 06:37 PM

JZ

“ Dan was a remarkable person - unique, real, thoughtful, smart, insightful, compassionate, and delightfully irreverent. He brought so many gifts to MPLA – not just his technical expertise. His presence and humor and caring sustained MPLA's feeling of “family.” I treasure our friendship and our work together over the past 20 years. Those memories will always remain.

Judy Zelenski

Judy Zelenski - January 09, 2017 at 08:08 PM

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“ I didn't know Dan but I know his sister Sandy. Given that I know Sandy and after reading about Dan and his life, it is very evident to me that Dan hailed from a wonderful family who loved him very much. Also, his obituary highlights his great academic accomplishments, love for animals, and love for family. Dan obviously was a very intelligent, dedicated, and caring man that will be sorely missed by all who knew him and loved him. Sandy and the entire Chaney family, you will be in my prayers and I'm very sorry for your great loss.

Crystal Swan-Gravatt

Crystal Swan-Gravatt - January 05, 2017 at 03:51 PM

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“ Dan was someone I came to know over the last 17 years. He was the library liaison for my department. As someone who truly loves the OSU Edmon Low library, I found myself contacting him a lot about ordering psychology books and arranging presentations given by Dan for students in my class. Over the years, he helped my students any time I asked (at least once a semester). I always loved exposing my students to his enthusiasm about finding out information. I shared that enthusiasm and always wanted to spread the word about what a great asset Dan was to OSU. As the years passed here at OSU, I found that we had more and more in common. Most recently, we talked about open textbooks and he came to a conference I organized on campus to talk to teachers about open textbook options in psychology.

I regret not getting to know him sooner. He will be missed. All of our students who will not get to work with him in the future will be missing out on a lot.

My sincerest condolences to his family.

Shelia Kennison

Shelia Kennison - January 05, 2017 at 02:02 PM

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“ i have had the pleasure and honor to be friends with dan through our mutual association with mpla. he was always one of the reasons i looked forward to our annual meetings. i will always think of him whenever i eat gumbo.

mary ann thompson



mary ann thompson - January 05, 2017 at 09:59 AM

BE

Love this picture of Dan...

BethSuper - January 05, 2017 at 01:08 PM