



Daniel Malcolm Schaefer

May 13, 1986 - August 30, 2014

Daniel Malcolm Schaefer, 28, of Aurora, passed away Saturday, August 30, 2014 at his home. He was born May 13, 1986 in Aurora, IL.

Daniel was a faithful member of Holy Angels Church and a member of the Knights of Columbus Cardinal Bellarmine Council 4849 (3rd degree Knight), Boy Scouts of America with the rank of Eagle Scout. He was a Dean's List graduate of Benedictine University with a bachelor's degree in Music Performance. A talented instructor and musician, Daniel was a principle percussionist and drum set player. He performed with the Fox Valley Philharmonic Orchestra, Holy Angels Choir, Benedictine University Band, Benedictine Jazz Eagles, College of Dupage Percussion Ensemble, and the Wind Symphony of Northern Illinois University. While Daniel had been in numerous bands and musical ensembles, he had recently taken up working on his first solo album, a folk-rock creation inspired by nature and his relationship with God.

Daniel was known for his giving heart and volunteered regularly for Meals on Wheels, Hessed House, and the Holy Angels Food Pantry. He frequently visited neighbors, the sick, and the elderly serving as a Eucharistic Minister.

Daniel is survived by his parents, James and Lorna (Campbell) Schaefer; two sisters, Jane Storm, Carolyn Schaefer; three brothers, Thomas Schaefer, Eric

(Kim) Schaefer, Sean Schaefer; six nieces and nephews, Rachel, Caitlin (Ryan), Autumn, Alicia, Joshua, Tiffany; six great nieces and nephews; two aunts, Christine (Dennis) Zavisowski, Lynn (Desmond) King; an uncle, John Schaefer; his maternal grandmother, Dorine Campbell.

Daniel was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather Malcolm Campbell and his paternal grandparents Annette and Eric P. Schaefer.

Funeral service will be Friday, September 5, 2014 at 9:30 AM from THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY, to Holy Angels at 10:00 AM Fr. Michael Lavan will officiate with interment at Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

Visitation will be held Thursday, September 4, 2014 from 4:00 PM until 8:00 PM with a Liturgical wake service at 7:30 PM at THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY, 220 North Lake Street Aurora, IL 60506, 630-631-5500. Please visit our interactive website at www.daleidenmortuary.com to leave condolences for Daniel's family or sign the guest book.

Memorial contributions in Daniel's name may be made to Holy Angels Church Chapter, Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Olivet Cemetery

278 Ashland Avenue
Aurora, IL 60505

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 4. 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

SEP 5. 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 Malcolm Schaefer



Daleiden Mortuary - September 03, 2014 at 06:01 PM

JR

Funny to see how this world works in mysterious ways. I remember playing baseball when we were kids. I remember him to be a kind hearted kid with an amazing smile that would light anything up. Baseball is what I remembered him more so anything else. Reason why I said how funny how this world works is because I ran into one of his family members on the baseball field today. Name sounded familiar to me. I had to ask if he was related in any way to Daniel. After clearing up some things he said yes but also told me he had passed as well. I was and am sadden that it took me this long to find this out. I remember playing baseball with him. I remember having fun times because of baseball. So sad to hear about this especially this many years going by. My heart goes out to each and everyone of you who knew him well.

jose rivera - June 25, 2018 at 12:15 AM

AM

“ I'm sorry I couldn't help you. I loved you as a friend, brother. In Christ, you are saved. Remember that, family.

andrew mcombs - June 22, 2015 at 03:19 AM

TF

“ We hope you find some comfort in knowing Daniel is at peace now. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. We will never forget the "jam session" we had with Daniel at Chris & Dennis' house. What a talented musician . We will cherish that memory always. Love to you all. The Bohinsky Family



The Bohinsky Family - September 05, 2014 at 12:58 PM

JF

“ Daniel, it was a pleasure to have had you as a neighbor for numerous years. Though our conversations over the years were brief, they were always warm in content. I will always remember all of the kind and comforting things you said about my father. May God welcome you with open arms Daniel. You will remain in our constant thoughts and prayers.

-Javier Velazquez & Family

Javier Velazquez & Family - September 05, 2014 at 10:23 AM

AF

“ Daniel was an amazing person. I remember him from high school band always making people laugh if they seemed to be having a bad day. He was an excellent musician and truly will be missed. My condolences to all his loved ones.



Amanda Fogel - September 05, 2014 at 03:20 AM

BK

“ Jim and Lorna, my thoughts and prayers are with you during this most painful time. I know how special Daniel was and now God will have his music in Heaven. One of my favorite bible verses is Psalm 100: Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, now Daniel will be able to do this. I have the utmost sympathy for both of you and your family. Sending Hugs from Arizona, Barbara Torres Kerfoot and John Kerfoot.



Barbara Torres Kerfoot - September 04, 2014 at 08:37 PM

YE

“ Your friends from RFI Englewood purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Daniel Malcolm Schaefer.



Your friends from RFI Englewood - September 04, 2014 at 11:20 AM

LS

“ Always a ray of sunshine, opening his arms wide for a hug that touched my heart and a smile from hear to hear. You will continue to be in my heart and the many souls you touched with your intellectual thoughts and words. Please watch over me in paradise - Heaven - as you fly high as an angel of God. Much love.

Laura Saltijeral - September 03, 2014 at 10:14 PM

JB

“ *Julie Bowman lit a candle in memory of Daniel Malcolm Schaefer*



Julie Bowman - September 03, 2014 at 09:51 PM

JB

“ *How can I possibly share my grief at Daniel's passing? He was a true friend to me and always told me he was praying for my better health and happiness. We spoke often of his love of the Lord and his gentle helping soul will be missed by many people not represented on this tribute wall. He was an amazing young man who will always have a place in my heart. My sincerest wish is that he truly rest in the arms of the God he loved and that his family will find peace in the hope of the Resurrection. Julie Bowman*

Julie Bowman - September 03, 2014 at 09:50 PM

DF

“ *Daniel was an amazing young man and his dedication to his faith was an inspiration. I was privileged to share conversation with him this summer at a fundraiser and he warmed my heart. My sincerest sympathy to his family. He truly touched many people with his kindness. He will be missed very much.*

Darlene Froehlich - September 03, 2014 at 09:03 PM



“ *Serene Green™ Bouquet For Sympathy was purchased for the family of Daniel Malcolm Schaefer.*



September 03, 2014 at 08:49 PM



“ *My sister just sent me a message with the news. A memory came to mind when he was in the Fox Valley Philharmonic Orchestra. I was, at the time, in the middle school orchestra. He and two other percussionists performed a piece at a concert that mimicked a helicopter taking off. It was amazing! I remember that peice especialyas a favorite! May Dan rest in peace, and peace, love, and prayers to his family and all his loved ones.*

Martina - September 03, 2014 at 06:35 PM



“ *Daniel was an amazing person inside and out. He would light up any room with that wonderful smile. I loved him like a brother and he was always there for me if I needed someone to talk to. He always thought about other people and did whatever he needed to help. You are going to be missed dearly and I love you!*

Heather - September 03, 2014 at 05:42 PM



“ *Ty Simmons lit a candle in memory of Daniel Malcolm Schaefer*



Ty Simmons - September 03, 2014 at 05:20 PM

KM

“ I knew Daniel to be a devout Catholic.
I am so sad about his passing.

Kelly Markham - September 03, 2014 at 04:27 PM

MF

“ Dan had such a kind and caring soul. I am grateful for the time in Benedictine's Concert Band and in the Fox Valley Philharmonic together. I am certain we will meet again some day. As we said the last time we talked, I'll see you at the next rehearsal, Dan. Though I did not know it would be in Heaven, I will hold you to it. Rest in peace. You and your family are in my prayers.

-Marcella Frustaci

Marcella Frustaci - September 03, 2014 at 03:03 PM



“ Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Daniel Malcolm Schaefer.



September 03, 2014 at 12:10 PM

BI

“ I was in the choir with Dan at Holy Angels, I was in shock when I heard his passing, as I knew that he was a kind hearted soul who loved God and his family. You are all in my prayers during this difficult time.

Beth Winiger, Aurora, IL - September 03, 2014 at 10:30 AM

CH

“ I knew Daniel in high school. I had the chance to reconnect with him a couple months ago and I am grateful we had that opportunity. He was an extremely talented musician and had a kind heart. My thoughts and sympathy go out to the the Schaefer family.



Crystal Hoskins

Crystal Hoskins - September 03, 2014 at 09:29 AM

TN

“ I had the honor of performing with Dan in Benedictine University's Concert Band. He was a dedicated and passionate musician whose commitment helped ensure many successful performances, and who enriched the lives of those he played with. My thoughts and prayers are with all of his family and friends.

*Tim Nunes
Lisle, IL*

Tim Nunes - September 03, 2014 at 06:25 AM

NR

“ My prayers are with you all at this time of loss. Dan was always a pleasant young man to us and visited with Deacon Tom when my wife had surgery a few years ago. He always wanted to help others.

Norb Rozanski - September 03, 2014 at 05:29 AM



“ *Dan will be truly missed. He had an extremely kind heart and sweet soul. He was always concerned about others and we appreciate his friendship. He will be missed.*
--The Galanis Family

S - September 02, 2014 at 08:41 PM



“ *We were shocked and saddened to learn of the passing of Dan. We have so many memories of him in troop 26 including his discussion on having pancakes for breakfast because the new scouts over did it with the oil. He was very proud of his achieving the rank of Eagle Scout and we thank you for supporting him through all the campouts and meetings.*
I believe God has his arms around Dan and Dan feels his warm embrace. Our hearts and prayers go out to the Schaefer family now and in the days to come.
As for the Choir in Heaven, if there isn't a band Dan will soon form one.
Our Deepest sympathies,
The Fechner Family

linda Fechner - September 02, 2014 at 07:48 PM



Dan I will treasure our memories always. Love you and RIP !

Dennis Zavis - September 03, 2014 at 07:37 AM



Although I just found this webpage, I heard of Dan's passing around the time that it happened and have thought of him frequently since. Although we went to school together until high school, my lasting memories of him are much more recent. I always enjoyed running into him at our local Starbucks and the conversations that would ensue. I can't believe he's gone and he will be truly missed!

Mark Adams - May 14, 2015 at 01:07 PM