



Dr. John "Daniel" McKnight

March 6, 1959 - February 4, 2016

Dr. John "Daniel" McKnight, passed away February 4, 2016. Dan was born March 6, 1959 at St. Joseph Hospital in Aurora, IL. He was preceded in death by his grandparents Mary (Brunsfeld) and Carl Arnston and his mother Lorraine Mary McKnight in August 14, 2015.

Survivors include his brothers Michael John McKnight and Venantius "Gregory" (Grace) McKnight; his nephew Matthew; and his niece Lauren (Tony) Parker.

Dan attended Holy Angels Grade School and graduated from Marmion Military Academy in Aurora in 1977. He received his B.A. in Psychology from the University of Illinois at Chicago in 1984 ; his M.A. in Psychology from State University of New York at Stony Brook in 1990; and his Ph.D. from State University of New York at Stony Brook in 1993. He did his post doctoral work at the University of Pittsburg Medical Center.

Dan was a member of the Moose International; the American Psychological Association in multiple divisions; the American Society of Trial Consultants and was voted Teacher of the Year in 1977 at SUNY at Stony Brook.

After years of working in Chicago, he moved to New Orleans, LA where he embraced the people, community, and "especially" the lifestyle and food. He

lived in the Aurora area for the past nine years and fought a courageous battle with Multiple Sclerosis. Dan loved extensive travel around the United States and Europe, and had an unsurpassed lust for life that he shared with his many friends and family.

A special thank you goes out to Caryn McNulty for her medical, spiritual and emotional help; Dana Weber for just being “Webs” and also to Ian McNulty and Carl Deufel.

In lieu of flowers, Dan wishes you to have a cocktail in his memory and donate to your favorite charity.

Laissez Les Bons Temps Rouler

A memorial visitation will held Saturday, February 13, 2016 at THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY, 220 N Lake St., Aurora, IL from 1:00pm until 4:00pm, with a memorial service at 3:00pm by Deacon Mike Giblin. Burial will be private at a later date in Louisiana.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

FEB 13. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Daleiden Mortuary
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Tribute Wall



“ Daleiden Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Dr. John "Daniel" McKnight



Daleiden Mortuary - February 11, 2016 at 02:01 PM

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Heaven will surely be a more fun place with Dan in it.

Carolyn Fonte - February 23, 2016 at 10:44 AM

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“ *I am an old friend who lost touch with Dan years ago. We were not the closest of friends, but God knows I wept when I heard he was gone. A GREAT guy.*
Vic Ottati

Victor Ottati - April 14, 2022 at 09:39 PM

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“ I met Dan as a graduate student from Germany at Stony Brook in September 1984. We were driving together with the University Sky Diving Club to PA. We did our first jump together. We returned as friends and spent wonderful times together . As of May 1985 I did an internship in NYC and met Christiane. July 4th,85 Dan took a picture of us in front of a friends house stating " you are going to marry". Right he was. We married in August 87 . Ian and Dan came all the way to Germany.

Unfortunately that was the last time we met. We were happy to show LB around Munich in 1988. Last time we spoke was 2007. I wish we would have stayed in touch. Now we just have our memories.

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Michael Bartos - February 13, 2016 at 02:09 PM

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“*Mr. Dan, scratch that, Dr. Dan,
My first experience (1986) with Dan involved hopping into his full-sized american made car (was it an LTD, Caprice? Anyway not your typical twenty-something Grad student car) and heading to the south shore of Long Island. You see, Dan had heard there were boats one could buy for \$1, and it was just too hard to pass up. We ended up buying the "Free Nelson" a beat-up 30 year old wood-hulled Luhrs. That boat was parked in back of the house we shared with Rich and Jon, 4 West Meadow, all winter and spring while we "fixed" it up. She was launched in all her glory the following summer in Mt. Sinai Harbor. A fine party platform she was indeed. Many fond memories of Dan over the next ten years! I last saw Dan in 1995, soon after my first son was born. He was in town for a meeting and he came over to meet Michael, and share his wisdom and BS with the infant. Dan always brought a smile to your face and was always up for a good time.
Thanks for the memories Dan.*

Bob And Reese Armstrong



Bob Armstrong - February 11, 2016 at 12:02 PM