



Daniel Patrick Riordan

June 26, 1950 - December 29, 2016

Daniel Patrick Riordan of Benicia and of San Francisco passed away peacefully on December 29th. Dan was a devoted family man and a kind hearted friend to many.

Mass will be 10:00 a.m. Saturday, January 21st at St. Dominic's Church in Benicia with a simple reception to follow. In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial gift to St. Vincent de Paul of Solano.

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 21. 10:00 AM (PT)

St. Dominic's Church
475 East I Street
Benicia, CA

Tribute Wall



“ *Daniel Patrick Riordan*

November 29, 2022 at 08:20 PM

RO

“ Dan was one of my closest friends throughout high school and college and, even though I moved across the country thirty years ago, we managed to see each other for lunches or dinners when I visited the Bay Area.

There are so many fond memories it's hard to name just a few. I'll never forget the three-week adventure that Dan and I and John Courtney took to celebrate the end of college. We traveled up through the Northwest and into Canada where we camped and had a very close encounter with a brown bear (we awoke to find him in our tent!) The whole trip was full of camaraderie and adventure and perhaps just a bit of raucous behavior.

I also remember a trip to Los Angeles that we took, four of us in all, including our good friend, John Everett. Then there was the college trip to Lake Tahoe with members of the Knights of Columbus where I believe twelve of us shared a small motel room for the weekend. I remember how much Dan loved working at Baskin Robbins during high school. Visiting him there was a kick as his outgoing personality was always a hit with the customers.

After the great love and devotion Dan always showed to his family and friends, I think the other passion in his life was sports. He loved Saint Ignatius's teams and participated with them in any way he could. He was a big fan of all San Francisco's professional teams and I remember many relatively sunny afternoons at Candlestick Park and foggy nights watching the Warriors together with Dan and Albert Davalos.

Dan was a kind and generous friend, always there to listen and help with problems or if you just needed an empathetic ear and encouraging words.

I feel a deep sense of loss at Dan's passing. His friendship was one of the touchstones of my life and I will treasure his memory and be thankful for his gifts and contributions to us all.

Robert Bucchianeri

robert - January 19, 2017 at 06:54 PM

KR

Aw, Uncle Bob you will always be, Thank you so much for your gift of memories. I like to hear of the raucous that my dad might have gotten in to! No wonder he was always understanding and loving no matter what raucous I put him through! Your memories are a true gift and cherished forever. You, no matter how much time may have passed, always remained a sweet part of my Dad (and Mom's) story, that they always held close at heart and shared. Truly grateful. Love, Kelly (and Mom, Julie, and Dad of course)

Kelly Riordan - January 21, 2017 at 02:24 AM

AD

“ *I first met Dan in the 6th grade of grammar school. A move forced me to change schools. I felt out of place at St. Gabriels, everyone had established friendships over the previous 5 school years. Dan and I forged a friendship based on our mutual passion-sports. We were inseparable during our years at St. Gabriels and then at St. Ignatius. We spent so much time at each other's homes that it felt like we were related. We coerced our fathers to take/pick us up from Warrior basketball games at the Cow Palace and Civic Auditorium. My friendship with Dan allowed me to navigate the difficult teenage years. We doubled-dated during our proms, acted as attendants in our weddings and kept in touch through college. We spoke last year, when he called to express condolences at the passing of my father. He expressed his sadness when he saw my mother passed a few years earlier. Life caused us to trek different paths and lose contact. On hearing of his illness, I felt an overwhelming sadness. He was family to me. While I frittered away many years, Dan worked tirelessly at whatever he did. He started working at 15, even missing the first Superbowl which Bob Bucchianeri and I were invited to his house to watch with him. To the Riordan family, I feel your loss and know that he will always be in my thoughts. I can still hear his voice...He was one of the good ones and God has a special place for him..*

Albert Davalos - January 15, 2017 at 02:59 PM

KR

Thank you. This brings tears to my eyes, again. Yes, he was definitely one of the good ones and I know God has a special place for him. Thank you for your sharing your dear memories. It's so sweet to hear these recollections of my sweet Dad. . .like new stories I never heard before. They fill my heart and only add to the love I eternally have for him. We were all so truly blessed to have him in our lives. Thank you, from him too.

Kelly Riordan - January 18, 2017 at 02:02 AM

RS

“ *To all of Dan's family and friends I wish to express my sympathy and to extend my prayerful condolences to each and all of you upon Dan's passing. I first met Dan during our freshman year at St. Ignatius High School 1964-65. From that time onward, he was always warm and welcoming, happy to see you, just as happy to chat and visit and let you know what he was up to. He also was always so interested and caring of others. I am very sorry for your loss, and I feel too a deep sense of loss with his passing. During the years that I served as president of St. Ignatius Prep 2006-2012, we had more occasions to see each other and to visit. I cherish those memories. Please know that I will offer Mass in thanksgiving for Dan's life and pray that God's mercy and peace surround him, rewarding him for his deep faith. He was a unique, one-of-a-kind heart and soul, and I thank God that Dan has been a part of my life. He truly enriched me by his kind and funny friendship. May God be with you all and comfort you. With love, sympathy, and prayers, Fr. Robert Walsh, S.J., Loyola Marymount University, Center for Catholic Education, Los Angeles, CA. 90045.*

Robert Walsh, S.J. - January 09, 2017 at 06:56 PM

KR

Thank you so much for your sweet reflection and offering Mass for my Dad. He would so appreciate that gift. Fills my heart to have so much love surrounding him. He will be truly missed, but his love is eternal. ~ Kelly (his daughter)

Kelly Riordan - January 09, 2017 at 11:08 PM

PC

“ I am sending my deepest condolences to the Riordan Family in their loss of Dan. Dan was a warm hearted and kind person. I met Dan in March 1988 when I arrived at the Contra Costa County Probation Department Antioch office for my assignment as An Adult Supervision DPO. Dan was the office manager there and he extended me a warm welcome. I will always remember him as caring, thoughtful, and encouraging. He will be missed. Praying for God's peace and comfort for the family during this time.

Pamela Collinshill - January 08, 2017 at 04:33 PM

KR

Pamela, thank you for your kind words and adding to the memories that we'll forever cherish. It's such a gift to hear of the goodness he shared even beyond his family. We need more people like him in this world. I know he's smiling down on us and appreciates you what you've shared. Well wishes, Kelly (his oldest daughter)

Kelly Riordan - January 18, 2017 at 02:07 AM

JD

“ Dan started his 30 year career with the Contra Costa County Probation Department in the early 1970s. He was promoted several times through the Group Counselor Series before promoting to a Deputy Probation Officer. Dan was always recognized as a caring and supporting person in the lives of the juveniles and adults he worked with.

Because of his knowledge and experience in Probation matters, his peers often sought him out for guidance about policies and procedures. Dan's talents as a mentor were recognized and he was again promoted to Probation Supervisor. He spent his last years with the Department training and mentoring many young Probation Officers. Dan also taught Criminal Justice classes at Diablo Valley College. He very much enjoyed teaching and guiding his students into an occupation he loved. He touched many lives in a positive way and he will be missed. (Joe Davis)

Joe Davis - January 08, 2017 at 01:15 PM

KR

Thank you so much for your kind words, as these words, of course bring abundant tears. As his daughter, I knew his kindhearted, loving, gem of a soul, and I have sweet memories of visiting him at work. It's so sweet though to hear of the love and respect he had in his professional career too. I hadn't thought of how many other lives he must have touched through his work in probation. So much love, from us and him, to you. ~ Kelly Riordan

Kelly Riordan - January 08, 2017 at 10:05 PM