

Daniel Napuck

August 14, 2010

Napuck, Daniel

Daniel, age 80, of Appleton, formerly of Neenah, passed away on August 14, 2010, from complications of Parkinson's disease.

Beloved father, loyal and cherished friend, community leader, athlete, mentor and successful entrepreneur, Dan is survived by his daughters, Geri Napuck of Minneapolis, MN, and Caryn Casey of Burbank, CA, son-in-law James Casey, three grandchildren, Siera Casey, Carlie Casey and Sam Westermann, and niece, Hilary (Cliff) Henrickson of Milwaukee. Preceded in death by his wife of 50 years, Beverly Napuck (Siegel), mother, Sarah Napuck (Troxel), brother, Samuel Napuck and sister-in-law, Lorrie Napuck.

Dan was born in Neenah and graduated from Neenah High School. An all-state football player, Dan continued his love of sports and passion for physical conditioning until Parkinson's disease intruded into his life and chipped away at his independence. Dan was the owner and founder of Napuck Salvage, Inc. He and his brother Sam owned multiple businesses in Neenah including "Choice Beverage Mart" ("The Choice"). Dan was a former President of Neenah Rotary, active in many community organizations, a director on multiple boards and a long-time member of Moses Montefiore Synagogue.

For all those who knew Dan best, his sense of humor, his "pearls of wisdom," his compassion, the warmth of his personality and his commitment to his family and friends even in the face of adversity and life-changing challenges will be remembered. Dan was a man who led by example and not merely by words. He touched and changed many lives for the better in his 80 years. The family retreat, "Bittersweet" was the culmination of Dan's dream and those who have spent time at Bittersweet know how much it meant to Dan and to Bev. Dan had the vision to turn rolling hills and fields into a special gathering place for family and friends. Some of the best memories of Dan and Bev involve Bittersweet and the time shared there, whether larger events or enjoying the simple peace and quiet of a dream that became a reality.

Dan was very proud of his family and his family and friends adored him. He instilled in his daughters and grandchildren the rewards of hard work, persistence, living life with purpose and "giving back" in meaningful ways. Dan was generous in deed and in spirit and even in his final days, he was more concerned about the comfort of those he loved than himself. His beautiful smile, the twinkle in his blue eyes and his careful grooming were all characteristics of a man with a loving and open heart who will be greatly missed.

In addition to his dear friends, the family is forever grateful to the caregivers who surrounded Dan with love, kindness and commitment to his comfort and well-being as his physical challenges mounted. In particular, the family would like to thank Karen Schnese, Dan's full-time caregiver for the past five years. Karen's dedication to Dan, her kind, gentle and positive manner provided Dan with many light moments despite his circumstances and much comfort. Karen is a trusted and loved friend of the family.

The family would also like to recognize and thank Home Instead caretakers for Dan who provided respectful and loving care: Aimee, Elaine, Danelle, Sandra, Mary, Angela, Dawn, Laura, Karen, Sharon, Cheryl, Sherry, Marsha and Dee (the family's apologies if any names were overlooked). Also, the family is very appreciative of the care provided by nurses and assistants with Hospice

through Affinity Health and to Home Instead for providing as much caretaking continuity as possible for Dan, often on short notice.

The family will be establishing a memorial or foundation created in Dan and Bev's names to be specified later. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that any donations be made in Dan's name to: The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, www.michaeljfox.org. Brettschneider-Trettin-Lederer 606 N. Oneida St. Appleton

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