

## OBITUARY

*Daniel A. Raihill*

MAY 20, 1948 - JANUARY 5, 2017



IN THE CARE OF

Kingwood Funeral Home

**D**aniel Alvin Raihill passed away peacefully on January 5th, 2017 in Humble, Texas at age 68. Dan was born in Duluth, MN on May 20, 1948 to loving parents Alvin and Audrey Raihill. A beloved husband and father, Dan resided in Humble the past 24 years with his wife Amy, daughter Erin and well-loved pets. Dan and Amy were married 28 years, residing in Tarpon Springs, Florida, before relocating to Texas. As well as Amy and Erin, Dan is survived by his cousin Helen Bennett, of Thornville, Ohio and by Erin's fiancé Chris Cavarretta, of Tarkington, Texas.

Dan graduated from the University of Minnesota, Duluth with a Bachelor degree in Applied Science. He was very proud of earning his degree in 2003, 35 years later than originally anticipated. It was not until age 55 that he returned to school to complete a few classes abandoned when he began work at Harcourt, Brace & Janovich. He later developed

and marketed innovative media measurement techniques while employed by Nielsen Media Research, Belden/VNU and The Media Audit. Before retirement he also enjoyed consulting for Compaq/HP and Candace Bennett Associates.

More important than career, Dan is best remembered for the friendships formed with virtually everyone he met along life's way. He is unanimously described as funny, one-of-a-kind, with a kind heart and quick wit. He entertained us all, whether we were aged nine or ninety. We remember his many talents, including his gift for music. Memorable for college friends was his role as lead singer in Harrison, a 70's rock band with fans all along Minnesota's North Shore. For the rest of us his truly impressive Elvis impersonation was magic.

We will always treasure the memories created with him.

In lieu of flowers, the family welcomes support to either your favorite local animal shelter/rescue or to Donate Life, at <https://donatenow.networkforgood.org/DonateLifeAmerica>

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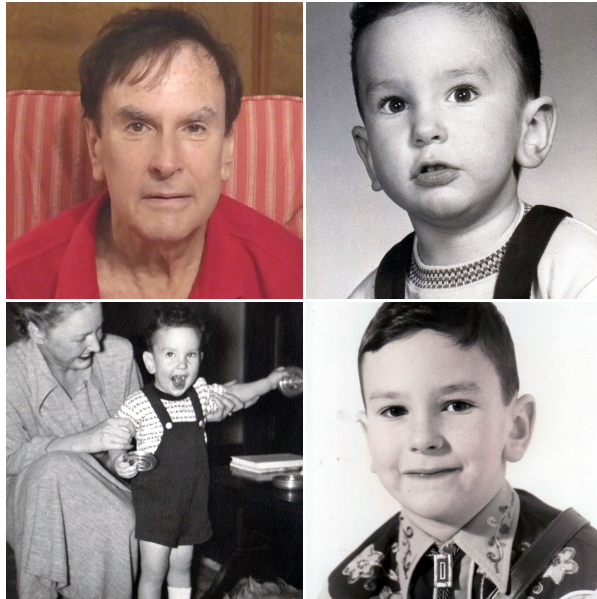
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**ALL MEMORIES**

**FROM THE FAMILY**

Toni Madeira

02/21/2017

First, I want to express my condolences to Dan's family. It has taken me awhile to write my thoughts; I met Dan after his transplant; I did not know him as long as most people. Our interests, we became fast friends. He worked for me for a while, which is how we got to know each other. I remember that I had worked at the Kidney Foundation and



*Daniel A. Raihill Tribute Movie*

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never had to explain his physical issues to me; I k  
Tribute Movie an old rock and roll concert fan  
for the company for a few years while he was we  
much fun we had. Every time I talked with him o  
would digress to subjects outside work and chat  
this video. Then there would be that 5:30 or 6 p  
funny that would cross his path that he would ju  
time with my sister's business, we shared severa  
City with the team. We built a sand sculpture for  
and bonded over my pet and familial relationshi  
restaurant that he knew Amy would just love. Hi  
visit. My favorite trip with Dan and my sister wa  
was hot and miserable and none of us truly want  
was around 105. However, we persevered and t

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Flowers express sympathy and respect. They can be delivered to the funeral home, the family's home, a place of worship or elsewhere.

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was not well myself that week, but we took taxis  
too. One evening we had plans with friends/bus  
shows. We would go out for a nice meal to socia  
find a taxi, but there were several limos keeping  
the vehicles off and on in the heat. As a result, th  
course, my sister says, let's go, so we did! The th  
could probably hold at least a dozen people. I wa  
explained to him that it was always an adventur  
than the two of us. Regardless, we headed over  
pulled up, there are two fellows sitting on a ben  
three of us exit the limo and they looked at us as  
We all cracked up laughing. Dan got quite a kick  
climatic in comparison, but what fun. Another si  
Dam. My sister had never been to the damn dan  
center. We did not have a lot of time, but we dec  
center, etc. It was a trip we probably should have  
vertigo. I thought she would be okay as our Dad  
was very wrong.) We went to the concierge to re  
only vehicle available was an extended cab pick  
decided it was not going to be much different th  
proceed. I think that was the first sign we shoul  
out. The road trip to the dam was fine. We get to  
added security. It was not what I remembered a  
visited. The vehicle was checked for explosives v  
etc. The typical queries were answered and we p  
sister has vertigo AND she was driving.) The roa

**Bonnie Dahlgren-Michog**  
02/17/2017

I am so sorry to hear of Dan's passing. I talked on the phone with him prior to this. We did a lot of reminiscing about people we used to work with at HBJ. I believe he is probably sitting with his old boss (Jerry) and they are having a great time laughing together again. My heart goes out to your family Amy at this time, I feel your pain and

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and had virtually no shoulder, if any. I got the impression This was the second sign that this adventure was or what seemed like quite a while to make the trip the while, expletives are emanating from my sister and I are looking at each other not saying much. In the drive the rest of the way and a solo gig might have been such a situation, but she is sound and it to the dam and it was amazing. However, my perspective look over the railing or outside the windows to see took a few pictures over the railing and I thought back down to the highway was not quite as bad, sister a hard time about the colorful expression have to give her credit for her moxie. Dan and I talk memory for all of us. After Dan left the company have dinner and visit him at the house. However talk about music or something silly we saw in the

**Martha Mars**  
02/16/2017

I have wonderful childhood memories of Dan!!!! He lived across the street in Duluth MN

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**Dave Johnson**  
02/16/2017

Here is a tale that grew taller with each re-telling. Dan could see the humor in anything and milk it for decades! This is from the 70's. Dan took his umbrella to work at HBJ. After work he grabbed it on his way to the bus stop. He pushed the open button, but the umbrella malfunctioned. It opened, but the top part shot from the shaft like a missile. It was hilarious. And it got funnier year upon year with Dan's recounting complete with sound effects of the missile launch. I miss Dan. (My brother in spirit).

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Deborah Buchholz

01/14/2017

First, our hearts and prayers go out Amy and her family. Everyone sees the world differently and that is what we mostly remember about Dan as he always had a different take on things. Here are just a few of the things we remember about Dan. He was a great father. We always loved watching our kids grow up together, and back when Erin and our daughter were younger and they were taking karate, Dan decided that he too would get into the act, and take karate. So one day when we went to watch our daughter practice at the karate school, Dan was my favorite of all my friends' dads. Dan was my favorite sensei of humankind and was Dan's specialty. Always making these young (and short) karate students lined up working out and he was Dan's specialty. Always making the middle of the class towering over all of them with his arms outstretched and driving them in the class. Even though this looked kind of funny, we thought this was cool. Dan always taking karate with his daughter. We would occasionally see Dan's love and sushi was with Erin and I would always seem to sneak up and sometimes start eating the salmon rice and he and Erin thinking in my daughter Heather showed him a move she learned from her father and husband, and he always made me feel second. Another memory is when we went to Dan's 60th birthday party. Love we all had such a great time. Dan would sometimes come over and watch action movies with Jack, when Amy & Deborah would go out for a girls night. Dan's unusual sense of humor kept Jack laughing most of those evenings. Our best memory of Dan was that he was a great father and husband, and we never ever heard him complain about anything. Dan tell Elvis hi from us and until we meet again take care. Love Jack, Deborah and family.

Lauren Ogle

01/09/2017

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Penny and Bella Raihill

01/09/2017

Love Penny and Bella

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Beth Douglas

01/09/2017

So I spoke with Amy and she wanted me to post some of the many fond memories that I have of Dan. Some are not appropriate for a wide range of audiences but many are. He had a profound impact on my life and not just because he is my best friend's husband but also my true friend. There are many...the first time I saw him do his Elvis impression at some dive in Houston during karaoke,,,frigging awesome. The time I thought if 2 tpls of Phillips M-A-M would help my issues, 4 would be even better. Unfortunately, I was using the guest/Dan's bathroom. He was none too pleased!! The first time I saw the Eagles Live concert on his big screen, blasting and us playing air guitar. Awesome! John Folgerty and issues with our tkts. Again, awesome show but it was a challenge and we hung in there. The time I was at tla... Dan and my Mom, Dad and maybe sister brought pizza and we had a fabulous time while I was getting a perm! The time Erin and I were hanging in their hammock, Erin fell out and Dan had her so bandaged you would have thought she had a huge gash instead of a skinned knee. The time we road tripped to Kemah during August Texas heat. Don't think I have ever been as hot as when we got back into the car to go back home. Still have an awesome coffee with my name on it that Erin bought me. Very special and worth. All the wet willies and flat tires. The also Phillips love he showed to all. He will be sorely missed and was a wonderful husband and friend. My heart is truly breaking...

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Diane Oesterreich

01/08/2017

It was a blessing to know Dan during HARRISON early 1970's. His voice was a true gift from God. the Lord, Himself smile. God gifted Dan with a w proud of them. No doubt Dan's now singing full...  
Dan was a great person and uncle. A lot of my lo through him, and he was always welcoming and always have lots of great memories to look back times when things are looking down. Thank you,  
Ken The ah Phillips Dad and friend. My heart is truly

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Beth Douglas

01/07/2017

Melissa Montgomery

01/07/2017

With Dan's passing, one of the world's brightest lights has left us. I will miss his wry wit and gentle, childlike perspective to help us find the humor in life. Love and prayers for safe passage for one of the funniest men ever.

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Dear Amy, Erin, Vera, Jennie, Ed and all of Dan's and prayers are with you all. Dan lived his life with pleasure and I am so glad to count him as one of memories. I am so sad for the all of our's loss. W

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The band "Harrison" Duluth, MN circa 1970

Dan Faber

01/06/2017

Dan, you were a good friend. And an outstanding lead singer in the bands Purple Passion, EBA and Harrison. I will never forget the wonderful times we had in college and beyond. I'm sure there is an opening for a lead singer in heaven.

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Dan with band "Harrison" Duluth, MN circa 1970

Dan Faber

01/06/2017

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There are no words to express how much WE will miss you. WE will miss you Love  
Dialysis

Patricia Canty  
01/06/2017

Dear Amy and Erin, You know our hearts go out to you both. We loved Dan, and so very much enjoyed seeing the wonderful pictures you've placed in the photo gallery. There was no one quite like him! Our thoughts and prayers are with you. May God hold you tenderly in his hands and wipe away your tears, comforting you with wonderful memories. Your family is blessed for having had Dan in your lives. With deepest respect and sympathy, Pat and Tim

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Jeff Rodgers  
01/06/2017

With fond memories of Dan's vibrant, dynamic, and joyful life.  
With love, Jeff Rodgers & Vivian Taylor

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Traci Weaver  
01/06/2017

Oh Dan, how you WILL be missed! You made me laugh a million times with your silliness! Hugs to Amy and Erin. Bo and I love you very much and will be here for you.

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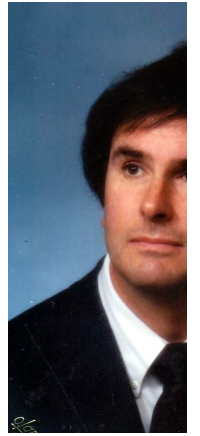
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