



Daniel K. Dawson Jr.

January 18, 1939 - December 2, 2019

Daniel K. Dawson, Jr., 80, Leesburg, FL. Passed away on December 2, 2019 at Leesburg Regional Medical Center surrounded by his loving family. Daniel was born on January 18, 1939 in Paterson, New Jersey to his parents Daniel K. Dawson, Sr. and Helen (Rizzuto) Dawson. He was a graduate of Pope Pius High School, class of 1956 and was a graduate of Fairleigh Dickinson University with a BS cum laude in Physics and an MS in Physics and did graduate work at FDU an honors research fellow in Infrared Spectroscopy. He was the AP calculus teacher at Paramus Catholic High School from 1975 until his retirement in 2004 and the math department chairperson for most of those years. He and his wife Elaine moved to Legacy in Leesburg 15 years ago from Elmwood Park, New Jersey. He was an active member in the following groups at Legacy, the T & T Committee, the Theatre group as well as running channel 16. He is survived by his loving wife of 58 years: Elaine Dawson of Leesburg, FL; a son: David K. Dawson of Leesburg, FL and his two feline companions "Muffin" and "Marnie". The family has requested donations be made to Forward Paths, PO Box 492109, Leesburg, FL 34747 to assist in their efforts to help homeless youths and those aging out of foster care. Online condolences may be shared by visiting www.pagetheus.com. Arrangements are entrusted to Page-Theus Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Leesburg.

Events

DEC **No Local Services as per the family** 12:00PM

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Page-Theus Funeral Home and Cremation Services
914 West Main Street, Leesburg, FL, US, 34748

Comments



“ Mr Dawson was our Cal and pre-cal teacher until I graduated in '84. He used to have a big moustache and hair that made him look like Einstein. But he wore jeans and was a humble and cool teacher. I appreciate Mr Dawson's dedication, which laid a great foundation for my college and science career. Best wishes to the family.

Rich Fletcher - December 22, 2019 at 01:33 AM



“ Dan was truly a kind and admirable man. I really enjoyed working with him, and had the utmost respect for all he did as an educator, and as a mentor. I could not say enough about how much his student's loved and learned from him in as well; he really left a wonderful impact on all. Knowing Dan was a blessing.

Barbara Soltis - December 05, 2019 at 10:04 PM



“ So sad...

Danny 'Derivative' Dawson.

He left such an indelible mark on so many of us. Thanks for preparing me for engineering and the subsequent life it afforded myself and my family.

God Bless Mr. Dawson and may perpetual light shine upon you.

joe monahan - December 05, 2019 at 06:43 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Mr. Dawson's passing. I was privileged to have him as my Pre-Cal and Calculus teacher my Junior and Senior year at PC. He was an incredible teacher who made learning fun, and always made time for his students. He will be missed. Thoughts and prayers to his family at this difficult time. - Tom Shaw, PCHS Class of '86

Tom Shaw - December 05, 2019 at 03:31 PM



“ Dan was a wonderful, brilliant man. His behind-the-scenes work at Legacy of Leesburg community will be missed by all. He worked selflessly on the T&T committee, worked tirelessly on our community TV channels, and even calculated the volume of our complex pool. His one exposure" to the stage for a fundraiser was riveting. He was a fantastic neighbor!

Bill & Elaine Leach

Bill & Elaine Leach - December 05, 2019 at 10:32 AM



“ Dan was a special guy... talented, humble, witty and a generous contributor of his time and talent. For more than a decade, he was the principal man behind the curtain in operating our Community television channel... first channel 7 followed by 16... providing creative layouts and graphics for all community announcements, accompanied by enjoyable music background.

A special memory that long time veterans of Legacy will always remember... the ONE time, to my knowledge, that Dan stepped out of his otherwise customary shy character and provided a surprising... and revealing... performance in a community transvestite show/contest that wound up being the winning performance!

Condolences to Elaine & the family... may peace be with you.

Ed D

Edward DiGiovanni - December 05, 2019 at 08:21 AM



“ So sorry to hear of “Mr. Dawson’s” passing, but happy to say I had the privilege to be one of his students. As a teenager, you sometimes think all teachers are supposed to care for their students as he did. Only as an adult can I truly appreciate how special it was to have a teacher as enthusiastic, generous of his time and who truly loved teaching. Thanks again, Mr. D.

- Chris Thomas (PCHS Class of '86)

Christopher Thomas - December 05, 2019 at 01:15 AM



“ He was my calculus teacher. He was amazing. I have referenced him many, many times in my work. I vividly remember him demonstrating the concept of limits..by walking halfway across the room. Then again. And again. What a loss

Bob Sullivan - December 04, 2019 at 06:39 PM



“ Dan was a true friend. He was always available for help or just to talk. He gave me his calculus notes at his retirement. What a treasure trove!
Rest In Peace
George Leopardi

George Leopardi - December 04, 2019 at 04:08 PM



“ Dan was a special person. His friendship and advice were invaluable to me as a professional and especially as a friend.. Dan was “ our fearless leader” for many years at PC. I am sure he is with Bob Burchell having fun discussing some convoluted math word problem.
God speed
Gerry McHale

gerry mchale - December 04, 2019 at 12:25 PM



“ The words "Thank You" will never be enough to capture my gratitude. Mr. Dawson inspired a lifelong love of Mathematics and the beauty that it can create. Today, I teach the subject that he loved to my students, hoping to convey some of the joy that he did.

Jennifer Kolb - December 04, 2019 at 11:35 AM



“ I am sorry to hear of Dan's passing. I was his vice principal at Paramus Catholic for two years. I remember him as a great teacher, quiet person, and a true gentleman. May he rest in peace.



NEIL FINNEGAN - December 04, 2019 at 10:50 AM



“ So sorry Elaine. Dan was a great mentor during his years at PC with me. He was always there for his teachers supporting and encouraging us. I have missed him greatly since he left PC. He was truly a great man and an awesome educator!

Lynn Raimo

Lynn Raimo - December 04, 2019 at 09:59 AM



“ He was truly one of a kind. Elaine, I am so very sorry for you and David.

Diane Marino - December 04, 2019 at 09:28 AM



“ Such a loss. Rest in peace Danny. You will always be missed and remembered. Elaine and David, so sorry for your loss. Love, your cousin Cynthia Gibson



Cynthia Gibson - December 04, 2019 at 09:15 AM



“ I learned more in his class than any other I can remember. Thank you Mr. Dawson. Vinny Favaro class of 82'

Vincent Favaro - December 04, 2019 at 08:43 PM



“ It is truly overwhelming to see the comments about Dan, here and on Facebook. Especially those from former students and colleagues. He truly loved teaching and his students and I'm so grateful for all the years he was happy in his chosen profession.

Elaine - December 05, 2019 at 06:39 AM