



Daniel E Sholders

August 22, 1959 - December 20, 2021

Daniel Edward Sholders, 62, passed away peacefully on December 20, 2021 after recently discovering he had cancer and following a lengthy series of illnesses, including kidney disease.

Dan was born in Dixon, IL on August 22, 1959. His parents, Don and Kay (Fritts) Sholders moved to Ottawa, IL when he was 7 weeks old, and he has remained a resident of Ottawa ever since. His service as an altar boy at St. Francis Church ignited a passion for the Catholic Church and his strong faith provided the courage he needed during his final hours.

Dan had an excellent memory and would often share his fond memories of spending summers in Dixon on his grandparents' farm feeding the pigs, chasing the chickens, catching lightning bugs and hanging out with his aunts, uncles and cousins. His young-at-heart demeanor made him a bit of a child whisperer and when he became an uncle himself, all Dan's nieces and nephews loved spending time with him coloring, making up stories, watching cartoons or just acting silly. Danny was a very funny guy!

His friendly, good natured personality combined with a razor-sharp wit always made Danny the life of the party and there was always a party! He loved all kinds of people and enjoyed spending time with them whether it be while volunteering at the hospital or out in nature hiking, boating, and fishing on the Illinois River, traveling to a concert or heading to Chicago to support his beloved Cubs and Bears. Dan even had a Cubs rally monkey with him at hospice until the very end!

Dan was preceded in death by his father, Don Sholders, his sister Cindy Sholders, and his grandparents, Howard and Velma Sholders, and Fred and Margaret Fritts.

Survivors include his mother Kay (Neil Coffey), Ottawa, two brothers, Ken Sholders, Los Angeles and Brad (Beth) Sholders, Ottawa, and one sister Beth (Don) Anzelmo of Minooka, IL. He is also survived by three nieces Mandi Miller, Zoe and Nevaeh Sholders, two nephews, Nathan Slover (godson) and Levi Sholders, two great nieces Hannah Miller and Madison Halm and one great nephew, Ian Janke.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday December 28, 2021 at St. Patrick's Church, 612 Highland Ave, Dixon, IL 61021. Viewing will be from 9 am – 11 am followed by a Catholic Mass from 11 am – Noon. Burial will follow at Oakwood Cemetery in Dixon.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to:

Lightways Hospice and Serious Illness Care Center
250 Water Stone Circle
Joliet, IL 60431

Online donation form can be found at www.lightways.org.

Cemetery Details

Oakwood

416 S Dement Ave
Dixon, IL 61021

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **28**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Patrick Catholic Church in Dixon
612 S. Highland Ave.
Dixon, IL 61021
(815) 284-7719
office@stpatrickdixon.comcastbiz.net
<http://www.stpatrickdixon.org>

Service

DEC **28**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Daniel E Sholders

October 08, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ Daniel E Sholders

December 31, 2022 at 02:40 AM



“ Heartfelt condolences to Dan's family and friends! I went to High School with Dan.
I remember his "Big Smile & Ability to Bring Laughter" which always made me feel warm & welcome. I moved away after HS but continue to visit my hometown of Ottawa. I would run into Dan around town over the years and he still greeted me with that same "Big Smile". Always gave me that "welcome home" feeling. Thank you, Danny - the simple things! You will be missed - Gone from sight, but never from heart!

- Dawn Eichelkraut

Dawn - February 05, 2022 at 01:25 PM

TG

“ I would like to pass along my sincerest condolences to Kay, Beth, Brad and Ken. Dan was always a good friend and running mate. So many good times, his dry sense of humor, and infectious laugh. I was honored to have Dan be my Best Man in my wedding in 1992. It was in Hawaii, it was a great time. I don't know how Dan survived the flight home, he had fallen asleep on the beach and got severely sunburned. As often happens in life, we kinda drifted apart. When we would run into each other, it was always like old times. Dan was always a kind soul and will be missed by all who knew him.

Sincerely

Tim Gross

Tim Gross - December 28, 2021 at 09:16 PM

BE

“ Let me offer my sincere condolences to the Sholders family. We all have many fond memories of our times with Danny. His laugh is what comes to my mind instantly when I think of him...who could ever forget that laugh. And he laughed a lot, which made us all laugh...Danny will be greatly missed by all who have known and loved him.

Burr Ettelbrick - December 27, 2021 at 10:46 PM

DH

“ I first met Dan in 7th grade. We shared a knack working the room as class clowns and became acquainted with each other while serving time in detention. No one enjoyed a good joke or a funny story as much as Dan. Thanks to his sense of humor and laid-back manner he seemed to make friends easily. We remained good friends and hung out regularly until after college, when work and so forth got in the way. I'll always remember Dan for the big heart he had for his friends and his love for classic rock bands. He was intelligent and tough when he had to be, but most of all he was a kind soul. May his family and friends cherish his memory.
Dave Hershey

Dave Hershey - December 27, 2021 at 03:01 PM

LF

“ To my dearest cousin Danny. You were the next cousin born in our family, and right behind me in age. We played together as young kids, and laughed until we snorted, as older kids when your family would visit us in Miami on vacation! In spite of the miles, all of us picked up where we left off, whenever we were together. You battled many illnesses, but kept your sense of humor! You were deeply loved and will be even more deeply missed! Have some laughs for us with the rest of the clan, until we all meet again! ❤️🙏😊



Lori Sholders Farmer - December 22, 2021 at 11:11 PM

LB

“ I used to work with Dan, and he was the best co-worker, ever. We had had our share of adventures, and would laugh til our sides hurt. He will be missed by me and many, many others. I made him a special tribute because I knew how much he loved baseball and that he wouldn't want anything to make people feel sad. He was one of a kind.....



Lonna Sue Berton - December 22, 2021 at 07:16 PM

SL

Danny you were my first boyfriend at age 5 and from then on we became great friends and spent many summers playing kick the can and baseball and making haunted houses and just had great fun. Highschool days were filled with mischief and more fun. All the great times spent with your family I will cherish forever and you will be missed but I will hold a special place in my heart for you, my friend.

Sue Lyle - December 23, 2021 at 07:00 PM

MO

“ I worked with Dan for many years. He was a funny and kind person. He will be missed.
Melody O'Neill

Melody O'Neill - December 22, 2021 at 06:04 PM

JG

“ Danny was fun to hang out with and always good for a laugh or two; my condolences to his family. RIP Danny...

James Guynn - December 22, 2021 at 01:42 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Daniel E Sholders.



December 22, 2021 at 11:42 AM