



Thomas Leo Danler

August 11, 1947 - March 5, 2014

Thomas L. "Rocky" Danler age 66 of Dixon, died Wednesday March 5, 2014 at CGH Medical Center in Sterling. He was born Aug. 11, 1947 in Hutchinson, Kansas the son of Lawrence and Alma (Lynch) Danler. He had worked at the Jack Mabley Center in Dixon for 35 years prior to his retirement.

He was a member of St Anne Catholic Church where he had served as a lector. He was also a member of the Dixon Knights of Columbus Council 690 and the Fr. Boland Assembly of the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus. He was a former member of the Dixon Evening Lions Club Tom enjoyed playing his saxophone at the Dixon Senior Center.

He married Darlene Zimmerer February 4, 1978 in Dubuque, IA.

He is survived by his wife, 1 son Matthew (Holly) Danler of Eldridge, IA, 1 granddaughter Audrey Danler, 2 brothers Michael (Kuniko) Danler of California, Bob Danler of Kansas, 4 sisters Rosemary (Rolland) Martin, Martha (Larry) Dostert, Carolyn (Myron) Ewy and Judy (Steve) Dewell all of Kansas.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother Patrick Danler.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Monday March 10, 2014 at 10:30 AM at St Anne Catholic Church in Dixon with the Rev. Antoni Kretowicz, Pastor officiating. Cremation rites will follow. Visitation will be on Monday from 9:30 to 10:30 AM at the church. Memorials have been established to St Anne Catholic Church, Hospice of the Rock River Valley and CGH Health Foundation.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 10. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Anne Catholic Church
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Dixon, IL 61021
(815) 288-3131
http://www.stanneschooldixon.org/st_anne_parish.htm

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas Leo Danler*

October 08, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *Thomas Leo Danler*

December 31, 2022 at 02:40 AM



“ *I am thinking of ALL of you! What a precious gift Tom sounds to be! I am Steve and Judy Dewell's niece from Fowler,KS, living in Bucklin, KS. Prayers to Tom and each of you! ((((((HUGS)))))) Jennifer (Zimmerman) Lindsay, Kraig, Jaron & Karter*

Jennifer Zimmerman Lindsay - March 11, 2014 at 10:14 AM



“ *Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Thomas Leo Danler.*



March 09, 2014 at 10:59 PM



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March 09, 2014 at 10:58 PM

TA

“ Rocky made a wonderful impression on all who encountered him. He will be missed by many. We remember the fun we had helping you move from your house near the Brandy Wine. Our kids were so young then. Please know that we are praying for you in this time of sadness.
Michael, Theresa Allen and Family



Theresa Allen - March 09, 2014 at 06:29 PM

JF

“ We have fond memories of Tom. We often referred to him by his nickname Rocky. We were fellow workers at the Dixon state school. We can remember many musical moments with Tom playing tunes on his saxophone. There were those times when he served as A Lector at St. Anne's church and gave dramatic readings of the scripture. We extend our deepest sympathy to the Danler family.
Jim and Mary Ann Ferolo

Jim Ferolo - March 08, 2014 at 05:31 PM



“ Quiet Expressions was purchased for the family of Thomas Leo Danler.



March 08, 2014 at 04:09 PM

MJ

“ Mike, Rosemary, Martha, Carolyn, Bob and Judy purchased the Heavenly Light for the family of Thomas Leo Danler.



Mike, Rosemary, Martha, Carolyn, Bob and Judy - March 08, 2014 at 12:08 AM

JD

“ Tom came to visit my son's school a few years ago and first we stopped by the office to talk to the principal. I introduced Tom to the principal and told her that he is my oldest brother and would like to share with the students his leader dog as well as talk to them about people with disabilities. The principal was very inspired and turned to Tom, loudening and slowing her speech down from normal rate, and gave us her approval to talk to the students. When she left, I turned to Tom and said, "You're blind, not deaf." Tom's reply was, "Judy, I get that all the time."

Judy Dewell - March 07, 2014 at 08:41 AM

JD

“ I am Tom's baby sister. When Tom was in high school and training for the wrestling team, he would come home for breaks and need to exercise for his training. He would put me on his shoulders and run around the block. We had to stop the training though because Mom thought he might fall with me on his shoulders. -Judy

Judy Dewell - March 07, 2014 at 08:33 AM



“ To let all of you know that I'm thinking of you. Darlene, though I never met you, my dad, Bernard Danler, had visited your family and always commented on what a wonderful family Tom had.



Thoughts and prayers to all of you, Mary Danler Mourning

Mary Mourning - March 06, 2014 at 04:02 PM

RM

I use to work with Rocky back in the 70's at the Dixon Development Center. We had a group of Recreation people who did a lot of great positive programming for the residents there. Rocky was one of us who worked hard but played hard too. I have a lot of good memories of him that would take too much to write about at this time. I feel fortunate to have known him and am thinking of all those loved ones who will miss him dearly.

Ron Miller

Ron Miller - March 08, 2014 at 07:32 AM

MM

I have just now learned of Rocky's death. Tom was a classmate of mine at Benedictine College, and to say that he was a smart, funny, and loyal friend in those years is very inadequate praise. I could always count on Rocky for a unique perspective and wise advice. Rest in Peace, old friend.

Mike Matthews - January 27, 2015 at 10:14 AM