



Daniel Richard VanAcker

October 25, 1968 - November 1, 2020

Age 52.

Beloved husband of Dawne.

Loving stepfather of Robert Joseph Loud III and Chayla Loud.

Cherished son of Christine and the late Richard, Sr.

Dearest brother of Tommy (Robin), Ricky (Lisa), Bobby (Kim) and Laurie (Jason) Soriano.

Dear son in law of Daniel Ketz.

Dear brother in law of Michelle (Brian) Genaw.

Adored uncle of Justin, Danielle, Trevor, Jaeden, Annalise, Marissa, Morgan, Nolan, Kendall, Vanessa and Reagan.

Dearest pet parent to adorable puppies Sasha and Casey.

Daniel enjoyed boating and various sports.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

18201 Clinton River Rd
Clinton Township, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 4. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Mandziuk & Son Funeral Directors, Inc. - Sterling Heights
3801 18 Mile Road
Sterling Heights, MI 48314
(586) 997-3838

Instate

NOV 5. 9:30 AM (ET)

St. Jane Frances deChantal Catholic Church
38750 Ryan Rd
Sterling Heights, MI

Mass of the Christian Burial

NOV 5. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Daniel Richard VanAcker*

October 23, 2023 at 04:00 AM



“ *Daniel Richard VanAcker*

January 06, 2023 at 05:24 AM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Daniel Ketz - November 06, 2020 at 11:44 AM

“ John 13.3 ...He had come from God and was returning to God.

John 13.33 My children, I will be with you only a little while longer. You will look for me, and as I told the Jews, 'Where I go you cannot come,' so now I say it to you.

John 13.34 I give you a new commandment: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another.

And so they did, Danny and Dawne

Seemingly that's how Danny was wired because he didn't just win my daughter Dawne's heart; in time he won my admiration for the man that he clearly was and which demonstratively showed in how he treated her. With the passage of time Danny turned out to be like a son rather than just the son-in-law he became after he won my daughters heart and hand as he showered her with as pure a love as I've ever witnessed. Isn't that what every father wants for their daughters—a man of character with high morals who will love, cherish, and treat their daughter with courtesy and respect. That's the kind of man he was.

That was Dan and their love for one another seemed to continually grow during the 7+ years they were together. At times they almost seemed consumed by one another; so much so that they would marry twice. Once just for themselves and then again in the Catholic church to demonstrate their commitment to one another witnessed by God and everyone else. Covid-19 would cheat them out of going on their long planned and anticipated honeymoon in Las Vegas.

In doing so Danny became the love of my Dawne's life as well as beloved member of our family. When she spoke of him or when he just walked into a room her face would light up, which I initially thought was just the suns radiant glow reflecting off all that bling he was always sporting. Quirky, unusual, yes but pure of heart and soul and alas the man that gave Dawne her glow. So, it didn't take long

for me to realize that it wasn't just the sun's reflection from all his jewelry.

Danny was a hard worker as I witnessed the many times, he would cut my grass for me. And no matter what the job was, he always gave it his best. Adjectives such as thorough, particular, meticulous, scrupulous best describe Danny who was in many aspects a perfectionist as his desired outcome was always top notch. He knew that the quality of his work also spoke tons about his work ethic and the caliber of the man. Dan made me proud just to know him let alone to have him as a son-in-law and who I later came to think of as the son I never had.

Danny gave me some of the funniest lifetime memories that I'll never forget. Like the time he and Dawne bought that damn new Jet-boat that neither of them knew how to drive! And then they decided to just drive it like a car down the lake from Algonac to my waterfront home where dockage awaited out back in our canal system. Only problem was that it would be a windy rough water day, so when they got there both floated around out front of my house, yelling and begging me to jump in the freezing cold water and swim out and board the boat, despite my being fully dressed, so I could drive the boat into the canal system's entrance for them. And, despite my hollered instructions neither of you could muster the courage or figure out how to safely navigate and just drive the boat into the entrance to my canal system. In the end one of my neighbors jumped in practically swimming out to get on and show them how to drive a jet boat without crashing into the seawall channel.

Danny, will most assuredly be missed by all until we to are reunited with GOD.

John 13.35 This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Love,

Daniel S Ketz (Arlene Wetzel)
Father-In-Law

Daniel Ketz - November 06, 2020 at 11:42 AM

RN

“ *Dan , tuff as nails , thanks for helping me with all that heavy lifting in the warehouse. Love Ya Man / Roy*

roy neveau - November 04, 2020 at 09:42 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Daniel Richard VanAcker.*



November 04, 2020 at 12:47 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Daniel Richard VanAcker.*



November 04, 2020 at 12:17 PM

KF

“ *Keenen & Cicely Fields purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Daniel Richard VanAcker.*



Keenen & Cicely Fields - November 04, 2020 at 11:40 AM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Daniel Richard VanAcker.*



November 04, 2020 at 04:57 AM



“ *Brian&Michelle Genaw lit a candle in memory of Daniel Richard VanAcker*



Brian&Michelle Genaw - November 03, 2020 at 09:27 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Daniel Richard VanAcker.*



November 03, 2020 at 06:50 PM



“ *Danny taught me how to professionally landscape. He was a kind friend to me as we were neighbors over 24 years. I was honored to call him my friend.*
Kelly Lale



Kelly Lale - November 03, 2020 at 05:00 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Daniel Richard VanAcker.*



November 03, 2020 at 04:44 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Daniel Richard VanAcker.*



November 03, 2020 at 04:31 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Daniel Richard VanAcker.*



November 03, 2020 at 04:09 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Daniel Richard VanAcker.*



November 03, 2020 at 03:13 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Daniel Richard VanAcker.*



November 03, 2020 at 02:07 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Daniel Richard VanAcker.*



November 03, 2020 at 01:49 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Daniel Richard VanAcker.*



November 02, 2020 at 09:57 PM

SV

“ Brother you know 100 percent what you have meant to me ever since we met decades ago!! So do most people who know us like that. Especially both of our families!!! My best man in 2002. Wouldn't have had it any other way. The funny shit we did and fun times together along with being there throughout the hard times too. Sitting in hospital when pops was in there all night with you to you trying to get through metal detector at beaumont when my sweet grandma was passing. lmao. the security guard finally gave up with all your jewelry. To us losing some of our closest friends together. Always by each other's sides bro. NO MATTER WHAT. Friendships like ours are hard to come by now a days. I will see you on the other side eventually. Until then brother r.i.p. look down on all of us please. I will forever miss you brother and I will always keep dawne close to my heart and look out for her as much as possible. My god did you ever get blessed with her. TRUE GEM. Loving you always in heaven just as I did here on earth. ❤️❤️❤️

Shane vanderham - November 02, 2020 at 07:40 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Daniel Richard VanAcker.



November 02, 2020 at 07:19 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Daniel Richard VanAcker.



November 02, 2020 at 06:22 PM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of *Daniel Richard VanAcker*.



November 02, 2020 at 05:57 PM

MG

“ My heart goes out to his family , mostly my sister Dawne Vanacker , I first met Dan 10 years ago, he came over to my house and I instantly felt comfortable enough with him to give him a hard time , not terribly hard but enough to let him know, I was concerned about my sister being so preoccupied by him , as the days went on , I saw what she had seen , he was such a caring man , full of pride nonetheless ! But he was very much in love with my sister and I could tell by the way they looked at each other and how they treated one another . He took care of her , taught her things and gave her , her own space to grow and be the person she is today . They did everything together just like a loving couple would . I will miss him terribly and will forever keep his memory alive . God took another angel home with him, and I know he wouldn't want to see us sad for him , or fussing over him. Its gonna take some time and alot of praying to heal the hurt that has been placed on our hearts . I have prayed everyday for God to heal him, asking for a miracle ,and he was just too weak to fight back. Your the best brother(inlaw) I've had and I loved you so much and cared about you alot, your a legend in my eyes. Until we meet again Dan Vanacker , please watch over my sister and comfort her with your love. I promised you that I would take care of her and not let anything happen to her , I will keep my promise ! Fly high with the angels , my heart is sad that you had to leave us so soon, but yet I'm glad your finally at peace ... ❤️

Much love to you always,

Your sis,

Michelle Genaw & Brother Brian Genaw 🙏❤️🙏

Michelle Genaw - November 02, 2020 at 04:51 PM