



Dan Kalbach

December 27, 1939 - November 10, 2021

Dan Kalbach, 81, of Oskaloosa, passed away at the Pella Regional Health Center on Wednesday, November 10, 2021.

Daniel Warren Kalbach, son of Huber "Dusty" and Margaret "Peg" Susan (Cunningham) Kalbach, was born December 27, 1939, in Upland, California. He grew up in Alta Loma, CA, and graduated from Upland High School in 1958. He furthered his education at Chaffey College in Rancho Cucamonga, CA, where he studied Engineering Graphics and then attended Cal-Poly State University. On June 18, 1964, Dan entered the U.S. Navy and served in Vietnam for almost 14 months before his discharge on December 16, 1966. The Kalbach family had owned a lumber yard in Oskaloosa since 1864, and Dan had spent many summers with family there. In 1967, he moved to Oskaloosa to operate the family business. He ran the business for many years and then owned and operated ACE Hardware Store. Dan never lost his love of engineering, and when he closed the store, he started working for S&K Racing, a company that produced devices and vehicles for remote control racing. Dan later held several positions with the City of Oskaloosa, including working with the street department and concluding as a building inspector. Dan married Jean Glendening on June 8, 1972, in Oskaloosa. They lived for many years in the Kalbach home at the corner of A Ave. and North 7th ST. Before moving their family to another Kalbach property in Rochester overlooking the Des Moines River. Dan was a member of the American Legion and the Masonic Lodge in Oskaloosa. He enjoyed rebuilding fire trucks

for the Oskaloosa Shrine Club to be used in local parades.

Dan loved racing in all forms. He was most proud of "The Winger," a car he built and raced at the Bonneville Salt Flats and El Mirage Dry Lakes. In the course of his racing career, he set six land speed records. His fastest record was 163 mph in 1985. Dan passed on his love of building and racing cars to his children through Soap Box Derby, taking a car all the way to both the National and World Championships in 1987. And also, to his grandson, Syd through RC car racing. Dan also shared his love of photography, aviation, and archery with his grandchildren. His family and friends will fondly miss and remember him as a "Walking Encyclopedia of Information."

Dan's family includes his wife, Jean of Oskaloosa; his children: Anna Kalbach of Oskaloosa, Susan Kalbach of Milwaukee, WI, Katherine Kalbach (Zack Johnson) of Keota, IA, Jenny Kalbach of Fremont, IA; eight grandchildren: Briana Kalbach, Kaitlin Kalbach, Maura Kalbach, Syd Kalbach, Vivian Johnson, Elaina Johnson, Victoria Kalbach and June Straka.

In addition to his parents, Dan was preceded in death by a brother, Charles Kalbach, and two sisters: Mary Newsom and Sybil Ann Bernard.

Dan's funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, November 13, 2021, at Langkamp Funeral Chapel. The burial will be in Union Mills Cemetery.

Visitation will be held from noon to 6 p.m. on Friday at Langkamp Funeral Chapel. The family requests that all those attending the visitation or funeral please wear masks. Memorial contributions can be made to Trees Forever in Oskaloosa.

Cemetery Details

Union Mills Cemetery

1430-1400 Parkin Ave
New Sharon, IA 50207

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **12**. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Dan Kalbach*

October 05, 2023 at 11:57 PM



“ *Susan you did a great job, and a tough job talking about your dad at the funeral.*

Jean, Dan will always be watching you and the girls, which he loved you all so much.

He was one of the few men I will never forget our times and visits together.

May you all comfort each other, which I know you will.

tom gwilling - November 15, 2021 at 11:25 AM



“ *Dan is someone I will truly miss. He was always open minded about anything. Probably the most creative person I have ever met. My condolences to Jean and the entire family.*

Doug Swim

Doug Swim - November 14, 2021 at 08:20 AM



Sending my deepest condolences. Lived next door to you at Marilyn Wood residence. Baby sat Anne several times.

Marcia Phillips Harris - November 14, 2021 at 06:19 PM



Sending my deepest condolences. Used to baby sit Anne many years ago. Used to be your neighbor.

Marcia Phillips Harris - November 14, 2021 at 06:20 PM

KK

“ 7 files added to the tribute wall



Kat Kalbach - November 14, 2021 at 06:33 AM

TH

“ Jean and family: Very sorry to learn of Dan's passing. Thinking of you all and wishing you peace and comfort now and in the days ahead.

Tom Hay - November 13, 2021 at 12:12 PM

JE

“ 18 files added to the tribute wall



Jenny - November 13, 2021 at 12:14 AM

JE

Many memories to share, here are a few with his family. There are some missing as this all happened so suddenly. I tried to find as many as I could. I love everyone who has shared and come to visit. You have honored my amazing father, he is so deeply missed.

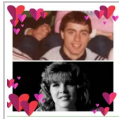
Jenny - November 13, 2021 at 12:17 AM



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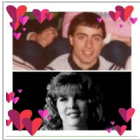


Anna Kalbach - November 12, 2021 at 10:07 PM



My grandma Peg holding my dad, Dan, as a baby. My great grandma holding my Uncle Chuck and Aunt Mary up to the hospital window to see baby Danny when he was hospitalized with pneumonia

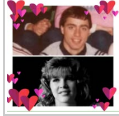
Anna Kalbach - November 12, 2021 at 10:08 PM



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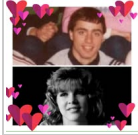


Anna Kalbach - November 12, 2021 at 10:03 PM



My dad, Dan, when he enlisted in the Navy. My grandma Peg and my dad sitting together at the ranch in Alta Loma, California. My dad in high school. My dad and his grandpa Warren in the driveway of the ranch in Alta Loma, California. My Aunt Mary, Uncle Chuck and my dad on the back porch steps at the ranch in Alta Loma, California.

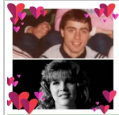
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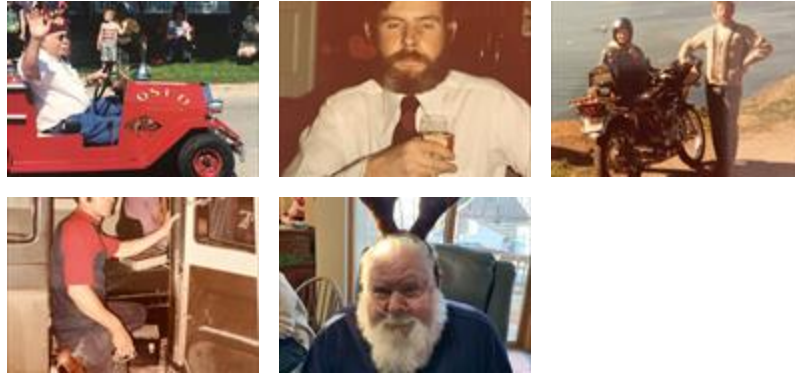


Dad and Jenny, Susan and Jenny on New Years Eve 🎉. Dad with me, Anna. Dad on the ship serving in the Navy.

Anna Kalbach - November 12, 2021 at 10:14 PM

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kat kalbach - November 12, 2021 at 09:48 PM



“ Jean, you have had a rocky road to travel but I hope when things calm down that you will call me and we get together for coffee. I still remember the basketball practices. and you and I was always pent against each other but in the games we were close. Prayers for you dear friend and I wish for you sunshine.

Marylee Vogt - November 12, 2021 at 07:56 PM

JV

“ I knew Dan from our days of Enduro motorcycle racing. Spent a lot of time together in planning and preparation to go. Some of my fondest times were traveling and racing across the Midwest with Dan. If I could remember 10% of what he told me I could go on Jeopardy! My sincerest sympathies as I know he will be greatly missed by family and friends. Jim “Beek” vanderBeek

jim VanderBeek - November 12, 2021 at 05:10 PM

DC

“ Dan & Dick had been very good friends for many years. Dick painted “ The Winger car that Dan set 6 land speed record at the Bonneville Salt Flats. Dick always said what a brilliant man Dan was. He was a giving person who always brought us back a bag of Pecans when he visited California. Jean & Family we are so Deeply Sorry for your loss!



Diana Crook - November 12, 2021 at 03:41 PM

MS

“ Jean and family, I knew Dan a little before I started working for the city but when I really got to know him ... lookout ! LOL What a great great man ! I would just sit down at break and soak in everything he would tell me or the guys and sometimes would wonder is this guy messing with me or is he that smart. LOL I was explaining at break one day that me and Alex had seen these two birds on North 4th while we were working ... He blurts out those are Goonie Birds ! I was like what ? He said when they land the roll they do not land on their feet ! The nice version of my response was Kubbie you are full of it ! He laughed and said well then believe what you want . I went home and googled Goonie bird and I sat back laughed ... because he was 100% correct ! I walked into work the next day and said Kubbie have you seen the tv show Cheers ... he laughed and said yes ... I said you are like the character Cliff Clavin ... He was laughing so hard and he said why is that ... I said well like Cliff you both say such off the wall random stuff that you think can't be true but it turns out it is true and I say to myself Dan ... as he is still laughing YOU ARE MORE FULL OF USELESS INFORMATION THAN ANY MAN I KNOW ! He gets up and walks by while in tears laughing pats me on the back and says ... I take it you looked up Goonie birds and said THAT BLANKING KUBBIE WAS RIGHT ! I am so sorry for your loss . I will cherish every Kubbieism I was exposed to and I am grateful for his friendship. My thoughts and prayers are with you all ! Rest Easy Kubbie !

Matt Saville - November 12, 2021 at 12:23 PM

JE

Thank you for that story.

Jenny - November 12, 2021 at 02:42 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dan Kalbach.*



November 12, 2021 at 12:12 PM



“ *Jean ,,so sorry for your loss..He will be missed!!* 🙏🙏🙏🥲🥲💖

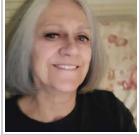
Shirley Hunt - November 11, 2021 at 10:21 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dan Kalbach.*



November 11, 2021 at 08:16 PM



“ My condolences to all of Dan's family, friends and loved ones. Dan has been a friend for decades. I hope you family members find time in the future to look at my Facebook page and see all the comments from those who followed Dan's posts. He had the gift of making any stranger he met feel as if they were good friends. Dan made even the most diametrically opposed participants in a political conversation feel as if it were all just light and friendly banter. A conversation in a room full of hardcore Trump fans and diehard Bernie fans never got heated and no one ever left mad. Who can do that? He respected everyone's opinion. His FB posts were something special. If you didn't learn something about aviation, motors, planes, cars, engines, history, the solar system, politics, or quantum physics and more, you weren't paying attention. He had an incredible sense of history, ancestry, his family roots and the roots of this community to which the Kalbach's contributed greatly. His mind was a rich repository of the past. He was special. An enigma. He was loved, admired, respected by all who knew him. A life worth living. He will be sorely missed.

Carole Kelderman - November 11, 2021 at 07:52 PM

JS

“ Dan was the friendliest and most interesting man to know. So informed and insightful. I was so glad to have some great chats with him online. He had some wonderful memories of my family and humorous stories to tell. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and close friends.

- Jon Stout

Jon Stout - November 11, 2021 at 07:37 PM

MS

“ Jean and family I am so so sorry❤️ Just was thinking of you the other day!! Dan was such a good guy and so talented. He touched so many lives in all he did!! Love and prayers❤️



Mary Sandholdt - November 11, 2021 at 05:11 PM

JV

Jim Vander Beek. I knew Dan in our days of enduro motorcycle racing. Spent a lot of time doing that and preparing our motorcycles. Some of my fondness memories are of traveling and doing that with him. You have my sympathies as he will be missed.

jim VanderBeek - November 12, 2021 at 02:29 PM

JV

I knew Dan from our time enduro racing motorcycles. Spent lots of time preparing planning and getting things ready to go. Some of my fondest times were traveling and racing with him. You have my sincere sympathies as I know he will be really missed.

jim VanderBeek - November 12, 2021 at 02:32 PM

SH

Jean and family, I've known Dan forever, they George and Bobbie. He was a great guy, and a great friend. Rest in peace, Dan. I'm sure you're up there with George, debating something!💜

Sandy Hildebrand - November 12, 2021 at 10:48 PM