



Dan Eugene Deaner

May 26, 1947 - January 10, 2019

Dan Eugene Deaner, 71, of Wibaux, Montana, was called home to be with our Lord Jesus Christ on January 10, 2019. He died peacefully at home from complications of diabetes. A Memorial Service will be held at 11:00 AM of Friday, January 18, 2019 at the Wibaux Bible Church in Wibaux with James Miller officiating. Silha Funeral Home of Wibaux has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Dan was born May 26, 1947, in Stillwater, Minnesota to Merlin and Wanda (Hall)Deaner. In his childhood and early teen years, Dan's life goal was to move to Alaska and become a hermit. His plans were changed in February 1963, when he met Martha Wakeland at a sledding party hosted by McKinleyville Baptist Church in California. They began dating, and the rest is history.

Dan and Martha were married September 7, 1968 and were blessed to celebrate their 50th anniversary last fall. Their marriage was richly blessed with the addition of three beautiful children: Shannon, Jeffrey, and Rebecca.

Dan served in the United States Coast Guard Reserves during the Vietnam War era, stationed in Alameda, CA and was honorably discharged. He attended Humboldt State College in Arcata, CA and was a graduate of College of the Redwoods in Eureka, CA. Dan's career of law enforcement began in 1972 as a Humboldt County Sheriff's deputy in Eureka, CA. He seized an opportunity to move to Alaska in 1973 and was employed as an officer for Wrangell Police Department on Wrangell Island. He later transferred to the Alaska State Troopers, stationed in Anchorage and Juneau, and subsequently moved within the department to Fish & Wildlife Protection.

In 1978, he relocated his family to Redding, CA and taught at Grace Baptist Schools for seven years. He returned to law enforcement as a Tehama County Sheriff's deputy in Red Bluff where he worked until an on-the-job injury ended this career. He then pursued taxidermy, attending school in Missoula, MT. He fell in love with Montana and settled his family in Wibaux, where he set up his business, High Plains Taxidermy.

Dan's free time passions were gardening and hunting, especially waterfowl. He especially enjoyed sharing his produce, apples, and home-pressed cider. As an expert bird carver and taxidermist, his mounts and carvings are displayed by clientele from coast to coast throughout the United States.

Dan accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Savior at Bible camp when he was 10 years old. He loved the Lord all his life and was a staunch financial supporter of many ministries and missionaries throughout the world, including his daughter's family in Alaska. He preferred tithing to missionaries to buying a new pair of shoes for himself.

Dan is survived by his wife, Martha of Wibaux; his children, Shannon (James) Miller of Fairbanks, Alaska, Jeffrey (Semra) Deaner of Juneau, Alaska and Rebecca (Tom) Billman of Helena, Montana; his grandchildren, Dani, Rachel, Christa, Jared and Timothy Miller, Patrick, Dustin, Isaac and Chloe Billman and Caitlyn, Shelby, Sydney and Olivia Deaner and his sisters, Jamie (Dave) Watts and Jacque (Rocky) Bemis of Redding, CA.

Dan was preceded in death by his parents and one grandson, Logan Billman.

Burial will be on the Miller homeplace in Alaska. Memorial contributions may be made to Christian Worship Hour, PO Box 2002, Aberdeen, SD 57402 / ChristianWorshipHour.com. Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at www.silhafuneralhomes.com

Comments



“ Martha, we were so sorry to hear of Dan's passing. We have so many special memories of him from when you were at First Baptist. The most significant ones were of our wedding day when Dan took the pictures for us. We always think of him when we look at them or watch our wedding video because he is in it. Some other special memories of that day are when he loaned Ernie his tie tack because Ernie needed one, and he also loaned Ernie his pocket knife to cut the saran wrap that was used to decorate our car so that we could get in it when it was time to leave. We will be praying that God will be very near to you and give you comfort in the days ahead, as we know from experience how hard losing a loved one can be. It makes it easier knowing that we will see them again and that they are in a much better place.

Ernie, Rachel & Tommy Melum - January 22, 2019 at 08:35 PM



“ We are praying for you in this time, Martha. We still have the mule deer mount that Dan made for us.

Many Blessings,
Pastor Larry and Ruth Windle

Larry Windle - January 22, 2019 at 08:29 AM



“ Kosher Tower of Treats was purchased for the family of Dan Eugene Deaner.



January 19, 2019 at 01:07 PM



“ My condolences to Dan's children and lovely wife Martha. It's been several years since I've had the privilege to visit with Dan and Martha. I have many fond memories of when you two would come to Beach and grab a bite to eat at La Playa... I so enjoyed your visits and many warm hearted conversations.
May the Lord bring you all comfort and peace during this difficult time. Until we meet again...
Michele Biellier

Michele Biellier - January 17, 2019 at 05:41 PM



“ I have great memories of Mr. Deaner at Liberty Christian High in Redding. He was a great teacher and teller of Alaskan Bear Stories. We all learned that you don't mess with momma bears. He was a great guy who enjoyed teaching and was a blessing to all of us.

Jeff Whalen - January 17, 2019 at 10:26 AM



“ Martha, we were so saddened to hear of Dan's passing. I have so many great memories of both of you at First Baptist. We had some of the best times in choir, and I really miss that. You and your family are very much in our thoughts and prayers
David and Sarah Waterland

Sarah Waterland - January 17, 2019 at 09:33 AM



“ I/we are saddened as well about the passing of brother Dan. He was such a friend to me after the passing of my Dad. All the good times hunting... Everything I know about bird hunting. He was there for us at our wedding as our photographer and helped us to capture those wonderful memories. All the memories sitting beside him in the choir and his wonderful sense of humor “do we know this one?”. Brother Dan, we will see you again, up there! We pray God's comfort and blessing for all of the Deaner Family.



Michael & Amber Kalbach Family - January 17, 2019 at 08:25 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dan Eugene Deaner.



January 16, 2019 at 02:33 PM



“ I am very sorry to hear of Mr Deaner's passing. He was one of the best teachers I had in school. He taught my biology class at Liberty Christian High School and definitely made a huge impact in my life. His bird carvings were so extremely detailed that you expected them to jump up and fly away at any second. So glad God put him in my life! He was truly a great Man! David Crockett Wasilla, Alaska

David Crockett - January 16, 2019 at 11:35 AM



“ We are saddened to hear of the passing of brother Dan, during our time in Baker MT, some of our treasured moments were knowing Dan and Martha, sharing a meal at the Deaners or having fellowship at Calvary Baptist, Bill and Dan shared of love of hunting and their times together are talked about often. Martha are prayers are with you and your family.

But remember one day we will see brother Dan again well and rejoicing,,
Love and prayers Bill and Brenda Collins. Morgantown Wv

Bill and Brenda Collins - January 15, 2019 at 10:58 PM



“ To the Deaner family, I just wanted you to know we are thinking of you and remembering you in our thought and prayers. With Love, Marguerite Sommerfeld

Marguerite Sommerfeld - January 15, 2019 at 03:59 PM



“ Deaner family, Condolences from one of the guys that had the privilege of knowing Dan through years of hunting. Or really, just trying to keep up with him hiking the Montana countryside. We knew him as a hardworking, knowledgeable and dedicated hunter, but also a generous, honest, Christian man. I am better for having known him, Dan will be missed.

Bill Philipp - January 15, 2019 at 11:54 AM



“ awe martha im so very sorry about this. God has blessed you beyond belief with your memories and family.. im thinking of you sweetie and my heart goes out to you...love you



anne jorgensen - January 15, 2019 at 06:02 AM



“ I'm praying for you all. So glad he knows our Savior.

Julia - January 15, 2019 at 06:08 PM



“ Martha, I am seeing that you lost your husband. I am so sorry. My prayers for your days ahead.

Pauline White - January 16, 2019 at 09:05 PM



“ Anne Jorgensen lit a candle in memory of Dan Eugene Deaner



anne jorgensen - January 15, 2019 at 05:57 AM



“ Ellene Grace lit a candle in memory of Dan Eugene Deaner



Ellene Grace - January 14, 2019 at 07:40 PM



“ I am going to miss my 'lil bro', but we will be together for eternity in GODs Glorious Heaven soon! We had such a great upbringing and wonderful life as kids growing up...we 3 bratty kids and parents who loved us and raised us all to believe in our Heavenly Father. I thank GOD every day for being raised in a loving Christian home! See you soon Lil Bro!

Jamie Watts - January 14, 2019 at 04:58 PM



“ I miss you sooo much Big Brother. I'm so thankful for the years we got to share while growing up. You were always "the great hunter". Trying to picture what you must be seeing right now and what your reunion with our parents must be like. Hope to find out soon. What a glorious promise from our Lord! Love you my family and my heart is with you! Maranatha!

Jacque Bemis - January 15, 2019 at 02:35 PM



“ Martha I so sorry for the loss of your husband Dan. I know how hard it is. My heart goes out to you.

Gordon Skaggs - January 16, 2019 at 09:22 PM