



Daniel M. Davies

November 15, 1941 - July 14, 2012

Daniel M. "Dan" Davies, 70, of Wapakoneta, died 6:29 p.m., Sat. July 14, 2012, at Lima Memorial Health System Emergency Room. He was born Nov. 15, 1941, in Superior, WI, the son of Philip & Berta (Marks) Davies, who preceded him in death. On July 15, 1978, he married Beverly J. Hawkins, and she survives. Other survivors include, 5 daughters, Jo Anne Davies, Gahanna, OH, Elise (Julius) Heil, Gladstone, NJ, Sarah Davies, Antioch, CA, Paula Davies & fiancée Tom Berg, Wasilla, AK, Danika (Matthew) Smith, Indianapolis, IN, 3 grandchildren, Julius Timothy Heil, Alaina Heil, & Levi Daniel Smith, 2 brothers, David (Jo Anne) Davies, Plainwell, MI, Richard (Janice) Davies, Sheboygan, WI. He was preceded in death by 2 brothers, John & Robert Davies. Dan retired in 2000, after over 40 years as a math teacher. He taught in Walkerton & Bloomington, IN, Versailles, Sidney, and Wapakoneta Schools. He then taught at Apollo JVS, and UNOH. He started a very successful wrestling program at Versailles School, coached wrestling and football at Sidney High School, and coached wrestling at Wapakoneta City Schools. He, along with Gale Miller, started the Wapakoneta Kids Wrestling Program. He had dedicated his life to God, and was a founding and active member of Harvest Baptist Church, Wapakoneta. An avid golfer, he was a former member of the Wapakoneta Country Club. His other hobbies included camping, traveling with his family, and hunting in Alaska with his daughter. He was a graduate of Sheboygan High School, Indiana State University, and received a master's degree from the University of Dayton. Funeral services

will be 10:00 a.m., Sat. July 21, 2012, at Harvest Baptist Church, Wapakoneta, Pastor Gary Bragg officiating. Burial will be at a later date in the Greenlawn Cemetery, Wapakoneta. The family will receive friends 2-8 p.m., Thurs. and 1 hr. prior to the service, Sat. at the church. (There will be no visitation on Fri.) Memorial contributions may be directed to Harvest Baptist Church or the Wapakoneta Kids Wrestling Assn.

Tribute Wall

TP

“ *Mr. Davies was my Wrestling coach when I was @ Wapakoneta Sr. High. I was thankful & blessed to be a Pallbearer @ his funeral! He is a great man & for a brief time in our history a mentor! Even though our bodies are not here, our souls R eternal & we still live on through the hearts & memories of all those that love & loved us! Nothing but continues blessings to his family! With DEEP Admiration & Love;*
Tiffen B. Pickering

Tiffen B. Pickering - March 06, 2022 at 12:34 AM

ES

“ *Bev, My heart goes out to you and your family. In Deepest Sympathy, Erica*

Erica Shaffer - July 10, 2015 at 03:55 PM

JM

“ *Mr. Davies was a huge influence in my life. Rest in Peace Coach*

Jonathon Miller - July 10, 2015 at 03:55 PM

RM

“ *Dear Beverly, and the Children and grandchildren of Dan. Dan was a leader at Central High School and a favorite friend. We had a special time together at the 50th reunion 2 years ago, and Dan looked great, happy and fun of fun. So sorry you have lost a Husband, Father, Grandpa and good friend. God Bless Dan.*

Robert W. Miller - July 10, 2015 at 03:55 PM

LS

“ A man's man, Dan had strength, gentleness, and spirituality all in the same rough-hewn package. As if the angels had enough trouble wrestling with Jacob... now they have to contend with Dan, too! Until we meet in the Undying Lands, my friend. Bev - love and hugs and peace to all of your family ... especially to you my golden voiced friend.

Lee Shamblin - July 10, 2015 at 03:55 PM

DS

“ My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. I knew Dan through Wapak Schools and from working with him at UNOH. I so enjoyed seeing him at my office or coming into class. He was always so friendly and happy, bringing out the best of everyone. He will be greatly missed:(

Dawn Stratton - July 10, 2015 at 03:55 PM

JG

“ I just wanted to express my condolences to the family (sarah especially) I always enjoyed talking to Coach when I would run into him at the various wrestling tournaments around the state. The Greenlee families thoughts and prayers are with you.

Joel Greenlee - July 10, 2015 at 03:55 PM

MK

“ Dan was a great teacher. I had him for two years at Sidney High School in the 1980's. He taught me so much, not only about Math but about life. He was a teacher I never wanted to let down. He made me and my friends laugh often with his colorful idioms and his flat delivery. I hope that his family can take some comfort from knowing how many people were shaped by his commitment to his students.

Mark Kizer - July 10, 2015 at 03:55 PM

TB

“ Dan Davies was one of my favorite people at Sidney High School and was one of my favorite teachers EVER at any level. He was a terrific mentor and influence and over the years I have thought of him often even though I haven't seen him in 25 years.

Todd Bickel - July 10, 2015 at 03:55 PM

KM

“ Bev, I was so saddened to hear of Dan's passing. May God comfort you and grant you peace. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Krista Miller - July 10, 2015 at 03:55 PM

DR

“ I hadn't seen Dan that often since he left Sidney but always considered him a friend. My thoughts are with his family.

Dave Ross - July 10, 2015 at 03:55 PM

D1

“ Bev and family, My sincerest sympathies with the passing of Dan "Coach" Davies. He was a role model and big motivator to me in my high school years. I learned the value of hard work and goal setting from him that I continue to use today. I wish I had words of comfort to help you at this difficult time. I can only tell you how much Dan Davies meant to me and how proud I am to have wrestled for him. He embodied my favorite saying: Fame is a vapor. Popularity an accident. And riches take wing. The only thing that endures is your character. Sincerely, Dan Roberts

Dan Roberts, Sidney 1977 - July 10, 2015 at 03:55 PM

JE

“ To all the family members that I have known, I’m without so many words that describe the affection that Dan Davies presented to all the people that he came in contact with. It was and is unsurpassed. I feel we have all lost not only a wonderful husband, father, brother or cousin and a role model but a good friend. I will always love him and miss him. For some reason, I noticed that he has always had the innate ability to draw the “best” out of people that he has come in contact with. His wisdom and his smile will always be remembered. As a hodd carrier and brick washer on your house in 72, V-town; which that really sucked. I still don’t drink “Orange Drink” thanks to you to this day due to the nasty taste. Your saving grace was the yellow Impala car for driving. Yea that was cool... Driving a 3 speed on the column at 15 years of age taught us respect of other people’s property. No one had to know... As for wrestling; you were an “OK” coach for Versailles. We had you trained....You really gave us pride, confidence and the sense of team leadership. I am going out on the limb but I feel this goes for the group of us...”You” made us who we are and we take with us a unforgotten part of you in our hearts forever. Be proud that we are doing well. See you in heaven. Jeff, “Class of “75”.

Jeff Etter - July 10, 2015 at 03:55 PM

MB

“ I send my deepest condolences to the family. Dan was my wrestling/football coach in school and a Tar Hallow buddy. You are in my prayers. Mark Baker

Mark Baker - July 10, 2015 at 03:55 PM

JK

“ Elise, JoAnn and I are both very sorry to hear of the loss of your Dad. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and all of your family.

John and JoAnn Kennedy - July 10, 2015 at 03:55 PM

JB

“ Condolences on the passing of a wonderful man. I spent the better part of my youth with Dan as my wrestling coach. Although we'd lost touch over the years, his hard work, dedication, enthusiasm and genuine concern for others is something that left an indelible mark on myself and many others. He mattered.

Jeff Beigel - July 10, 2015 at 03:55 PM

DB

“ Saying prayers of Thanksgiving for Dan who loved and cared for my dear classmate Bev. Continued blessings on this Godly man's family. He lives in all of you...as close as your heart.

Donna Battista - July 10, 2015 at 03:55 PM

RP

“ I had Dan as a math teacher from 1982 - 1984. He was a big influence in my life. I pray for the family as you go through these tough days.

Ron Partin - July 10, 2015 at 03:55 PM

CB

“ Bev, I don't need to tell you how Dan was a man, father, and husband. he was a dear friend to Phil and I and i will always remember his delightful smile and laughter. My thoughts and prayers are with you and the entire family. Connie

Connie Boone/Jones/Romine - July 10, 2015 at 03:55 PM

VH

“ Bev, So sorry to hear of Dan's passing. I have been praying for him and since I had not heard from you, I assumed he was getting better. Praying for God to be your strength and comfort at this time.

Vicki Ferree Hicks - July 10, 2015 at 03:55 PM

DB

“ Coach Davies focus on building your integrity and character made all of us who were coached by him succesful in our own way. As a young J.H. kid I always strived for his approval and as an adult on my few casual encounters I found myself doing the same thing, hoping he was proud of me. Coach Davies will be with me forever. Best wishes to his family and God Bless Dan. Dave Berger, Versailles

David Berger - July 10, 2015 at 03:55 PM

MB

“ I taught with Dan in the College of Applied Technology at UNOH. He was a wonderful colleague. He always had a positive attitude. I also learned that he had a deep love for God because he had a personal relationship with Christ. I know that he is with Christ today. I will pray for you, his family, as you grieve the loss of this dear man. God bless you with His peace and strength.

Maryann Brohard - July 10, 2015 at 03:55 PM

EP

“ Mrs. Davies and Family, My sincere sympathy of Mr. Davies passing. I was so sad to hear this. He was always so kind when he came into the office. I loved hearing his stories from the Holy Land. Upon sharing the news with Dr. Hahn, he was truly saddened as well. In reading the other condolences, he truly was a good man of character, and a person who lived his life for God. May you and your family find strength in you faith while you grieve during this very hard time. Elaine Pack & Staff Sidney Cardiology

Elaine Pack - July 10, 2015 at 03:55 PM

KP

“ We were so sorry to hear about Dan's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Ken and Polly Pohlable

Ken and Polly Pohlable - July 10, 2015 at 03:55 PM

BF

“ Bev and girls, I am so very sorry to learn of Dan's passing. It is never easy to lose someone who is such a huge part of your life. Even though he is no longer with you, the gift of wonderful memories and times shared will always be yours. Take comfort in knowing you were a special part of a well-lived life.

Bonnie & Harry Faulkner - July 10, 2015 at 03:55 PM

KS

“ Dan Davies was the most influential man outside my family in my life. As my wrestling coach he taught me to never quit, as my mentor he taught me to strive to better myself every day, as a man he made an indelible mark on my character and integrity. Those of us fortunate enough to have known Dan Davies are better for the experience. May he rest in peace and my best wishes to his family. Kevin W. Smith Versailles High School, Class of '75

Kevin W. Smith - July 10, 2015 at 03:55 PM

KB

“ My thoughts and prayers are with your family. Mr. Davies was such a kind teacher.

Kim (Copeland) Bader - July 10, 2015 at 03:55 PM

GM

“ Dear Family - I would like to extend my deepest sympathy to you. I work at UNOH. When Dan taught classes in the College of Business, I would see him from time to time when he passed my office going to his mailbox. He would always stop momentarily to say hello. I enjoyed chatting with him. He was truly a very nice and friendly person. I know that he will be missed by all who knew him. May God sustain you at this difficult time and going forward.

Geri Morris - July 10, 2015 at 03:55 PM

KE

“ My prayers and thoughts are with the family. I know Dan is taken care of. He is a great man. I admired him so much. I remember him at church and Tar Hollow and forever as my Math teacher at SHS. I realize now homeschooling my own daughter how much he really taught me about Math. Dan you are truly missed. Love You and your family.

Kendra Eikenberry - July 10, 2015 at 03:55 PM

LB

“ I always enjoyed working with Dan. He was excellent for all youth and made a difference. GOD bless Dan. He will be missed.

Lew & Judy Blackford - July 10, 2015 at 03:55 PM

SA

“ A great teacher and a great guy, sorry to hear this.

Scott Abbott - July 10, 2015 at 03:55 PM

CE

“ Chris and I were so sorry to hear of Dan's passing. I have such wonderful memories of him as a teacher and from spending much time in your home through the years with Elise. God Bless.

Chris and Linda Edwards - July 10, 2015 at 03:55 PM

RM

“ My condolences to the family. Dan tried really hard to get me to understand Algebra.

Rayme Marcozzi - July 10, 2015 at 03:55 PM

KC

“ Bev and kids....our hearts are heavy. We've lost a great guy and he will be missed! I know we'll see his smiling face again. Until then, we'll try hard to follow in his footsteps. He loved and was loved! Hope all of us can say that. May the Lord comfort you.

Kent & Darlene Craver - July 10, 2015 at 03:55 PM

SA

“ Please accept our deepest sympathy in the loss of your husband and father. Dan was a strong influence for our Harvest Baptist Church family with a wonderful legacy. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your entire family. In Chrsit Love, Scott & Brendala Anspaugh Harvest Baptist Church

Scott & Brendala Anspaugh - July 10, 2015 at 03:55 PM

NA

“ thoughts and prayers to Mrs. Davies and the family..What a great man and teacher Mr. Davies was....

Nanette - July 10, 2015 at 03:55 PM

DE

“ We enjoyed your family so much when we traveled together in 2009 to The Holy Land. What wonderful memories we have of that time! We know you do, too. We are praying for all of you as you grieve his passing.

DeWane and Sarah Eichenauer - July 10, 2015 at 03:55 PM

JK

“ Bevie and Girls, You have my heartfelt sympathy. Dan was such a wonderful friend, and I know he was a wonderful husband and father. My love to you all as you go through this time together. Always, Jane

Jane Kaufman - July 10, 2015 at 03:55 PM

LK

“ Dan was a wonderful neighbor. There wasn't one time that he didn't waive at me when he saw me. And his smile made you feel so good inside. God has sent his angel home.

Laura & Tim Kinstle - July 10, 2015 at 03:55 PM

RL

“ DAN AFFECTED MANY LIVES INCLUDING MYSELF AND DAUGHTER. YOU WILL BE REMEMBERED.

RON LOWRY - July 10, 2015 at 03:55 PM