



James David Daniel

March 5, 2007

Daniel, James, age 44, the son of the late Louise Daniel, is survived by his father, James Daniel; two children, Megan Elizabeth Daniel and James David Daniel II and their mother Karen Ann Daniel; fianc❖ Cheri Crowton and her son Austin; two sisters, Denise and Deborah Daniel; his niece Deena Collum and many good friends

His leadership and dedication to his student and sports team will be missed. James David Daniel, age 44, started teaching physical education at Marshall Middle School in 1992. He coached many sports including wrestling, boys' and girls' swimming, and girls' softball. He was known and loved as Coach Daniel, Mr. D., James, Jimmy, and Jim.

From the approximate age of 5, he started working out by lifting weights in the basement with his father. His love for sports started then. He was an outstanding wrestler and baseball player. He loved swimming, tennis, and golf, and watching all sports on TV.

After graduating from Wayne Memorial High School in 1981, he decided to attend Eastern Michigan University and graduated with three degrees—a Bachelor in Science, a Masters in Science and Physical Education, a Master of Arts in Educational Leadership.

His two children were the pride and joy of his life. He loved spending time with his straight "A" students, both also very good in sports. He was engaged to be married to Cheri and loved and adored her and her son, Austin.

James Daniel died on March 6, 2007, and gave the gift of life—his organs,

saving two children so far at Detroit Mott Children's Hospital. He will be deeply missed by many.

Visitation will be Thursday 5-9PM and Friday 12-9PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home 980 N. Newburgh Rd, Westland (btwn Ford and Cherry Hill).

Funeral service Saturday, 1:00 PM at First Baptist Church in Wayne, 36125 Glenwood.



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Tribute Wall



“ *James David Daniel*

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“ *Mr. D. I think about you all the time and I wanted to tell you that I won regions and states my senior year! I am very successful running two different companies and in VERY great shape. Running five k's every month as well. Hopefully getting married soon as well! Thank you for everything you have ever done for me and all of your students and for the children you saved with your organs. Love you, and please keep my fiance's daddy safe <3*

Jacque Hewitt - December 12, 2014 at 10:33 AM



“ *I just wanted to extend my sincere condolences to the family of Coach Daniels. He was a coach of mine years ago at John Glenn and he was a great coach to have. He was a positive influence in the life of his students and athletes. He will be in our thoughts and prayers.*

Shelley - December 12, 2014 at 10:33 AM

BP

“ We will all miss you Jimmy, You have been a good friend, co-worker and mentor to me as a fellow physical education teacher and coach. I remember when I was first hired into the district and we hit it off right away due to our wrestling experinece. You have been a significate part of the building of my wrestling team sending me numerious fine athletes to John Glenn High School. I will never forget all the help you have given me in becoming the teacher and the coach that I am. I thought of you on several occasions this weekend during the state finals as our boys were competing, I know you were watching from above and are very proud of our young men. I will miss all the talks about how JG will become a wrestling powerhouse. Thanks for all the great times and memories, you will always be part of our program. My prayers go out to Jim's family and we will all miss you. Your friend, Bill Polk

Bill Polk - December 12, 2014 at 10:33 AM

BM

“ James, and I worked together at Frankies, of Garden City. Back in the good old days, thats how we got to know each other. Jim always had a siren clamness and great domeaner about him. And I enjoyed being around him. Your Family and Friends, are in my prays. He will

Bj miller - December 12, 2014 at 10:33 AM

TD

“ To both families,our deepest sympathy & condolences.He will be greatly missed. Love,Tom,Gordie,Darrell,& Jimbo.

Tom Dean,Gordie,& Darrell - December 12, 2014 at 10:33 AM

TK

“ Although we did not know Mr. Daniels, We heard so many good things about him. his nephew plays on my husbands basketball team and is bestfriends with my son. My daughter goes to school at glenn and many of her friends know him through marshall and swimming they are all sadden by his passing. My heart & Prayers go out to you his family and friends. May our lord and savior be by your side through tis time of Sorrow. Garry, Tina, Kayla & Brandon Kilburn

The Kilburns - December 12, 2014 at 10:33 AM

CD

“ to a great man, a person when no one else believed i could pull it off. the person who encouraged me to continue on in wrestling. a person who i dearly idolize even though he hasnt seen me in 4 years. a person who i will truley miss. thank you for everything coach daniels

Clinton Davis - December 12, 2014 at 10:33 AM

AS

“ I think I speak for all students when I say I will miss Mr. Daniel a whole lot! He was such a cooooool teacher!

a student - December 12, 2014 at 10:33 AM

PS

“ Today, our prayers for the Family during this sorrowful time and our prayer to take our message of thanks to Jim D. Thank you for giving us friendship during the "Wolf Pack" years at Wayne Memorial H.S. We remember these times...you were a leader, a tournament winner, taking medals, something that we both, with the same passion & heart, but lesser skill, aspired to. In wrestling and off the mat, you led a great example to your friends in the Wolf Pack, you were always kind & fair. Eternal rest may grant to you "Jimmy D".
Peter & Paul Stano WMHS '82

Peter & Paul Stano - December 12, 2014 at 10:33 AM

MW

“ Better known to me as Coach Daniel's, he was my swim coach for 3 years at John Glenn High School. He was an outstanding and very dedicated coach. I'm truly sorry for the loss of such a great person.

Megan Waldschmidt - December 12, 2014 at 10:33 AM

DS

“ It is with great sorrow that I hear of Jim's passing. I wish his family comfort. I knew Jim before he achieved his first teaching contract. He was a substitute teacher and a coach in the District, and he was one the first coaches to take a class on how to properly coach young athletes. His loyalty to the District was evident as he continued to substitute and coach even though the District was not hiring in the 1980s and early 1990s because of declining enrollments and teacher layoffs. When the District did offer him a contract, he jumped at it and never looked back. What a great addition to the District then, and what a loss to the District now. All who knew him and all who were coached or taught by him will forever be enriched by him. Thanks, Jim.

Dan Slee - December 12, 2014 at 10:33 AM

KC

“Jimmy D” Thats all i can really say , What a great friend , you will be missed... God bless you and your family !

Keith Coulter - December 12, 2014 at 10:33 AM

TF

“ My son Steven is in Mr D's gym class at Marshall Middle school He loved having Mr D as a teacher. He will be missed by many. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

The Hall Family - December 12, 2014 at 10:33 AM

TF

“ My son Steven had Mr. D as his gym teacher last year, we are saddened to hear of his passing. You will be greatly missed! Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family.

The Udell Family - December 12, 2014 at 10:33 AM

JP

“ We would like to express our deepest sympathy to the Daniel's family. Jim was a dedicated educator and compassionate individual. He will be missed. Our prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Jim and Karen Paling - December 12, 2014 at 10:33 AM

SA

“ Mr D has been mine, and 5 of my cousins teacher. He was probably the best gym teacher there was. And he was always so much fun. He could always put a smile on his students face if they were upset over something. RIP Mr D

Sarah - December 12, 2014 at 10:33 AM

AS

“ To the family of Jim Daniel, I am a classmate of Jim's from WMHS Class of '81. I didn't know him well but he was always friendly with a kind word and a smile. My heart goes out to all he held dear during this tremendously difficult time. You are all in my prayers. God bless you all. Love, Anita Scibiorski

Anita (Vega) Scibiorski - December 12, 2014 at 10:33 AM

TF

“ It has been a real pleasure to teach and coach along side Jimmy since 1991. We coached John Glenn Swimming for 10 years and John Glenn softball for 2 years. I was his assistant wrestling coach for 2 years at Marshall. I remember the days when a group of us guys had fun working out together at the Wayne Recreation Center. Jimmy was truly a tremendous influence on my teaching and his dedication to his students was exemplary! His organization skills were unmatched which enabled him to excel in every area he worked in. Jimmy made sure that Marshall's P.E. program was held to the highest standard so that all our students could benefit from physical education and fitness. I will miss my friend each and every day. Our prayers go out to his family.

The Staples Family - December 12, 2014 at 10:33 AM

BW

“ He is Gone You can shed tears that he is gone, Or you can smile because he lived, You can close your eyes and pray that he will come back, Or you can open your eyes and see all that he has left. Your heart can be empty because you can't see him Or you can be full of the love that you shared, You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday, Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday. You can remember him and only that he is gone Or you can cherish his memory and let it live on, You can cry and close your mind be empty and turn your back, Or you can do what he would want: smile, open your eyes, love and go on. David Harkins We didn't know Jimmy well, but we see he was very loved. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Brian Casie & Nathan Ward - December 12, 2014 at 10:33 AM



“ mr.daniel i miss u so much i love u dearly u will allways be my gym teacher ur the best r.i.p

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TK

“ i am one of the registration clerks from annapolis hospital in wayne who helped the family while they were at our facility. i wish to extend my deepest sympathy to all of you. i was so shocked to find out that jim passed. may all of you find comfort and care in those around you at this difficult time.

tracy kaczor - December 12, 2014 at 10:33 AM

DM

“ Jimmy, we will never forget the memories and happy times we shared together. You will be truly missed and we will always remember the positive energy and love displayed by your thoughtful heart and generous soul. Live in Peace forever brother.

Dave & Kimmy Muenchow - December 12, 2014 at 10:33 AM

DB

“ My prayers go out to the Daniel family. I am shocked by such sad news. I have fond memories of how kind and funny Jim was when I knew him in middle school and in high school. I remember he used to come over to Keith Brothers house on Birchwood almost everyday and they would play baseball in front of the house. May you find some strength and peace in all your wonderful family memories to help you through.

Dawn Beaton - December 12, 2014 at 10:33 AM

SR

“ I worked with James at Wayne-Westland Community Schools as a summer school teacher the last two years, and I must say that I have never met a man with more enthusiasm and passion for teaching. His positive aura and goofy sense of humor always made work fun, and I will never forget it. Knowing James Daniel has truly been a priveledge, and I send my deepest condolences to his family. Love, "Ms. Rothenberg."

Stephanie Rothenberg - December 12, 2014 at 10:33 AM

KH

“ We would like to express our sympathy to the Daniel family for their loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Karen & Bob Costin & Hunter - December 12, 2014 at 10:33 AM

C(

“ To the Daniel family-my deepest sympathies. Jim was a childhood friend of mine from elementary school on thru high school. This really hits hard knowing that one of our buddies from way back is gone. God bless.

Carie Linder (Heebsh) - December 12, 2014 at 10:33 AM

TL

“ I was shocked to hear about James (Jimmy's) death. He will be greatly missed. He had a gift of bringing people (who became good friends together). I met a few very good friends through him. My prayers go out to him family and close friends.

Tara Litrich - December 12, 2014 at 10:33 AM

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“ My deepest sympathy to all. My family will dedicate a mass with all our prays for his soul and for the comfort of those he loved dearly. Hugs and Prayers - The Freebor Family

Suzanne Freeborn (Iminski) - December 12, 2014 at 10:33 AM

BM

“ We are sad to hear of the passing of Jimmy. Our prayers go out to all his friends and family.

Bri Pelletier and Kevin Mason - December 12, 2014 at 10:33 AM

NP

“ My thought and prayers go out to the family and friends of Jimmy. He was a great person and we are going to miss his smiling face. We will also miss all of our poker games together! I know he is in a better place and watching over all of us!

Nicole & Ilija Prinzevski - December 12, 2014 at 10:33 AM

CO

“ Jim was a good, fun guy who was able to find humor in many things and he will truly be missed. He was devoted to his students and the athletes that he coached. It was a pleasure being able to be a small part of it. My thoughts and prayers go out to Jim and his family.
Sincerely, Colin O'Brien

Colin O'Brien - December 12, 2014 at 10:33 AM

KA

“ We are very sorry about your loss. Jim was very special to us as a friend, a coach and a fellow teacher. We will miss him very much. We offer our prayers and condolences to you. Kathy, Jean, Jessica, Ashley, and Gina.

Kathleen McDonald, Jean Coulter, Jessica Coulter, A - December 12, 2014 at 10:33 AM

EM

“ Coach Daniel will be missed by many. Mr. D has touched our family in such a positive way. He taught my children about having a positive self-esteem, commitment, great sportsmanship, and most of all believe in yourself...you can do it! I as a parent owe Mr. D a great deal of gratitude. He continues to give life even after he is gone, that is a man to be cherished. We will miss you Coach D.
Sincerely, Mary and Ed Olsen, Ryan and Jeremy Myers.

Ed and Mary Olsen, Ryan and Jeremy Myers - December 12, 2014 at 10:33 AM

MD

“ Dear Karen, Meg, James Jr. Our family is saddened by your loss. Please know that we are here to help you with anything that you may need. we love you Meg! Love, the Howells

Mackey, Bonnie, Bleu, Dakota, Howell - December 12, 2014 at 10:33 AM

TF

“ I am at a loss right now. My son Brian Fawley was on Jim's wrestling Team at Marshall and also was his gym teacher. It would take pages to say everything I need to but most importantly HE WAS THE BEST WRESTLING COACH there could ever be. My son would run in to Coach Daniel at Lifetime Fitness and he would always say keep this up and your going to be a monster when you get older. My son was undefeated three years in a row thanks to Coach Daniel and they all took the All city trophy home 2 years in a row. My son just lost his Uncle 4 months ago suddenly. He used to wrestle with. I thanked god Jim was still here for him to help him with this sport. My heart goes out to his family and please know that he will be deeply missed. Michele Fawley and Family.

The Fawleys - December 12, 2014 at 10:33 AM

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“ I was shocked when I heard about Jim's passing I attended school with Jim from Tinkham, Marshall and Wayne high where we graduated in 1981. Jim also was my daughter and sons gym teacher and softball coach, when going to confrences he shared pictures of his children and was so proud of them both. Jim will be missed by many and loved by people he never knew by sharing his organs he was a great guy!! Denise

Denise Staeb (York) - December 12, 2014 at 10:33 AM

MA

“ Jim was a wonderful father, uncle and friend. I grew up knowing Jim like a uncle myself while being a neighbor and friend to his niece Deena. He was always such a cut up and was always making someone laugh. He will be greatly missed and always in my thoughts. My deepest sympathy goes to his family and friends.

Melissa Anderson-Compton - December 12, 2014 at 10:33 AM

SG

“ We already miss you dearly! You are one of our best friends and will never forget the memories we made. We will miss you being part of our wedding this year, but we know you will be there in spirit. We love you and will never forget you. Rest in peace & we will meet again someday.

Steve Lezak & Nisey Gray - December 12, 2014 at 10:33 AM