



Dan E. King

July 6, 1930 - September 12, 2011

After suffering the humiliating and devastating effects of Parkinson's disease for far too long, Dan E. King is finally free and able to get back to all those unfinished projects in that brand new workshop - set up just like he likes it. Born the 4th of six children in Batesville Zavala County, Texas on July 6, 1930 to Huber and Alta Sarah Throckmorton King, Dan passed away in Fort Collins, Colorado on September 12, 2011 with family at his side. Dan lived a full and interesting life. His father left the family when Dan was 7, and his Mother was left to raise six children on her own. The family went thru many trials and tribulations, moving to Winfield, Kansas when Dan was in grade school. They owned the newspaper agency, and all the kids contributed to the family. Dan graduated from high school in 1946, having skipped two grades. He then joined the Air Force, training in Denver and being deployed to Japan. Dan trained in photo school where he developed a lifelong love for and talent in photography. He also played football; and had the misfortune or good fortune to break his back. After recovery with a Japanese family, he was sent home. He began his career with JC Penney in Winfield, Kansas and married Irene Lenora Norton in 1950. Son, Kavin Triswell was born in 1951 and daughter, Andrea Leigh in 1953. They then transferred to Penney's in Greeley, Colorado where daughter, Denise Lynn was born in 1956 and Joel Edmond in 1958, completing their family. Dan left Penney's in 1956 and became a Realtor with Frank Moore of Moore Realty. In 1960 Dan went to work for John RP Wheeler, and the family moved to Fort Collins where Dan was Sales Manager for

Wheeler Realty in building out South College Heights. Dan was instrumental in building the first community pool in Fort Collins South College Heights and in helping start the Little League Softball program in Fort Collins. Later in the 1960's, Dan started his own real estate company, King Realty, and then formed a partnership - Realty Brokers Exchange with Chuck Burchfield. Ronn Frank joined them in 1968, and they had a long and pleasant business partnership. They were a force in the Fort Collins real estate market until 1981 when they disbanded, and Dan joined Mel Johnson at Commercial Investment Team. In 1990 Dan began his career in the new and burgeoning cell phone industry. With the help of Ted Funk, Dan went to work for Commnet Cellular and located and built cell phone towers all along I-80 in Iowa and also in Colorado, Montana, Idaho, Utah, Wyoming and Texas. He worked in the cell phone industry for nine years and enjoyed it thoroughly. In 1999 he retired for a 2nd time and came home to his little ranchette west of Loveland where he so enjoyed remodeling, woodworking and being with friends and family. Then in 2006 he and LeAnn moved back to Fort Collins. Dan is preceded in death by his mother; brothers, Berwin, David, and Bob; and sister, Lou. He is survived by LeAnn Payton, the love of his life for 34 years; Irene King, the mother of his children, Kavin Triswell King, Andrea Leigh King, Denise Lynn King Moore Rick, and Joel Edmond King; his grandchildren, Jessica Larson and Adam Meyer Carrie; great grandchildren, Emma Larson, Sophia Larson and Haley Meyer; sister, Delia Kennedy Otis; sisters-in-law, Patti King and Lola King; brother-in-law, Hal Cravens; and many nieces and nephews, extended family and friends. In lieu of a memorial service in Fort Collins, there will be an open house at Dan and LeAnn's home at 1817 Seminole Drive 80525 on October 8, 2011 from 2:00pm to 6:00pm to remember Dan and his joy of living. Dan was known as "Captain Things." We will be filling a small box with things that are memories of Dan. If you wish, please bring a small memento to add to the "things" box. Dan has been cremated, and his ashes will be taken to Winfield, Kansas where he will be buried with his beloved family. A memorial service will be held in Kansas at a later date - when the

sun shines and the grass is green and sweet. In lieu of flowers, please send a donation in Dan's memory to the Parkinson's Disease Foundation or the Michael J. Fox Foundation in care of Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive, Fort Collins, Colorado 80524. Friends may send condolences to the family at bohlenderfuneralchapel.com.

Tribute Wall

PM

“ I unfortunately found this several years after Dan's passing. However, I wanted to share my favorite memory of Dan. We had just moved to Ft. Collins from Maryland and Dan and my Dad, Carl Miller, became friends. My Dad had Dan dress like Santa Claus and come to our house and he brought me a sled! To this day I still remember Dan as "my" very own Santa! May you rest in peace Santa!

Peggy Miller - August 31, 2019 at 12:17 PM

JH

“ LeAnn my prayers are with you. Dan holds a special place in my heart from when I was a little boy living across the street. I'll never forget him, his neckerchief, the rubber band gun he made me or the nickname "Buckshot" he called me, which by the way was the first nickname I ever had. He will be missed by me.

John Hunter - October 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ LeAnn, We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Dan was such a kind and gentle man and will be sadly missed. I'm glad to have had a chance to meet him. Thinking of you, Karen Starkey and family

Karen Starkey - October 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ Dan came into my life when I moved to Colorado in 1995. His very best friend, Steven Wild, introduced Dan & I while I was working on the Wild property in their green house. As life sometimes opens a door for us, Dan mentioned something to me about joyfully being a saragot father. Since my younger years were void of a kind, gentle, loving father, an agreement came to be for us as "Dad" and "daughter". The following year I asked Dan if I could take his last name just for the sake of feeling like I "belong". He was honored. Over the past 16 years he has been such a delightful and uplifting soul. He had a way of explaining things to me in such a sweet way but with wisdom and logic beyond my years. Dan was even gracious enough to accept my son, Laine as "family" and taught him one day to drive his tractor on his Loveland ranch. It takes a village to work with a family, raise a child, and weather the storms of life. I am grateful for the time I knew Dan, Dad.

Tricia King-Saulnier - October 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ I know we were never really close, Dan but the time I spent around you, I felt a special connection. I will miss you and feel blessed to have had you in my life. Love Clarice

Clarice Dannels - October 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Hi, LeAnn ... was so sad to hear of Dan's passing. My heart goes out to you. Hugs!

Milre Henry - September 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ LeAnn, Please accept my condolences for you and your family. I would have liked to have known Dan better. I really enjoyed talking with him at our reunions. He truly was a gentleman with many talents and interests. May God be with all of you and bless you in this time of grief. Jo

Jo Ellyn Jackson Cunningham - September 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GK

“ LeAnn, Please accept my deepest condolences. I know how difficult this time is and I wish you peace, comfort, and strength. May the Lord richly bless you and your family. George

George Kerr - September 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

HW

“ LeAnn - Sending my condolences to you during this time of great loss in your life. May your memories bring you strength and comfort. With sympathy, Helen Gilbreath Weed

Helen weed - September 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ I'm working as hard as I can to get my life and my cash to run out at the same time. If I can just die after lunch Tuesday, everything will be perfect.

Phillip Small - September 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ My condolences to LeAnn and Dan's entire family. I know he will be missed by all who knew and loved him. He was always willing to lend a helping hand and just listen when his friends needed him. He leaves us with many warm memories.

charley johnson - September 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ I have many happy memories of cocktails around the kitchen table with Dan and Steve at Wild Lane. Now they are both gone and the world is a dimmer place. My condolences to Dan's family. What a lovely obituary.

Deborah Welzel - September 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ To LeAnn and family, We remember Dan when we were neighbors in Golden Meadows. Our children loved to go to your house. At Christmas, Dan was Santa Claus. He made a good one because he had such great sense of fun and humor. Our deepest sympathy to all of you. Dan was a special guy and seemed bigger than life. Love, Debbie and Tom

Debbie and Tom Graff - September 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ I will always remember hunting for night-crawlers and watching shooting stars at the Loveland house with Dan. Or sitting at the table in the new house eating sandwiches and talking to Dan about the perks of eternally being eleven. Or helping him "clean out" his workshop, which only meant moving things from one place to another and never getting rid of anything. I always new Dan was a photographer, his beautiful photographs decorate their home, and I new he worked with wood. I remember playing with the sheep he made when I was little but when LeAnn showed me the mirror me made I was amazed. Dan will always have a special place in my heart, and for me he will always be the "most interesting man in the world" the Dos Equis guys has got nothing on Dan King.

Jessica Caywood - September 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM