



Daniel Wayne Kohtz

March 30, 1953 - March 13, 2024

Daniel was born on March 30, 1953, in York, NE to Raymond and Elaine Kohtz. He passed away on March 13, 2024.

Daniel grew up attending Zion Lutheran Church school in Hampton, NE, through 8th grade, and then he went on to High School in Bradshaw, graduating in 1971. He continued his education at the University of Nebraska Lincoln where he studied Mathematics and graduated with a Bachelor's followed by his Master's. During his time at college, he married Terri Janzen in 1974 at Zion Lutheran Church.

After graduating he went on to teach college level mathematics at The University of Arkansas at Monticello, Concordia College in Moorhead, MN, and the University of Nebraska at Omaha. After teaching for several years at UNO he transitioned to actuarial work at Mutual of Omaha where he worked for 30 plus years until he retired in 2017.

Daniel was a church treasurer for many years, as well as an active member of his church community. He coached and attended his children's school and extracurricular athletics and activities. He was an avid Husker fan from his childhood until his death.

Daniel was preceded in death by his parents, Raymond and Elaine Kohtz and

brother-in-law, Doug Carson. He is survived by his wife, Terri Kohtz; children, Sarah and Andrew Kohtz (Jackie Thomas); grandson, Preston Thomas-Kohtz; sisters, Diane Carson and Nancy Eberle (Gary) and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation from 10-11 AM on Monday, March 18th with funeral service beginning at 11 AM at Zion Lutheran Church, 14205 Ida Street, Bennington, NE. Interment at 3:00 PM on Monday, March 18th at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church Cemetery, 1511 North Y Road, Hampton, NE. Memorials may be directed to the family for later designation.

Cemetery Details

Zion Lutheran Evangelical Church Cemetery

1511 North Y Road
Hampton, NE 68843

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Zion Lutheran Church
142 & Ida Street
Omaha, NE 68102

Funeral Service

MAR 18. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Omaha, NE 68102

Graveside Service

MAR 18. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

MC

“*Uncle Dan was a truly remarkable human being. In any form of Mathematics, he was unparalleled. During college in Minnesota, I picked up playing Cribbage and became good at it. Very good at it, in fact. I would maybe lose 10% of the games I played, and only because of poor luck with the deal. When I played Dan, however, I never won. I got close a few times, but he always had a way of using his hand to best mine. It was uncanny how he always prevailed.*

I also remember playing sports with him every chance we got.

There was lots of football played in backyards and driveways all across Nebraska. Occasionally we would organize a baseball game that was always a hit. And you could expect that Dan would always be one of the better performers, or helping coach us to be better hitters/quarterbacks/wide outs/or whatever position we were playing.

I remember (and unfortunately inherited) his sense of humor and using many of his puns. Those comprise my best memories of him: the way he would smile when he would tease me with a pun or joke. That sense of joy and happiness (albeit wrapped in a clever moniker often at my expense) that he shared with others was truly contagious, and thinking of his smile still makes me smile to this day.

I'm sure wherever he is now, he is assuredly smiling. And wreaking havoc during Weekly Cribbage Night. We'll miss you, Uncle Dan.

Michael Carson - March 17, 2024 at 08:32 AM

VM

“ As a neighbor of many years, one of our fondest memories was of Dan mowing the lawn. He enjoyed being outdoors with the grass and trees so much, he rarely moved his mower out of low gear. It was a pleasure to watch him and always brought a smile. He may have been teased once or twice about going slow but that never made him speed up. He also loved decorating the porch and front lawn for Christmas, and we always loved seeing the house lit up. Rest in God's Peace good friend. Vicky Muir and Family

Vicky Muir - March 16, 2024 at 02:08 PM

VF

“ Vicky Muir and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Daniel Wayne Kohtz.

Vicky Muir and Family - March 16, 2024 at 01:25 PM

VF

“ Vicky Muir and Family purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Daniel Wayne Kohtz.



Vicky Muir and Family - March 16, 2024 at 01:25 PM

BD

“ BHFCU business department planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Daniel Wayne Kohtz.

BHFCU business department - March 16, 2024 at 11:16 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Daniel Wayne Kohtz.*



March 16, 2024 at 11:16 AM



“ *The Carson & Eberle cousins purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Daniel Wayne Kohtz.*



The Carson & Eberle cousins - March 14, 2024 at 03:23 PM



“ *P.s. Dan always liked to get up early at the state park and sit at the picnic table outside the cabins and read his newspaper or whatever he had with him just for some quiet time before the activities started.*

Diane Carson - March 14, 2024 at 12:46 PM



“ *Best memories are all our times at Nebraska state parks which we have done with our families since 1986. Lots of fun staying in cabins, playing games, paddle boating, lots of cooking and eating, watching the kids ride horses and all the other things state parks have to offer! I could go on for a long time!*

Always a wonderful time for our families to get together every summer! It won't quite be the same without Dan. 💕

Diane Carson - March 14, 2024 at 12:40 PM

DG

“ *Diane, Nancy and Gary purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Daniel Wayne Kohtz.*



Diane, Nancy and Gary - March 14, 2024 at 10:33 AM