



Daniel Lee Rushing

November 15, 1946 - October 30, 2019

Daniel Lee Rushing was born to John B. and Mary Anita (Harrison) Rushing on November 15, 1946. He spent his childhood on the family farm near Simpson and Robbs, Illinois. He attended grade school at Robbs Elementary School and McKee Grade School. Dan attended Vienna High School and graduated in 1964. He then attended Southern Illinois University in Carbondale from 1964-1968 graduating with a Bachelor's Degree in Secondary Education. He married his life long friend and sweetheart Verna Mae (Kerley) Rushing on June 18, 1966. Dan started his teaching career at Meridian High School in the fall of 1968. He continued his teaching career at Shawneetown High School beginning in the fall of 1969. His oldest daughter, Chandra LeAn Rushing was born on February 8, 1969. He obtained his Master of Science Degree in Educational Administration and Foundations in June 1972. He served as Principal of the Shawneetown Grade School and later the Shawneetown High School from 1972 until 1979. His youngest daughter, Chelli Lyn Rushing, was born April 2, 1971. He began a new career path in August 1979 with Country Companies Insurance of the Illinois Farm Bureau. He served as an agent in Saline County from 1979 – 1990. He and his wife Verna opened the first satellite office of the Country Companies which was away from the local Farm Bureau office. They opened this office in Galatia, Illinois in 1981 and remained there until 1990, at which time Dan made a move into the management division in the Country Financial organization. Dan and Verna moved to Spokane, Washington in June 1990

and developed a new agency for the Country Companies. They remained there until October 1995 when they moved back to Illinois to assume the management of the Shawnee Agency, consisting of Massac, Johnson, Pope, Hardin, Union, Pulaski, and Alexander counties. He remained in this position until his retirement in August 2012. This represented a career total of thirty three years.

Dan, as he was affectionately known to his friends and family, never met a stranger and was always trying and willing to help others. He was a Christian and was proud to proclaim Jesus as his Savior. Dan loved children and God blessed him with two grandchildren, Christian Luke and Chaitlyn Leah Stanley, a step grandson – Ian Matthew Hardison, a step great-grandson – Vincent Matthew Hardison. He was an extremely proud “PaPa.”

Dan opened a business in Paducah, Kentucky in September 2012 known as Stringworks, LLC. It was a repair and restoration facility for stringed instruments and tube amplifiers.

Dan loved Freemasonry and was a member of the former Gurney Masonic Lodge # 778 and a current member of Eddyville Masonic Lodge # 672. He was an honorary member of several other local lodges in the Southern Illinois area.

Dan’s love of his life was Verna and his family. Verna was his “rock” and was always his first concern. His family was his reason to live and work. He loved them all.

Dan leaves behind his beloved wife – Verna Kerley Rushing; his daughters – Chandra Rushing and Chelli Rushing; grandchildren – Christian Luke Stanley and Chaitlyn Leah Stanley along with Chaitlyn’s fiancé Johnny Foos; step grandson – Ian Hardison and his son Vincent; a brother – Ronald (Helen)

Rushing; a sister – Ellen (Bill) Broom; his father-in-law and mother-in-law – Rillis and Lillian Kerley; sister-in-law and brother-in-law – Velma “Shorty” and John Waters; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and many dear friends and lodge brothers.

Dan’s life motto and work ethic was “Every Day is a Holiday if you Love your Job and I love mine.” Thank God for life eternal.

Masonic funeral rites will be accorded Saturday afternoon, November 2, 2019, at 1 PM at the Glendale United Methodist Church, 477 Illinois Route 145, Simpson, Illinois.

Immediately following the masonic rites, the funeral service will be conducted. Pastor Jeff Rush will officiate.

Burial will be in the Glendale Cemetery. Honored to serve as pallbearers and honorary pallbearers will be members of the masonic fraternity: Phil Valestin, Danny Rockwell, Grant Loudy, Christian Stanley (Dan’s grandson), Carl Brasher, John McCuan, Bob Futch, Jerry Jones and Chesley Williams.

Visitation will be conducted Saturday, November 2, 2019, from 11 AM – 1 PM at the Glendale United Methodist Church.

Memorials may be made to Eddyville Masonic Lodge # 672, c/o Philip Valestin, 1001 State Highway 145 North, Simpson, Illinois 62985 or Vienna Masonic Lodge # 150, P.O. Box 856, Vienna, Illinois 62995.

Cemetery Details

Glendale Cemetery

IL State Route 145
Simpson, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 2. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Glendale United Methodist Church
477 IL State Highway 145
Simpson, IL

Masonic Rites

NOV 2. 1:00 PM (CT)

Glendale United Methodist Church
477 IL State Highway 145
Simpson, IL

Service

NOV 2. 1:15 PM (CT)

Glendale United Methodist Church
477 IL State Highway 145
Simpson, IL

Tribute Wall



“ *Daniel Lee Rushing*

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ *Margaret Powell lit a candle in memory of Daniel Lee Rushing*



Margaret Powell - November 06, 2019 at 08:36 AM



“ *Alex Spector (Broom) purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Daniel Lee Rushing.*



Alex Spector (Broom) - November 01, 2019 at 02:16 PM



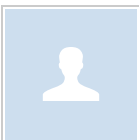
“ *In the years that I knew Dan; and through the years that we worked together... Dan seemed never to be discouraged by anything. When most of us would find recourse in our own trivial self indulging moments of pity; Dan weathered whatever storm was brewing and was an encouragement to anyone around him. His smile and laugh was contagious and his faith in God was unwavering --- even to the last of his sufferings. I talked to Dan only 2 days before his passing. He was positive, full of joy and a living monument to anyone who wished to learn how to suffer with patience and love. I had seen Dan only occasionally after our shop closed but we remained in touch by telephone. He was kind with his words of wisdom and encouragement and always had a compassionate way about him. His intellect was staggering and I never tired of his life stories or his traditional view of God, Family & his community. He was a big man - with a VERY big heart. He will be sorely missed by all of us he left behind. Yet I am certain of this..... God as a special place for Dan in the beautiful gardens of Paradise. . . Enjoy your reward Dan..... You earned it. Your Friend..... Timothy*

Timothy Corts - November 01, 2019 at 12:33 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Carol and Randy George - November 01, 2019 at 12:04 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Daniel Lee Rushing.*



November 01, 2019 at 12:00 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Daniel Lee Rushing.*



November 01, 2019 at 11:58 AM



“ *Paul Broadway lit a candle in memory of Daniel Lee Rushing*



Paul Broadway - November 01, 2019 at 11:39 AM



“ *Dayle & Patty Morse lit a candle in memory of Daniel Lee Rushing*



Dayle & Patty Morse - October 31, 2019 at 08:34 PM



“ *Joe Boaz lit a candle in memory of Daniel Lee Rushing*



joe boaz - October 31, 2019 at 06:50 PM

JB

We are so sorry to hear about Dans passing our thought and prayers are with the whole family

joe boaz - October 31, 2019 at 06:50 PM

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“*"Shawneetown Class of 1976" purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Daniel Lee Rushing.*



"Shawneetown Class of 1976" - October 31, 2019 at 04:30 PM

KS

“*Love and prayers for Dan and his family. I loved working with and for Dan for several years in the Shawneetown school system. We will be out of town for a family wedding but will be with you all in spirit and prayer. Steve and Kappy Scates*

Kappy Scates - October 31, 2019 at 02:13 PM

LM

“*Dan Rushing was a special person, a friend to all that knew him and had the respect of everyone. His smile was contagious and his laugh was sincere and genuine. Dan was your buddy and because of his kindness would help you without hesitation. Our thoughts and prayers are with the families. In honor of Dan we will always smile when we see a Frog.*

Larry and Barb Mizell - October 31, 2019 at 01:27 PM

 Rita
Forrest

“ So sorry on the loss to your family. He was a dedicated husband, father and grandfather as well as a friend to many. He will be missed.

Rita Forrest - October 31, 2019 at 12:55 PM

FK

“ So sorry for your loss. Dan was one of the good guys and will be missed by many.

fred keppner - October 31, 2019 at 12:50 PM

LM

“ Linda And Jeff Mathis lit a candle in memory of Daniel Lee Rushing



Linda and Jeff Mathis - October 31, 2019 at 10:15 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Daniel Lee Rushing.



October 31, 2019 at 10:02 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Daniel Lee Rushing.* ”



October 31, 2019 at 08:20 AM



“ *Michael And Shelley Friend lit a candle in memory of Daniel Lee Rushing* ”



Michael and Shelley Friend - October 31, 2019 at 07:09 AM



“ *Roy Kerley lit a candle in memory of Daniel Lee Rushing* ”



Roy Kerley - October 31, 2019 at 01:01 AM



“ *Bobby Rentfro lit a candle in memory of Daniel Lee Rushing* ”



Bobby Rentfro - October 30, 2019 at 10:30 PM

HV

“ *Harold&Georgia Vinson lit a candle in memory of Daniel Lee Rushing*



Harold&Georgia Vinson - October 30, 2019 at 09:53 PM

HV

“ *Harold &Georgia Vinson lit a candle in memory of Daniel Lee Rushing*



Harold &Georgia Vinson - October 30, 2019 at 09:52 PM

JM

“ *John McCuan lit a candle in memory of Daniel Lee Rushing*



John McCuan - October 30, 2019 at 08:14 PM

WB

“ *Danny and i went to first grade at Robbs School*

Wm&Nancy Simmons Belford - October 30, 2019 at 07:26 PM

WB

“ *Wm&Nancy Simmons Belford lit a candle in memory of Daniel Lee Rushing*



Wm&Nancy Simmons Belford - October 30, 2019 at 07:24 PM

PB

“ *Patsy Blankenship lit a candle in memory of Daniel Lee Rushing*



Patsy Blankenship - October 30, 2019 at 05:19 PM

ER

“ *Elaine Rotan sent a virtual gift in memory of Daniel Lee Rushing*



Elaine Rotan - October 30, 2019 at 04:39 PM

SC

“ *Sherryl Case lit a candle in memory of Daniel Lee Rushing*



Sherryl Case - October 30, 2019 at 01:15 PM

PS

“ Verna, you and your family have my sincere sympathy. Memories are precious May God bless each and every one of you. I will never forget his goose hunting. Those were the good old days.
Peggy Jean Smoot



Peggy Jean Smoot - October 30, 2019 at 12:26 PM



“ Jeannie McCall lit a candle in memory of Daniel Lee Rushing



Jeannie McCall - October 30, 2019 at 12:22 PM

DB

“ Dorothy Bacon lit a candle in memory of Daniel Lee Rushing



Dorothy Bacon - October 30, 2019 at 11:51 AM

JS

“ John Slack sent a virtual gift in memory of Daniel Lee Rushing



John Slack - October 30, 2019 at 11:35 AM

Paula
Sullivan

“ *Paula Sullivan lit a candle in memory of
Daniel Lee Rushing*



Paula Sullivan - October 30, 2019 at 11:29 AM

DH

“ *David And Ellen Hill lit a candle in memory of
Daniel Lee Rushing*



David and Ellen Hill - October 30, 2019 at 11:16 AM

LK

“ *Linda Koehler lit a candle in memory of Daniel
Lee Rushing*



Linda Koehler - October 30, 2019 at 10:58 AM

NB

“ *Nancy & Ray Breeden lit a candle in memory
of Daniel Lee Rushing*



Nancy & Ray Breeden - October 30, 2019 at 10:54 AM

BR

“ *Bobby Rentfro lit a candle in memory of Daniel Lee Rushing*



Bobby Rentfro - October 30, 2019 at 10:53 AM

KB

“ *Karen Brumley sent a virtual gift in memory of Daniel Lee Rushing*



Karen Brumley - October 30, 2019 at 10:38 AM