



Dan K.W. Fox

March 12, 1948 - April 20, 2024

Dan K.W. Fox, 76, of Bourbonnais IL passed away on April 20, 2024 after complications from his journey with Parkinson's.

Dan Fox was born on March 12, 1948 to Kermit and Loraine Fox in Peoria IL. He graduated from Richwoods High School in 1965 after skipping a grade in his primary education. Dan went on to earn a Bachelor of Arts in Music from Western Illinois University in Macomb IL. At Western, he received Blyler Award for Scholastic Excellence, he was a member of Phi Kappa Phi and Phi Theta Kappa National Scholastic Honor Societies, as well as heavily involved in Phi Mu Alpha Professional Music Fraternity.

In 1966, Dan met Diane at Western Illinois University. Dan and Diane got married on March 8, 1969. After 14 years together as a married couple, they had two children, Justin and Erica.

Dan worked as a band director at Forreston High School and Galena Junior High. After pursuing additional education, Dan switched fields to psychology. In 1990, he began his career as a mental health counselor where he worked with individuals, groups, and overseeing group counseling programs.

In 2004, Dan retired from working as a mental health counselor and began caring for his grandchildren Jordan, Kailey, and Autumn full time. Dan enjoyed music and playing trumpet, gardening, going to grandkids sporting events, music concerts, and plays. Dan was always active, walking, and kept himself in good shape. After his Parkinson's diagnosis, he found support in a group called Rock Steady Boxing in Lafayette IN. While there, Dan was featured on

the cover of the local Lafayette newsletter as a shining example of how to fight back against Parkinson's.

Dan was preceded in death by his parents Kermit and Loraine Fox; his granddaughter, Kailey Fox; and niece, Laura Fox. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Diane Fox; their two children and spouses, Justin & Tabytha Fox, and Erica & Brian Vaughn; his grandchildren Jordan Fox, Autumn Fox, Eva Flynn, Skylar Flynn, Chase Fox, Tristen Schmied, Elinor Vaughn, and Alice Vaughn; As well as his brother and sister-in-law, Dave & Donita Fox and their children Mathew and Megan Fox.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A memorial visitation will be held at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais IL on April 27, 2024 from 12pm – 2 pm, followed immediately by a short service. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Rock Steady Boxing Lafayette. Donations can be brought to the funeral home or mailed directly to 281 Littleton St, W Lafayette 47906.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

APR 27. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
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Memorial Service

APR 27. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I will always remember my Uncle Dan’s quiet kindness and wicked smarts during family games of Trivial Pursuit. Even as a child it was clear to me how much joy it brought him when he became a father to my cousins, Justin and Erica. I remember how he would talk to his children when they were small and how it seemed to light him up. Later, as a grandfather, I have admired his dedication to his family. A humble man who lived a good life. Rest in peace, Uncle Dan. Praying for comfort for my Aunt Diane, Justin, Erica and the whole family.

Kim Salazar - April 23, 2024 at 11:40 PM

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“ Justin,
We are so very sorry for your loss. We love you and if you need anything please don't hesitate!! We know your father must have been a wonderful man because he raised you!! Sending warm hugs and lots of prayers for you and your family.
Our deepest condolences,
Gabe and Mandy Grimm.



Mandy and Gabe Grimm - April 23, 2024 at 10:58 AM