



Daniel L. Jensen

July 21, 1959 - February 23, 2014

Visitation for Daniel L. Jensen, 54, of Bourbonnais, will be from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday at the Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais, and from 9 a.m. Monday at River Valley Christian Fellowship, 800 Cardinal Drive, Bourbonnais, until the 10 a.m. funeral services. Burial will be in Clifton Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the family wishes. He passed away Sunday (Feb. 23, 2014) at his home.

Mr. Jensen was a District Sales Manager in the circulation department of The Daily Journal for 34 years. He was also a Direct Service Provider at IAG Group Homes. He had previously worked at Riverside Medical Center for 17 years. He was born July 21, 1959, in Clifton, the son of Kenneth L. and Juanita Strough Jensen. He was a member of River Valley Christian Fellowship and a former member of The Rotary Club of Kankakee. He coached minor league baseball teams with the Bourbonnais Township Park District. He also played softball for the church leagues. He loved photography and working with children and geriatrics.

Surviving are his wife, the former Sue Ellen Eades, of Bourbonnais, whom he married Aug. 1, 1981, in Union City, Ind.; three sons and one daughter-in-law, Jaron and Dana Jensen, of Germany, Jordan Jensen and Amanda, of Kankakee, and Joshua Jensen, of Bourbonnais; one daughter, Jayde Jensen, of Bradley; four grandchildren, Aden Jensen, Sophia Jensen, Izayah Jensen

and Camdyn Jensen; his father, Kenneth and Glendoris Jensen, of Clifton;
and one brother and sister-in-law, Roger and Wanda Jensen, of St. Louis, Mo.

He was preceded in death by his mother.

Memorial may be made to River Valley Christian Fellowship Church in
Bourbonnais, IL - growdeepreachwide.org

Cemetery Details

Clifton Cemetery

Clifton, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 2. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
295 Main St., NW
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Visitation

MAR 3. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

River Valley Christian Fellowship
800 Cardinal Dr.
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 933-7353
<http://myrvcf.org>

Funeral Service

MAR 3. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

BM

“ I really enjoyed playing softball with Dan and against him. He truly was a great competitor and I also had a good time umpire his games that he coached in for the little league. He was a really good guy and will be sadly missed. Dan you were a really good friend and I miss you buddy.

Brent McKay - March 10, 2014 at 05:06 PM

JG

“ As was stated by Scott and Bliss, it was a true pleasure to play softball for 20 plus years with such a great man. Always the perfect sportsman with a giant smile. I will miss seeing him each week. To his family I say, Thanks for sharing him with our softball family

joe gray - March 06, 2014 at 12:51 PM

 Scott Walker


“ For those of us who knew him, Dan was truly one of the best that anyone will ever know. Having played softball opposite him for over twenty years with my fellow CCM team mates just as Bliss Olsen, my best bud stated, he was truly an amazing friend. He will certainly be missed.

Scott Walker - March 05, 2014 at 04:48 AM

SJ

Thank you for sharing. Dan loved playing softball.

Sue Ellen Jensen - March 05, 2014 at 12:32 PM

 Bliss
Olsen

“ *without Dan Jensen church league softball just won't be the same!!!! All these years playing ball opposite Dan will forever be cherished.by me and my fellow softball alums from the CCM teams. myself(Bliss Olsen) and best bud ,Scott Walker, deeply regret missing the services, and will forever remember Danny as one of the best down to earth player/competitors we know and will miss him deeply!!!!*

Bliss Olsen - March 05, 2014 at 12:22 AM

SJ

Thank you.

Sue Ellen Jensen - March 05, 2014 at 12:34 PM

TW

“ Dan was was one of the most selfless men I've ever met. He had a gift of making everything always about the other person, never himself. You might start talking about him, but he always managed to gently glide the conversation back to the other person. He was also my "birthday buddy." Every year on July 21st, we'd send each other birthday wishes.

When he found out he had cancer, knowing that I had gone through it too (breast cancer, though), he wrote to me on Facebook and wanted to know if I could give him any feedback. I told him to tell everyone and to have everyone pray for him. I also told him I believed in miracles. He wrote back, "Thanks so much. Just started on my colon and went into my liver. I am at peace and looking at all the wonderful things that god can do. Thanks so much. Whatever happens it is my prayer that I will be a witness for him."

Reading his words now brings tears to my eyes. He was a kind, gentle soul, who touched everyone he ever met. Every July 21, I'll miss receiving my birthday wishes from my birthday buddy. I pray God comforts his family. He was a good man.

Theresa Wiza

Theresa Wiza - March 04, 2014 at 07:02 AM

DA

“ I am sooo very sorry I did not make it to the visitation on Sunday, I really planned on it...I so wanted to give you a big "HUG"---trust I will run into you some day soon....I am so very sorry you have had to "let go" of your very best friend/husband/soul-mate....I can not even imagine the pain your are experiencing...may God in His mercy wrap His very loving arms around you and you feel His presence and His love...same to your family...please express my deepest condolences to them also...Take comfort in the fact he LOVED his Lord and Savior....and you will all be together again some day...Delinda

Delinda Ascher - March 03, 2014 at 08:10 AM

JS

“ So sorry to hear of Dans' passing. Back in the early 90's Dan was instrumental and very helpful in helping my three (3) daughters with their first paper routes. He will be greatly missed.

John Stith - March 03, 2014 at 12:18 AM

DW

“ What a shock to see this, Dan and I went to school tougher and as always life took us apart but brought us back tougher on 1995 when my son need counseling at Riverside. He helped my family and son through a very ruff time in our lives.
THANK YOU Dan you will be missed by many!!! God Bless you and your family!!!

David L Weedon - March 02, 2014 at 11:32 AM

SD

“ Sue Ellen, my heart breaks for you. I was shocked to see Dan's Obit in the Journal. There is not enough room to type all the memories I have of Dan, double dating with you and Dan...going to your wedding...seeing him here and there over the years. I can hear his voice, his laugh, see his smile. Rest In Peace Dan. Heaven got another good one. Sue Ellen, my sympathies to you and the kids, grandkids, Kenny, Roger and family. Sandy (Emling) Dion



Sandy (Emling) Dion - March 02, 2014 at 02:00 AM

RB

“ We've known Dan ever since he started working at the Journal and he was a very special person. Dan never walked pass you without saying hello and asking how you were and his smile always made you feel good. We worked with Dan and he will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family. Ross & Dee Bertrand

Ross Bertrand - March 01, 2014 at 06:59 PM

JH

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to Dans family. He coached our son in BBLL last year and got to know him as being an extremely nice man.

Jon, Page, Connor, Kiley Hinkleman

Jon Hinkleman - March 01, 2014 at 03:16 PM

CM

“ Sending my thoughts and prayers to the family of this kind and caring man. I worked with him for many years at Riverside --
Coleen



Coleen McCabe - February 28, 2014 at 02:50 PM



“ Dan and his family are in my thoughts and prayers. It has been an honor and pleasure working with Dan the last almost 13 years at The Daily Journal. He was the most positive person I have ever met. I can't remember a time that he did not have a smile on his face. He will be missed.

Jennifer Magers - February 28, 2014 at 11:30 AM

KS

“ Dan and Sue have been our paper carrier for several years. He always had a smile and a cheerful word and would brighten my day! To Sue and family, my deepest sympathy. My prayers are with you. He is with the angels now and at peace.

Kathy Shanahan

Kathy Shanahan - February 28, 2014 at 09:09 AM

PR

“ I worked with Dan at the Daily Journal quite a few years ago, but he was one of my favorite people. My condolence to his wife Susie and his wonderful big family!!!!

Friend Paula Robbins

Paula Robbins - February 28, 2014 at 08:57 AM

CC

“ It was a honor to work with Dan at The Daily Journal. He will be greatly missed. My sympathies go out to his whole family.

Cheryl Cote.

Cheryl Cote - February 27, 2014 at 05:33 PM

AU

“ Dan was a great man when it came to being positive and impacting children's lives. I had the pleasure of umpiring some of his games down at the Bradley-Bourbonnais Little League. His time of volunteering along with a positive display for kids will be greatly missed!

-Austin Lagesse

Austin - February 27, 2014 at 01:55 PM

MH

“ It was a honor to know and work with Dan for the 29 years I've been at The Daily Journal. Always had a smile on his face, always so caring, and always had something kind to say. He will truly be missed. To his wife, children, and family you have my deepest sympathies.

Myrdis Hines
Kankakee, IL

Myrdis Hines - February 27, 2014 at 11:23 AM

PC

“ *Patricia Cook lit a candle in memory of Daniel L. Jensen*



Patricia Cook - February 27, 2014 at 11:14 AM

KN

“ *What a great guy, I had the honor to work with Dan at the Journal for 12 years and loved being around him. He truly loved the LORD and loved his family dearly. Dan you will be missed, but, we know you are walking on streets of gold with your LORD and Savior.*

*Kevin Nordmeyer
Chebanse, Il.*

Kevin Nordmeyer - February 27, 2014 at 10:56 AM

KG

“ *Our deepest sympathies to Dan's family. He was a wonderful human being and will be deeply missed. Thank you for all the years you shared him with all of us.
May God bring you peace and comfort at this difficult time.*

*Sincerely,
Kathie & OJ Grazis*

Kathie & OJ Grazis - February 27, 2014 at 10:47 AM

SW

“ Dan and I began our friendship by sitting next to each other at Central H.S. in a typing class. Yes, at times there was more laughing than typing. Dan was developing that puppy dog look and innocent voice that both kept him out of trouble and later in life made him so easy to talk to and trust. Later we worked together on the Mental Health Unit at Riverside. Dan was Christian in all he did for the clients and fellow staff. Of course sports had to be a part of his life then, too. He'd bring baseball cards to show and share with fellow staff and the children/adolescent clients. He also invited me to play in the Saturday morning church basketball league and on the church softball team.. This led to some wonderful fellowship and friendships. Dan NEVER gave up, even to the point of diving for ANY groundball. Dan would get down on himself immediately EVERY time he didn't get a hit, and call himself a hotdog. This passion was exemplified in all Dan did. This was most obvious in his passion for Christ, devotion to church, service to those in need and mental health clients, and in coaching. I saw Dan last summer at the ballpark and I teased that he and I are too old to coach. Dan's response was "they called me and needed somebody". That was Dan. I pray to God that Sue Ellen and family and all of us that are truly blessed by having Dan in our lives will find strength and peace and laughter as we remember and honor Dan's life.

scott weedon - February 27, 2014 at 07:13 AM

MM

“ *The past few years, I have had the pleasure of getting to know Dan through his outreach with softball at River Valley. He had a passion for Christ, lived it each day and deeply loved his family. Several nights after practice or games we would chat as he was preparing for his night shift up north. He always had a smile, was well respected by his peers, and had an encouraging word for the guys when they would get down. He will be missed. A true gentleman, a leader and Christian brother - an example for us all. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you. Matt McAllister*

Matt McAllister - February 26, 2014 at 10:57 PM

RS

“ *Dan was a wonderful supervisor, who cared about his workers, funny, concerned, and stood up for us. condolences to the family on your loss. I will miss him he was a wonderful friend.*



Roberta Scolley - February 26, 2014 at 10:43 PM

TH

“ *Dan was our kids manager when they delivered the Daily Journal, he was always very kind and took good care of the kids. Now I work for The Herald Country Market newspaper and he and his wife Sue Ellen bring the journal to us. They are both two of the kindest people I have ever met. I am sad by his passing and will miss him everyday. Our thoughts and prayers go to the family. Dan was an extraordinary man. Dan and Teresa Hensley*

Teresa Hensley - February 26, 2014 at 03:00 PM

AS

“ It was a pleasure and an honor to work with Dan. I've been at Riverside 38 years and started on MHU 22 years ago. Seems like a LONG time ago yet seems like only yesterday. Dan was always so very easy going and so very well like but not only our patients but our staff. Dan always had something nice to say and it was just always a pleasure to be around him. We hated to see him leave the unit but it was more important for him to be happy. We have missed him since he left and he will be definitely missed even more now but I know that he is in a better place and smiling down on all of us. Many hugs and prayers to your family. Dan was one of the good ones!!!

Anne Schoolman - Office Manager on MHU at Riverside

Anne Schoolman - February 26, 2014 at 02:33 PM

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Sandy (Emling) Dion - March 02, 2014 at 01:58 AM