



## Daniel Lee Jeakins

*July 31, 1948 - April 10, 2021*

“This is the day our LORD has made; Let us rejoice and be glad. The GOOD news that GOD’s light always overcomes the Darkness”

Daniel (“Poppy”) Lee Jeakins of Plano, Texas passed away on April 10, 2021 at the age of 72. He was born July 31, 1948 to Robert Earl and Dorothy Louise (Steinbaugh) Jeakins in Danville, Illinois. Dan received a bachelor’s degree in Architecture from the University of Illinois. He married Kristy Jean Lucas on May 6, 1972 in Danville, Illinois. Dan was a member of Christ United Methodist Church, Plano, Texas. Dan had a long and successful career in architecture however, his most rewarding accomplishment was not made of concrete and steel. It was made with his heart, which we admired the most. Dan was a loving husband to his best friend and wife of 48 years, Kristy, and the most caring father and Poppy to his 3 children and 7 grandchildren. Poppy never missed an opportunity to tell his children how proud he was. He loved spending time outdoors and could be found with his daughters at the lake house, hunting with his son, fishing with his grandkids, and keeping a beautiful yard with his wife. Dan fulfilled his passion for architecture throughout his 50 years in the industry and spent a majority of that time as a principal with HKS in Dallas. Dan’s passion for his career continued after his retirement as he served on the board of the Thanks-Giving Foundation, board member of the REES Associates, and an advisory board member of the Trust for Public Land. The amount of love, patience, and kindness that he provided to his family, friends, coworkers, and complete strangers came naturally to him. He was so grateful for the outpouring of love and messages he received. Dan imparted wisdom and words of affirmation to those around him even in his final sentiments, “I truly feel like the luckiest man; I’ve had such a blessed life” and “The most important things are family, friends, and being kind to others.”

Celebrating him and carrying on his legacy of kindness and love are his wife, Kristy Jeakins of Plano, Texas; daughter, Courtney Wesson and husband, Ken of McKinney, Texas; son, Travis Jeakins and wife, Tiffany of Dallas, Texas; daughter, Chelsea Davenport of Richardson, Texas; grandchildren, Paige, Bond, Harper, Stella, Beck, Dylan and Van; brother, Jay Jeakins and wife, Barbara of Peoria, Illinois; sisters, Dawn Bouc and husband, Bob of Peoria, Illinois and Pam Vaughan and husband, Fred of Richardson, Texas. Poppy is reunited in heaven with his parents, and his much

loved chocolate lab, Molly.

To the sweetest man we have ever known, it's not a goodbye but until we see you again. A servant's heart. A truly perfect gentleman. A humble and kind man.

In lieu of flowers, Dan would want you to perform a random act of kindness or donate to the Thanks-Giving Foundation at [thanksgiving.org](https://www.thanksgiving.org) .

A memorial service will be held at 1:00 p.m., Thursday, May 13, 2021 at Highland Country Fellowship, 8202 Boedeker Street, Dallas, Texas 75225.

## Memorials

*What a great guy. An extraordinary Individual. One to be admired professionally, and one to be loved as your friend. Dan's family was his priority; however ,he excelled in his career. I look forward to being with him again.*

**RON BRAME , APRIL 30, 2021**

*Dan was one of my most favorite people. when he was in the office he would always stop at the desk just to say hello. So sorry to hear of his passing. May Dan Rest In Peace with our Heavenly Father.*

**BEVERLY KIEDAISCH, APRIL 21, 2021**

*Many years ago, Dan and his twin sister, Dawn were at a birthday party for my nephew Steve Ellis, They were about 5 or 6 years of age. This was in Danville, Illinois, and I think his parents were attending Lincoln Methodist Church. I was at this birthday party with my daughter, Gaydene Ellis, as she was a first cousin to Steve. Some place I have a picture of this group celebrating a birthday in which there is a picture of him and his twin sister. His father was from Potomac, Illinois, and his mother was from Bismarck, Illinois. I knew both of them and Dan's Aunt Charlotte. So sorry for your loss.*

**WANDA DOSSEY ELLIS WELLER, APRIL 20, 2021**

*I worked with Dan at Hager's Stagecoach Inn in Peoria in the 60's. We were hard working busboys. Also graduated with him at Richwoods High School in 1966. He was a great guy then which sounds like carried through his whole life. Condolences to all his family.*

ALLEN COVINGTON, APRIL 19, 2021

*We have lost a great friend and fellow business partner - Dan's loss will be felt for many years to come. Will miss you Dapper Dan!*

MELISSA AND ROBERT MCFARLANE, APRIL 19, 2021

*Dan is one of the few men surely to receive everlasting life in God's kingdom. A soft-spoken man with the upmost manners of a gentleman. I worked with Dan on a couple of small projects at HKS and never encountered a moment in which he raised his voice or was aggravated by anyone. He was a pleasure to work with and collaborate. A cool architect, a friend, and humble person who will be missed. With sincerest sympathy to Kristy and family.*

LORENZO CASTILLO, APRIL 19, 2021

*Dan - I am truly grateful to have known you through senior leadership early on in my career at HKS. You have been a role model to me on how to be successful in one's career and also be genuine and humble, kind and approachable. And your smile is most memorable. I will miss you dearly but I also know, by sharing the same Hope, that we shall meet again. Rest peacefully in Him, my friend.*

LAURENCE CHIANG, APRIL 19, 2021

*Dan was a beautiful person inside and out. His smile was infectious. I met him when I was an intern, right out of school at HKS in Dallas. He recognized something in me that I did not see in myself. He gave me confidence and helped me identify my true purpose in this field. I am so grateful to have worked with him early in my career. Blessings to all those who loved him and will miss him.*

MINDY GOODROE, APRIL 19, 2021

*Dan was a gentle man. Always smiling and always looked like he stepped off the front of a magazine. Always a gentleman. When he told me that his 1st grandchild was on the way, I told him that grandchildren were the blessings we receive for living through the teenage years with our own children. He was so excited for each of his grandchildren to be born. He will be missed but we will see him again. Rejoice Dan and watch over your loved ones. Rest in peace,*

*sir.*

**LOURETTA DENTON, APRIL 19, 2021**

*I didn't know Mr. Jeakins but saw his obit and was touched at the tributes to him. His kindness and humbleness was clearly communicated in the obituary. He sounds like an extraordinary man.*

**ANONYMOUS, APRIL 19, 2021**

*My heartfelt sympathy to Dan's family on the passing of a wonderful and talented man. It was a pleasure to have known Dan and his help on a Woodall Rodgers assignment was greatly appreciated. He will be in my prayers. With sympathy,*

**PHIL SMITH, APRIL 19, 2021**

*Dan, we are in celebration of your life but grieving the loss of such a vibrant, kind man in our lives! You were a dear friend to us, always there with a kind word or a bit of humor. As a member of HKS' leadership, you brought great success but with humbleness and graciousness. A true servant leader to the firm. Most of all you forged lasting friendships built on honor and trust. We will truly miss you! Condolences to Kristy, the children, grandkids and your entire family as well as devoted friends! Love,*

**RALPH AND SUSAN HAWKINS, APRIL 19, 2021**

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