



Daniel John Smith

October 23, 1956 - October 5, 2020

Daniel John Smith was the eldest of two children born to John and Barbara Smith in Chicago, IL on October 23, 1956.

He graduated from St. Patrick Catholic High School and was the first in his family to go to college, attending DePaul University. After graduating, he became a math teacher at a local high school.

It was there that he met the love of his life, Joellyn. They married on September 12, 1981 and soon after had four children.

He left the profession of teaching and joined the Commercial Real Estate industry, quickly becoming an industry expert in Mortgage Backed Securities. His career would take him from Chicago into the mountains of Boulder, Colorado, and soon after to the suburbs of McKinney, TX.

Dan loved his family and enjoyed bowling, watching sports, cheering on the Chicago Bears and Cubs, and always attended his children's sport games and band recitals. He was a proud father who put all four of his children through college and as he would brag "without tattoos".

His legacy will continue through his children – his oldest daughter Michelle Schoonmaker and her husband Derek, his only son Craig and his wife Eden, his middle daughter Katherine Quintanilla and her husband Alex, and his youngest daughter Christina. He has three grandchildren all of which were the center of his world.

He was loved and deeply loved us all. He lived life to the fullest and is now rejoined in heaven with the love of his life.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Bridge Breast Network: <https://www.bridgebreast.org/>

Memorials

I am so sad to learn of Dan's passing. I started my commercial real estate career under his leadership at CapSource in Boulder, Colorado. He was kind and smart with a wonderful sense of humor. My wife Anne and I send our sincere condolences to his family during this difficult time.

GARY RUHL, NOVEMBER 2, 2020

I enjoyed working with Dan during our many years together at GE. He was always a straight-shooter and a gentleman. An all-around great guy. He will be missed!

HANK ZUPNICK, OCTOBER 23, 2020

Preceded in death by my cousin Joellen. Both passed on way too young. My condolences to the entire Smith family. So so sorry.

CECILIA FOX, OCTOBER 18, 2020

Deepest condolences. Praying for your strength and peace.

P. MAGNOLIA BARNES , OCTOBER 14, 2020

Dear Dan's family, I worked with Dan for ten years at GE Capital and have rarely met a boss that had so many resume and eulogy virtues. Dan was kind and respectful to everyone he met and always strived to do the right thing – sometimes under difficult circumstances. Every time you saw Dan, you could not help but want to go out of your way to say hello or engage with him at some level, because he was so likeable and welcoming. We both shared a Catholic faith and I know he lived his with honor inside and outside the workplace. Dan was such a wonderful example of servant leadership and I know many who worked with him who are in leadership positions now try to emulate his leadership style. Dan will certainly be missed, but I know he is in a better place in heaven with your Mom now. I hope my prayers and the prayers of many in the Dallas community that knew Dan are lifting you up at this time.

JIM DUNN, OCTOBER 13, 2020

There is a song lyric that goes, "life is what happens to you while you are busy making other plans". I do not know Dan Smith's early life plans, but I recognize the good life he has displayed. He was happily married to my late sister,

Joellyn, and had been a good father, in raising 4 upstanding children. His Christian faith always kept him humble, while professionally achieving personal success. With his outward display of empathy towards those whose life was given earthly struggles, and his consistent faith in Christ Jesus, it is with great confidence we shall see him again in heaven.

JOHN & KELLY HEINL, ALONG WITH LINDSAY & ANDREW PUPOS, OCTOBER 11, 2020

Katy, Michelle, Craig, Christi, and family, Deepest condolences on the passing of your father and loved one. The eulogy today beautifully and movingly captured the good man your father was as a husband, father, and friend. May the legacy he left and the memories of his love bring you comfort and peace in this difficult time. The love your parents taught and gave you was present to the end, in your generous request for donations rather than flowers. Please know a donation was made today to the Bridge Breast Network in honor of both of your parents. With deepest sympathy,

MONIKA G., OCTOBER 10, 2020

My thoughts and prayers are with your family. I want to offer my sincere condolences. I have fond memories of Danny as we were cousins living in Chicago. Your Dad and Mom will forever be watching over all of you. I truly believe that.

DEBBIE BRENNAN-GIAMARUSTI , OCTOBER 10, 2020

I am deeply sorry for the passing of your Dad. I knew your Dad from St. Patrick HS and our fraternity at DePaul. I enjoyed bowling with him and especially being on the course together. He was an all around "Great Guy." He was very proud of each of you.

FRANK WCISLO, OCTOBER 10, 2020

Dear Smith family, I'm deeply saddened by the news of your dad's passing. He was a smart, generous, humble and kind man. I'm grateful to him for the opportunity to grow professionally and always being so welcoming. He introduced me to St. Jude's and ever since then I've been a proud supporter of theirs. He had a good soul and will be missed. His soul has now rejoined your mother who departed ahead of him a few years back to pave the way for their

union to be eternal. God would not have it any other way; he lived long enough to see his Chicago Cubs win the World Series and meet his grandchildren. Our condolences to you. Dan

DAN YANEZ, OCTOBER 9, 2020

A great and amazing professional in our industry. You will be missed.

JOSE HERRERA, OCTOBER 9, 2020

I just wanted to reach out and let you know that I am keeping you and your family in my thoughts and in my prayers during this difficult time!! Your father loved you all very much and he knew how much you love him!! God be with you!

TAMRA THORSEN, OCTOBER 9, 2020

Michelle, Craig, Katy and Christy I have no words. My heart hurts for you all. Please call me if you ever want to talk. I'm here for you. Love you all. Kayce.

KAYCE GANNON, OCTOBER 8, 2020

Michelle, Craig, Katherine & Christina, so sorry for your loss. I've known your dad for nearly 30 years, and he is truly a legend in commercial real estate finance and, more importantly, an outstanding person and friend. Dan was an innovator, a great leader and manager, had a kind and generous heart, and had a profound influence on the commercial real estate industry and many, many people he mentored and led along the way. Head of commercial real estate finance at Duff & Phelps Credit Ratings, GE Capital Real Estate, and Royal Bank of Canada; he earned the respect of the industry and leaders across the country. He always had a welcoming smile, an engaging chuckle, and sincere wisdom for those smart enough to seek his advice. It was also clear to all his friends how much he valued and loved his family. He was guided in all dealings with people and business by his abiding faith. And the foundation of that faith is the assurance that he is indeed in a much better place now. He will be dearly missed, but we are all blessed and better people for having known him.

PATRICK SARGENT, OCTOBER 8, 2020

Dan was a great leader for our GE Capital Real Estate team in Dallas. I

appreciated his personal and business character and fantastic care and concern for all of our employees - regardless of their position. Dan's positive attitude was contagious and made for a great working environment . I also fondly remember a conversation I had with Dan about his love for his wife and children and his personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Dan will be missed - for a season.

BRUCE WHEELLESS, OCTOBER 8, 2020

To Dan's Family I am so sorry for your loss. May you find comfort in his memory and know he is in a better place with your Mom. My heart goes out to all of you, he was taken way too soon. Love Patti

PATTI FIELDING, OCTOBER 7, 2020

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