



Daniel B. Hacker Jr.

August 30, 1930 - December 16, 2013

Daniel Boone Hacker, Jr., aged 83, passed away on Monday, December 16, 2013 at Lynwood Manor in Adrian after a long bout with esophageal cancer. He was born August 30, 1930 in Oneida, Kentucky to school teacher and mountaineer Daniel B. and Alabama (Davidson) Hacker. His mother passed away shortly after giving birth and his father was advanced in his years, so he was raised by his half-brother Roy and Oda (Britton) Hacker in the Hamilton, Ohio area.

Dan attended Reily High school where he played basketball and baseball. He planned on playing basketball for Xavier University but was drafted shortly after enrollment and served in Korea as a member of the United States Army. Upon returning to civilian life he moved to the Monroe, Michigan area to find work in the auto industry. At the urging of his brother-in-law, Monroe jeweler Dan Weiss, he entered Bowman Technical Institute in Lancaster, Pennsylvania and became a master watchmaker.

He established Hacker Jewelers in Blissfield in 1956. The business expanded twice in Blissfield and eventually moved to Adrian where he continued to operate it until early 2013. In October of 1958 he married Barbara Ann Dressel. She preceded him in death in 1982.

They had two children, both of whom followed in their father's footsteps in the

jewelry industry. Daniel G. Hacker operates Hacker Jewelers, Designers & Goldsmiths, Inc. of Tecumseh with his wife Barbara (Gafner). Monica McKeown is an accomplished jewelry designer and V.P. of the Corporate Division of renowned Chicago jeweler Lester Lampert. She and her husband Thomas live in Whiting, Indiana.

Dan was preceded in death by many siblings and is survived by just four sisters: Sylvia Lewis of Sale Creek, Tennessee; Susan Wilson of Hamilton, Ohio; Opal Wissinger of Belleview, Washington; and Blanche (George) Jackson of Oxford, Ohio. He is also survived by three grandchildren: John Hacker and special friend Elisabeth Dion of Livonia; Alexander Lilak of Whiting, Indiana; and Vanessa Lilak of Chicago. He beamed with pride at the accomplishments of his children and grandchildren.

Over the years, Dan was involved in many civic and business groups. He served as a Blissfield village councilman for several years, was a former Kiwanian, and was a member of the American Legion. He coached Little League baseball and peewee football, and was the stadium announcer for Blissfield High School football for many years. Dan also formerly served on the board of directors of TLC Community Credit Union.

You were a stranger in Dan's jewelry store but once. He had an engaging personality and made friends quickly. He dreamed big and always had a restoration project or second business on the side. He loved bluegrass, classic country, and easy listening pop music, conservative politics, and University of Michigan sports (where both his children and a grandson earned degrees). He was generous to a fault, and will be sadly missed by his family, friends, and everyone who knew him.

Arrangements are entrusted to the Wagley Funeral Home Tagsold Chapel in Blissfield with visitation on Wednesday, December 18th from 4 to 8 pm. with a

walk through at 7:00 pm by the Blissfield American Legion Post 325. Funeral services will be held at 10 am on Thursday December 19th, with Rev. Jack Loughran officiating. Burial will immediately follow at Pleasant View Cemetery in Blissfield. Military honors will be conducted by the Blissfield American Legion Post 325 and VFW Post 10912. In lieu of flowers, donations are suggested to the Blissfield American Legion Robert Meachen Post 325 or the American Cancer Society. Online condolences are welcomed at www.WagleyFuneralHome.com

Cemetery Details

Pleasant View Cemetery

9175 E. US 223
Blissfield, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 18. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wagley Funeral Home Tagsold Chapel (Blissfield)
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Tribute Wall



“ *Daniel B. Hacker Jr.*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *To Mr. Hacker's family: Sorry for the loss of your father who was such good inspiration for you. Hope God will heal your grief in good time. He is a sunbeam now. You will enjoy your happy memories of him in your heart. Susan Dembinsky from Tecumseh ,Mi. in summer*

Susan Dembinsky - December 28, 2013 at 09:43 AM



“ *Dan and Monica, We're so sorry for the loss of your father. I was fortunate to meet him a couple of years ago at the store in Adrian. He was very charming and professional. He will be missed!! Best Wishes, Terry and Terri Butler*

Terry Butler - December 19, 2013 at 09:26 PM



“ *Dearest Danny and Monica and your families. I want you to feel the love and prayers I'm sending you way.. I'm just so sorry for your loss. I truly loved uncle Dan. He forever lives in my heart. Love you cuz Jenn*

jennifer cecere - December 19, 2013 at 09:37 AM



Thanks Jenn; Miss you! Danny

Dan Hacker - December 20, 2013 at 06:25 PM

EH

“ *My sincerest condolences to Dan and Monica. Many of my happy childhood memories growing up in Blissfield revolved around your Father and his commitment to the community. My first job at the Bliss Theater, which he owned, and under the employment of Tom and Ashley Dressel, were some of my favorite memories. His giving nature shown through in many ways. When the hotel burned down, he graciously offered the space in closed theater for Harry to stock his bar inventory. All his participation in the school events and support for the community and friends and family were part and parcel to his nature. He was a grand man and a gentle man. - Eric Hadesh*

Eric Hadesh - December 19, 2013 at 09:17 AM

GS

“ *Monica and Dan,*

I am so sorry for your loss. I know what you are going through. I will be praying for you both and your families.

Gladys Sprunk

Gladys Sprunk - December 18, 2013 at 03:04 PM

MR

“ *Dan and Barb and Family,*
I did not know your Father, but from the readings from this page, I know he was a wonderful man and will live on in hearts forever. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Marti Dickerson Ross

Marti Ross - December 18, 2013 at 11:41 AM

WS

“ *My family sends out condolences to your family, at this time of loss.*

I have fond memories of the jewelry store, in downtown Blissfield. I can remember Mr. Hacker picking out just the right jewelry for that special someone's gift.

He also made me feel like I always got a really good deal, which was important to me in the negotiating process.

We will all miss him and wish your family peace and serenity during the holiday's.

*The Sell's
Bill, Monica, Jennifer and Kyle*

william sell - December 18, 2013 at 11:08 AM

SL

“ *..All day long I have been thinking about this family that I was blessed to be part of---Seven boys and eight girls. Dan was the youngest. All seven of my brothers and six of my sisters have gone home to be with our Lord. I will miss talking with Dan and I will miss his e-mails. I have been missing them for a little while I remember at one family reunion Dan had a gorgeous ring on every finger. Everyone said those rings are so pretty and Dan said they are all for sale. Don't know if he went home with them all or not. Dan liked country music, so I am sure he has heard the old gospel song "I've Got A Home In Glory Land That Out Shines The Sun. Dan is in his Glory Land home now and has entered into his rest that our Lord has prepared for him. I am sure he is enjoying the music of heaven as much as he did Blue Grass. Who knows, maybe there is a blue grass angel band picking and singing worship music Sylvia.*

Sylvia Lewis - December 17, 2013 at 10:19 PM

CH

“ Blissfield has lost one of the GREAT businessmen! He was "MR> BLISSFIELD," he loved helping his customers, family and God.

Charlie Howland

charles Howland - December 17, 2013 at 09:26 PM



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Dan Hacker - December 17, 2013 at 07:38 PM

SL

Been awhile since I have seen this picture, but I do have a copy of it.
Sylvia

Sylvia Lewis - December 18, 2013 at 11:06 AM

KH

I too have a copy of this picture. I loved your dad a lot. He was only 11 when I was born and as a small child he spoiled me (a lot) when I was at the old Berry farm with everyone. So many, many great memories. Even writing this brings tears.

Kay Wissinger Henn - August 18, 2017 at 07:16 PM

Marilyn
Rinehart

“ Growing up Uncle Dan visited a few times, I remember him as fun, full of joy and always a big smile. As a child I loved him visiting, so sorry for his loss, but he is with Grandma and Grandpa in heaven. God will have some important things for him, forsure.

Marilyn Rinehart - December 17, 2013 at 02:43 PM

AD

“ Audrey Daras lit a candle in memory of Daniel B. Hacker Jr.



Audrey Daras - December 17, 2013 at 09:20 AM

AD

May you and your loved ones find comfort in knowing that Daniel rests in peace. I am deeply sorry for your great loss.
Sincerely,
Audrey

Audrey Daras - December 17, 2013 at 09:22 AM

AS

“ Thank you Dan and may you rest in peace knowing that your efforts on earth are remembered and valued.
Your "If it is good for kids, lets do it " attitude was a big help to me and my programs as a coach from 1959 to 1969 .
The help, support and friendship given to us was much appreciated by Lillian and I.
Coach Al Schaffer

Al Schaffer - December 17, 2013 at 04:33 AM



Thank you so much Coach. You were so important to him. He was so happy for you, but sad for Blissfeild when you left, and he ALWAYS lamented that I never got the oppoirtunity to play for you at BHS. Oh...and you still were the only one who knocked when you walked in the back door of my dad's store!

Dan Hacker - December 17, 2013 at 10:15 AM

AS

Dan, I loved to see your Dad's reaction when I entered the store. We rehashed many a big win by the Royals on Saturdays. I have many great memories involving him.

Al Schaffer - December 20, 2013 at 10:45 PM

MB

“ *Dan and Monica;
Sorry to hear the passing of your Dad. I always enjoyed visiting him in his store, especially in Blissfield. It was never business with him in the store; he made sure you felt welcomed and he would chat to you on just about any topic but mainly sports. He will be missed.
Mike Burgermeister*

Mike Burgermeister - December 17, 2013 at 01:05 AM



Thanks so much, Burgey. Our parents watched a lot of ball games together, didn't they? Great memories! - Hack

Dan Hacker - December 17, 2013 at 10:17 AM

MB

Yes they did Dan. It was great to know that all our parents would come and watch our games.

Mike Burgermeister - December 17, 2013 at 11:17 PM

KW

“ To Danny and Monica:

I am so sorry for your loss. So sorry to hear that he was in so much pain and illness in the end days. I have such great memories of him and your mom from early childhood. Always was such a treat to get to go to your place, so many laughs. It should be a bit of comfort to know that surely he went straight to heaven and is smiling upon you. You all are in my prayers.

Karen Weis-Ferris - December 16, 2013 at 06:54 PM



Thank you Karen. I wouldn't be a jeweler if not for my dad; and he wouldn't have been a jeweler if not for yours. Love, Danny

Dan Hacker - December 17, 2013 at 10:20 AM

RH

Karen we will all miss Uncle Dan he was a special man and will always be in our hearts. Karen I have missed you as well for so many years. I have not seen or even talked to you since I was 15 or 16 years old and always wondered what happened to you. I miss you, you are still part of my family. Your Cousin Rick Hacker.

Rick Hacker - December 18, 2013 at 01:57 PM

TD

“ Dan was a big part of my life. Going through my teenage years without a father, Dan helped to fill the void. I have many great memories of him.

Tom Dressel

tom dressel - December 16, 2013 at 04:56 PM



Thanks Tom. He was always so proud that he was the first one to say, "Of course Tom is going to accept that football scholarship out west..." when others were doubting you should. I had a blast yesterday sifting through old pictures for the visitation; great times!

Dan Hacker - December 17, 2013 at 10:24 AM



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Dan Hacker - December 16, 2013 at 03:34 PM



I saw this picture growing up..Marilyn Rinehart (Hacker, daughter of Roy Hacker Jr.

Marilyn Rinehart - December 17, 2013 at 02:39 PM



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Dan Hacker - December 16, 2013 at 03:31 PM

RH

“ *My Uncle Dan, what a kind and loving man. I have to many great memories to share, most of course were when I was young. As we grew older we stayed in touch but were not able to see each other very often. We had so much in common when it came to sports and we were both in the army Dan in Korea and me in Vietnam. I loved Uncle Dan very much and he will always be with me.*

Rick Hacker

Rick Hacker - December 16, 2013 at 02:28 PM



He was proud of his service and you should be too, Rick. The times our families got together were too few, but always cherished.

Dan Hacker - December 17, 2013 at 07:33 PM

BL

“ *You were a good man, Dan, who gave so much to everyone you met. You will be missed.*

Bob Lilak - December 16, 2013 at 01:14 PM

CS

Sorry for your loss, Your dad helped me pick out a very nice watch for my husband Dave, during the Downtown Christmas drawing, many years ago in Blissfield, which Dave wore for many years. We have lots of good memories, like going in his store in Blissfield and Adrian, to buy class rings for our kids. Dave remembers going there to pick out his class ring. You will be in our thoughts, Let the many good memories get you through this difficult time. Dave and Connie Saylor

Connie Saylor - December 16, 2013 at 07:27 PM