



In Loving Memory of

Daniel James Reiter

(March 29, 1976 - November 8, 2007)



" The Broken Chain " We little knew that morning that God was going to call your name. In life we loved you dearly In death we do the same. It broke our hearts to lose you, you did not go alone; for part of us went with you, the day God called you home. You left us peaceful memories, your love is still our guide, and though we cannot see you, you are always at our side. Our family chain is broken and nothing seems the same, But as God calls us one by one the chain will link again.

Those who live in the hearts of others never die.

This memorial website was created to remember our

dearest son, brother, husband, father and friend; **Daniel James Reiter**, who was born in DuBois Pa on March 29,1976 and passed away on November 8, 2007in Reynoldsville Pa, DAN you will live forever in our memories and hearts. Our love for you will never fade, our visions of your life will never disappear and our missing you will now be a part of our soul. You were loved, I hope that you can feel that where you now rest...

I sought my soul, but my soul I could not see. I sought my God, but my God eluded me. I sought my brother and I found all three. ~Author Unknown



"You and I will meet again, When we're least expecting it, One day in some far off place, I will recognize your face, I won't say goodbye my friend, For you and I will meet again"



What we remember lives on...

















































































































































Memorial Candles

our words, your light...









from the deepest of our hearts...

For Mom and Dad

December 13, 2007

I'll lend you for a little time A child of Mine, He said, For you to love the while he lives And mourn when he is dead.

It may be six or seven years Or twenty-two or three, But will you, till I call him back, Take care of him for Me?

He'll bring his charms to gladden you And should his stay be brief, You'll have his lovely memories As solace for your grief.

I cannot promise he will stay Since all from earth return, But there are lessons taught down there I want this child to learn.

I've looked the wide world over In My search for teachers true, And from the throngs that crowd life's lanes I have selected you.

Now will you give him all your love Nor think the labor vain, Nor hate Me when I come to call To take him back again?

I fancied that I heard them say, "Dear Lord, Thy will be done.


For all the joy Thy child shall bring The risk of grief we'll run.

"We'll shelter him with tenderness, We'll love him while we may. And for the happiness we've known Forever grateful stay.

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December 11, 2007

You meant so much to all of us You were special and that's no lie You brightened up the darkest day And the cloudiest sky

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Your smile alone warmed hearts Your laugh was like music to hear I would give absolutely anything To have you well and standing near

Not a second passes When you're not on our minds Your love we will never forget The hurt will ease in time

Many tears I have seen and cried They have all poured out like rain I know that you are happy now

And no longer in any pain.



Connie

Mother-in-law

December 9, 2007

Dan,

I miss you too.

From the bottom of my heart I wish things were different than what Marcy and your girls are going through along with your Mom, Dad and siblings. I know you are greatly missed by all of us. Fly those planes and 'copters and have fun my boy! Hope all the hurt is gone.

LJUST WANTED TO SEND MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO THE REITER FAMILY, TO MARCY AND THE GIRLS. I KNEW DAN ALL MY LIFE AND WE GREW UP AS NEIGHBORS. HE WAS ALWAYS SUCH A NICE GUY. I AM SO SORRY THAT THINGS ENDED THE WAY THEY DID. THERE ARE NO WORDS TO SAY TO TAKE AWAY YOUR PAIN BUT MAY YOU ALL FIND PEACE AND COMFORT AS YOU REMEMBER THE GOOD TIMES AND THE MEMORIES YOU SHARED.

Holly SIple

The Reiter Family

November 29, 2007

I send my deepest sympathy to your entire family. Dan was my friend and I will greatly miss him. I will always remember the good times that I shared with Dan as we grew up and will never forget how special he was to me!!



all the gray you turned into colors...

Brother, please; Dan, please;

Ease my pain.

No words can explain the hurt that I feel.

No song can compare to sound of my cries.

No darkness can compete with the color of my dreams.

Dan please reply,

When I picture your face, my heart skips a beat.

When I hear the memory of your voice my mind is cracked open.

deb

When I remember the feel of your hug my soul bleeds out loud.

Dan I need a sign.

If I recall your smile and your eyes I am crushed by grief.

If I glimpse your house of pain I could scream to the sky.

If I ever start to forget your face I feel I may die.

Dan WHY?

The choice that you made, how did you do it?

The pain you have relinquished, how could that be done?

The hopelessness you felt, how could you hide that?

Dan DAMNIT!

I feel so betrayed, so lost and scared.

That my brother could die and I wouldn't be there.

What words could have held you back?

Could I have known them?

Would my unconditional love for you, been enough to halt your plan?

Or, was there a loneliness and loss far greater that appears?

Dan, you gave me, us; no choice, no way to fight for you, you so

silently left us behind to forever mourn you.

Steph

If I could have one wish, I would go back in time to that very second that you felt so alone and desperate and take away your pain! You weren't alone! I feel so helpless, like I could have done more or even something! I am so angry that you suffered, even for a minute. I am in shock, I still can't believe you are gone! I am devastated at the thought of you not being in my life! I regret not telling you that I am there for you and how very much you mean to me! I love you always and forever!

Mom

Time Doesn't Heal All Wounds

It has been said , time heals all wounds. I do not agree. The wounds remain. In time, the mind,(protecting its sanity), covers them with scar tissue and the pain lessens. But, it is never gone.

Mom

REMEMBERING

Go ahead and mention my child. The one that died, you know. Don't worry about hurting me further. The depth of my pain doesn't show.

Don't worry about making me cry. I'm already crying inside. Help me to heal by releasing, The tears that I try to hide.

I'm hurt when you just keep silent, Pretending he didn't exist. I'd rather you mention my child, Knowing that he has been missed.

You asked me how I was doing. I say "pretty good" or "fine". But healing is something ongoing. I feel it will take a lifetime.

Elizabeth Dent

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DAN

The moment that you died, our hearts spilt in two.

The one side filled with memories the other died with you. We often lay awake at night when the world is fast asleep, and take a walk down memory lane with tears upon our cheeks.

Remembering you is easy, we do it every day, but missing you is a heartache that never goes away. We hold you tightly within our hearts and there you will remain. Life has gone on without you but it will never be the same.

> For those who still have their sons and brothers; treat them with tender care, you will never know the emptiness

when you turn and they're not there.

Rest in peace.



MOM

Do Not Weep

Do not stand at my grave and weep, I am not there, I do not sleep.

I am a thousand winds that blow, I am the softly falling snow. I am the gentle showers of rain, I am the fields of ripening grain.

I am in the morning hush, I am in the graceful rush Of beautiful birds in circling flight. I am in the star shine of the night.

I am in the flowers that bloom, I am in a quiet room. I am in the birds that sing, I am in everything.

Do not stand at my grave and cry, I am not there, I do not die.

Author- Mary E Frye



deb

Why

Dan,

Why did you choose to die? You left no note and me with why? You thought you were doing what was best and right. Why? Oh why, did you have to end the fight? Your pain is something I will never understand. You must have been so alone to take this stand. You left me with a title I am so sad to attain. SUICIDE SURVIVOR, but who should I blame? I know your decision was painful to make. The thoughts in your head, Must have been unbearable to take. Now that you're gone, I think of you a lot. You couldn't have known the suffering you have brought. I pray you at peace my brother, as I am in pain. I count the minutes to heaven and seeing you again.

Mom

When Tomorrow Starts Without Me

When tomorrow starts without me, and I'm not here to see. If the sun should rise and find your eyes all filled with tears. I wish so much you wouldn't cry the way you did today, While thinking of the many things we didn't get to say. I know how much you love me, as much as I love you, And each time you think of me, please try to understand, That an angel came and called my name, and took me by the hand. And said my place was ready in Heaven far above, And I'd have to leave behind all those I dearly love. But as I turned to walk away, a tear fell from my eye, for all my life, I'd always thought I didn't want to die. I had so much to live for and so much to do. It seemed almost impossible that I was leaving you. I thought of all the yesterdays, the good ones and the bad, I thought of all the love we shared, and all the fun we had. If I could relive yesterday, I thought for just a while, I'd say good-bye and kiss you and maybe see you smile. But then I fully realized that this could never be, For emptiness and memories would take the place of me. And when I thought of worldly things, that I'd miss come tomorrow, I thought of you, and when I did my heart was filled with sorrow. But when I walked through Heaven's gates, I felt so much at home, When God looked down and smiled at me, from His great golden throne. He said "This is eternity and all I've promised you". Today for life on earth is past but here it starts anew. I promise no tomorrow, but today will always last, And since each day's the same day, no longing for the past. But you have been so faithful, so trusting, so true, Though there were times you did some things, you knew you shouldn't do. But you have been forgiven and now at last you're free. So won't you take my hand and share my life with me?

So when tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart, For every time you think of me, I'm right here in your heart. "ANON"

deb

IN LOVING MEMORY OF MY BROTHER



Where did the time go my brother, did we walk today? In my spirit, in my mind, you're not far away.Where did the time go my brother, did we share today?Fond memories live in my heart, you'll be here always. Where did the time go my brother, did we softly speak? We'll share our joys and our pain, even while you sleep.

Where did the time go my brother, with teardrops in my eyes. I will miss you everyday until the day I die.

Mom

I'M STILL HERE

Mother, please don't mourn for me I'm still here, don't you see. I'm right by your side each night and day and within your heart I long to stay. My body is gone but I'm always near. I'm everything you feel, see or hear. My spirit is free, but I'll never depart as long as you keep me alive in your heart. I'll never wander out of your sight-I'm the brightest star on a summer night. I'll never be beyond your reach-I'm the warm moist sand when you're at the beach. I'm the colorful leaves when fall comes around and the pure white snow that blankets the ground. I'm the beautiful flowers of which you are fond. The clear cool water in a quiet pond. I'm the first bright blossom you'll see in the spring, The first warm raindrop that April will bring. I'm the first ray of light when the sun starts to shine, and you'll see the face in the moon is mine. When you start thinking there's no one to love you, you can talk to me through the lord above you, I'll whisper my answer through the leaves in the trees, and you'll find my presence in the soft summer breeze.I'm the salty tears that flow when you weep and the beautiful dreams that come when you sleep.I'm the smile you see on a baby's face,Just look for me Mother, I'm every place.

Deb

I have not turned my back on you, So there is no need to cry. I'm watching you from heaven,



Just beyond the morning sky.

I've seen you almost fall apart, When you could barely stand. I asked the Lord to comfort you, And watched him take your hand. He told me you are in more pain, Then I could ever be. He wiped his eyes and swallowed hard, Then gave your hand to me. Although you may not feel my touch, Or see me by your side, I've whispered that I love you, While I wiped each tear you cried. So please try not to ache for me, We'll meet again one day, Beyond the dark and stormy sky, A Rainbow lights the way.

Deb

Today of all days your departure is hurting my heart...



MOM

Precious Son

God, I know you gave your precious Son To give us life with You. But I didn't want my son to leave, Cause he was precious too. We all are precious in your eyes And all to you return. I know my son will not come back, And I still have much to learn. Our time on earth is for learning, And when our lessons are through, Our spirit chooses the time we leave, And we come back to you. My precious son is with you, And there will be a day, That I too will leave this earthly place, And you will light my way. I know your arms will be open, And I will have a smile, To see my God and precious son, I will then become your child.

MOM

Today I Had a Victory

Today I had a victory I've reached the other side And although you can't see me I haven't really died.

For I have passed from death to life Oh death, where is thy sting? Today I sit at Jesus' feet I rest beneath His wings.

My loved ones all are gathering The ones who've gone before And now they all begin to sing As I enter Heaven's door.

The angels too are singing

As I stand before the throne For they are here to welcome me Into my brand new home.

Oh what a blessed joyous day To pass from death to life No longer is there any pain Nor is there any strife.





TO MY DEAREST FAMILY:

Some things i'd like to say, but first of all to let you know that I arrived o-kay... I'm writing this from heaven where I dwell with God above Where there's no more tears or sadness there is just eternal love Please do not be unhappy just because i'm out of sight Remember that i'm with you every morning, noon, and night That day I had to leave you when my life on earth was through God picked me up and hugged me and he said I welcome you It's good to have you back again you were missed while you were gone as for your dearest family they'll be here later on I need you here so badly as part of my big plan Theres so much that we have to do to help our mortal man Then God gave me a list of things he wishes me to do and foremost on that list of mine is to watch and care for you And I will be beside you every day and week and year and when you're sad i'm standing there to wipe away your tear And when you lie in bed at night the days chores put to flight God and I are closest to you in the middle of the night When you think of my life on Earth and all those loving years because your only human they are bound to bring some tears But do not be afraid to cry it does relieve the pain Remember there would be no flowers unless there was some rain I wish that I could tell you of all that God has planned But if I were to tell you you wouldn't understand But one thing is for certain though my life on Earth is o're I'am closer to you now than I ever was before And to my very many friends trust God knows what is best I'm still not far away from you I'm just beyond the crest There are rocky roads ahead of you and many hills to climb But together we can do it taking one day at a time It was always my philosophy and i'd like it for you too That as you give unto the world so the world will give to you

If you can help someone who is in sorrow or in pain Then you can say to God at night my day was not in vain And now I'am contented that my life it was worthwhile Knowing as I passed along the way I made somebody smile So if you meet somebody who is down and feeling low Just lend a hand to pick him up as on your way you go When you are walking down the street and you've got me on your mind I'm walking in your footsteps only half a step behind And when you feel the gentle breeze or the wind upon your face That's me giving you a great big hug or just a soft embrace And when it's time for you to go from that body to be free remember you're not going you are coming here to me And I will always love you from that land way up above Will be in touch again soon. P.S. God sends his love!

--Author Unknown--





MOM

AND GOD SAID

I said, "God, I hurt," And God said, " I know." I said, "God, I cry a lot." And God said. " That is why I gave you tears." I said, " God, I am so depressed." And God said, " That is why I gave you Sunshine." I said, "God, life is so hard." And God said, " That is why I gave you loved ones." I said, " God my loved one died." And God said, " So did mine." I said, "God, it is such a loss." And God said. " I saw mine nailed to a cross." I said, " God, but your loved one lives." And God said, " So does yours." I said, " God, where are they now?" And God said, "Mine is on My right and yours will be in the Light."

MOM

If Tears Could Build A Stairway

If tears could build a stairway, and memories a lane. I would walk right up to Heaven and bring you back again.

No farewell words were spoken, No time to say "Goodbye." You were gone before I knew it, and only God knows why. My heart still aches with sadness, and secret tears still flow. What it meant to love you-No one will ever know.

But now I know you want me to mourn for you no more; To remember all the happy times life still has much in store.

Since you'll never be forgotten, I pledge to you today~ A hollowed place within my heart is where you'll always stay.

Deb

I can clearly see your smile.

I can deeply sense your gone.

As I wake in the morning,

I can feel the loss of you.

As my mind drifts, I remember

your charm and your utter

happiness.

I anger and rage against

powerlessness, I cringe at the

future missing you.

My heart bends as I recall

your willingness to belong,

your desire to be accepted,

your need to be involved.

I feel total regret as your

presence no longer passes

mine and as any chance to

connect with you is no more.

I feel hatred at the

circumstances you chose and guilt

that I feel hatred, my ears seek

out your laughter and my mind

swarms with your memory,

I deny that it will

one day seem distant, that my sorrow for you will fade, you are now an internal piece of who I am, you have imprinted on my soul , I have changed into a person who has lost you and am forevermore missing you. As I take each breath it is you I am inhaling, as my heart beats so many more times it is for you that it continues. Dec. 2007



Mom

My grief is like a river, I have to let if flow, but I myself determine just where the banks will go.

Some days the current takes me in waves of guilt and pain, but there are always quiet pools where I can rest again. I crash on rocks of anger; my faith seems faint indeed, but there are other swimmers who know that what I need

Are loving hands to hold me when the waters are too swift, and someone kind to listen when I just seem to drift.

Grief's river is a process of relinquishing the past. By swimming in hope's channels, I'll reach the shore at last.

Daddy

MOM

Sometimes I sense a little flutter.

Like a shadow swiftly slipping by.Or I hear a silent gentle murmur.Like a soft whisper from out the sky.Sometimes...I hear you call my name.Or clearly see your face before me.And I feel that you are with me still. Then peacefully...I come to know As I am thinking happy thoughts of you,you, my son, are thinking of me too.Loving memories fill my aching heart.As dreaming dreams of what could be. Or might have been, if you were here. Until the piercing pain of losing you Comes tumbling down on trembling fear. And clearly once again I hear you say. "But Mom...What if I had never been. You could not then in LOVE remember me."

Alayna & Ri

I once knew a man, Who gave love at his best, Who did what he believed was right. I once knew a man, Who suffered uncontrollably, Who found out how much he was loved. I once knew a man, Who gave everything he could, Until he couldn't go on. The man I once knew, I will always remember, As my daddy. I love you wherever you are.

Marcy

What do they know

I face the world with a smile, no one knows what is hid inside. They see only happiness, they cant see the tears I've cried. When I am alone I hurt, because here I do it well. In front of all the watchful eyes my heaven turns to hell. The judge and jury awaits me, everyone has a say. In a life that hangs suspended for yet another day. Who are they to judge if what I have done is right or wrong? In the end I gave him up, but inside still sing his song. I don't know how to find the strength I thought I had. If only I could play tough it wouldn't be so bad. They say that life goes on and someday I'll smile again. But, how do they know my pain without being where I've been? I've traveled so far from home, and can't find my way back. Somewhere along the way I must have jumped the track. I saw him just today and his smile is still the same. He looked at me so sweetly, but never spoke my name. I wonder if he remembers me, It hasn't been that long. He may have forgotten me, but I still sing his song.

Mom

I needed the quiet so he drew me aside. Into the shadows where we could confide. Away from the bustle where all day long I hurried and worried when active and strong. I needed the quiet tho at first I rebelled but gently, so gently, my cross He upheld and whispered so sweetly of spiritual things Tho weakened in body, my spirit took wings To heights never dreamed of when active and gay. He loved so greatly He drew me away. I needed the quiet. No prison my bed, But a beautiful valley of blessings instead A place to grow richer in Jesus to hide I needed the quiet so He drew me aside.

Steph

I'M FREE

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free. I'm following the path God has laid for me. I took his hand when I heard him call; I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day. To laugh, to love, to work or play. Tasks left undone must stay that way; I found that place at the close of the day.

If my parting has left a void. Then fill it with remembered joy. A friendship shared a laugh, a kiss; ah yes, these things, I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow. My life's been full, Ive savored much; Good friends, good times, a loves ones touch.

Perhaps my time seems all to brief; Don't lengthen it now with undue grief. Lift your hearts and share with me. God wanted me now, He set me free

dad

My youngest son ...

D is for devotion, caring and kindness

A is for admirable, heart of gold

N is for naturally, intelligent soul

I is for immeasurable love

 \mathbf{E} is for excellent talent and grace

L is for lovable warming smile

Danny, i love and miss you so much. I will never get over the loss of you. See you in Heaven.

Love, dad.



Marcy

I was standing outside one day and I seen a falcon in your mom's bush beside the driveway it sat there just watching me and I knew it was you just checking on me and seeing how we all were doing. From now on whenever see a falcon again i will know its you and will always be watching over all of us.

I will always remember the smile on your face when you seen the Oracle Bi-Plane fly and do all the amazing things that plane can do.

You will always and forever in our hearts and we love you so much.

Danny, I can't stop thinking of you!



Deb

Deb



When I drove past your house, where you'll never come home, when they turned off the lights and said your nevermore, I remember.

MOM

My life is but a weaving Between my lord and me. I cannot choose the colors He works so steadily.

Oft times He weaves in sorrow And I, in foolish pride, Forget He sees the upper And I, the underside.

Not til the loom is silent And the shuttles cease to fly, Will God unroll the tapestry, And explain the reason why,

The dark threads are as needed In the Weaver's skillful hand, As the threads of gold and silver In the pattern He has planned.

Deb

Dan, I am looking for a sign from you, I search they sky and the land for a glimpse of your presence, I want to see you everywhere. I want to hear your voice and relish in your laughter and your infectious enjoyment. I miss you. I miss knowing you are here, miss knowing you are my friend as well as brother. So many times each day my mind drifts to you, towards your past, our past, you as a child, you as a husband and father. My mind skips to the future, a future missing you. How hard and sad that will be. I am looking for that sign, that you still exist somewhere and somehow, I will know it when I see it.



shannon thompson & samantha harris

there once was a time, so long ago .. when uncle danny babysat shannon and sam. he was a toughy of a babysitter, and got pretty mad when sam and i goofed around. ya see, we liked to tell jokes back then and uncle danny told us of the girl who had green hair and was allll natural. although we were walking on egg shells and he had already seperated us, he still couldn't help but smile. from then on, breaking the banister, not cleaning up after mini, all the garage sales, and paying a dollar to dance with him at his wedding, he was our uncle danny .. and he still his. we'll never forget the laughs, and the being afraid but he's in a better place. deep down inside, we thank god for that. have fun uncle danny, we love you.

Debra

Dan, I am trying to place in my mind a picture of you walking away, turning back to smile and wave to me, with a look of contentment and peace surrounding you. With this seed of your image to grow in my mind I pray to some day find this plant has blossomed and grown into a healthy thriving memory that will block out the weeds of sorrow.

As time goes on without you and as seasons change our lives as they were before you left us are as gone and empty as your being, our memories of your gentle, kind and infectious soul will sustain our hope that someday we shall meet again and embrace each other for eternity.

Dan my heart aches for you and I would gladly trade my life for yours if it was possible, I would sell my soul to return in time to stop you from leaving, for one moment to make it all go away, I feel so at loss that I can do nothing, so betrayed that I am without any ability to change this and so dark spirited that you felt so alone and hopeless that this path you chose.

Lindsey says you are her angel, I believe her, I hope you can see now that the overwhelming love for you existed and that we all miss you, I hope you are free of pain and anguish and filled with light and love.

Remember we love you with all that becomes us and your memory and your children will see us through.



Born in United States DuBois Pennsylvania at DRMC Hospital (formerly Maple Ave Hospital)on March 29, 1976.

March 29, 1976

Danny was born on the day after mom and dad's wedding aniversary and mom's birthday, he weighed 8# 10 oz, I remember dad coming into my and Steph's bedroom to tell us we had a new baby brother, I remember at that time mom and baby stayed in the hospital for 5-7 days, we as children were not permitted to enter the hospital and visit. My dad drove us up there and we stood on the hosp grounds while mom stood in a 2nd story window with Dan in her arms to wave to us. I was 8 yrs old then.

November 8, 2007



Reynoldsville Pa at his home.

Our Deepest Sympathy

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