



Daniel Allan Johnson

August 29, 1962 - February 10, 2018

Daniel Allan Johnson, age 55, of Valley City, ND, passed away at Mercy Hospital on Saturday, February 10, 2018.

Dan was born in Valley City, ND to Allan (Butch) and Vicki Johnson (Christianson) on August 29, 1962. He spent his younger years in Valley City. His family moved to Lamoure, ND, then to Miles City, MT for a few years and then moved back to Valley City in the 1970's. He graduated from Valley City High School in 1980. He attended and graduated from Valley City State University in 1985. He started teaching for the Maple Valley School District in the fall of 1985 and remained there until his death. Dan had a fun and energetic way of getting through to his students. Many of his students may remember this quote he would often share, "If you fail to plan, you plan to fail." He married Jody Schwab on August 1, 1995 at Lake Tahoe, CA. Dan and Jody have two sons, Jesse and Jacob.

Dan always appeared to be running for public office as in any public setting you could find him shaking hands and working the crowd. His positive attitude and cheerful heart has left an impression on everyone who knew him. He may have been known by any of the following alias' - Danny, Boone, DJ, Lids, Son Brother, Mr. J, Danielson, or any other nickname not listed.

Dan touched countless lives teaching, coaching, mentoring, and advising those of all ages. The most important lives he touched were of his wife, Jody, and his sons, Jesse and Jacob. You could always find him alongside Jody supporting their sons on the sidelines or in any bleachers. Although he was

the sports enthusiast, he mentored his sons to be the best they can be off the field and court. Off the sporting fields you may have spotted him driving his 4-wheeler up and down the streets of Valley City. He was very active in the Valley City Baseball Association and Maple Valley Education Association. Dan was a member of Faith Lutheran Church in Valley City.

He was an amazing husband, father, brother, brother-in-law, uncle, cousin, nephew and friend. Dan would want you to remember him through his wit and funny sarcasm so you would be left with a smile and not tears.

Dan is survived by his wife, Jody; sons, Jesse and Jacob; sister, Darcy; a niece, Sammy; and many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, and in-laws.

Dan was preceded in death by his parents.

The memorial service for Daniel Allan Johnson, 55, Valley City, North Dakota, will be 2 pm Friday, February 16, at Faith Lutheran Church, Valley City. A prayer service will be held 7 pm Thursday, February 15, at the church. Burial will be in Hillside Cemetery, Valley City.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel, Valley City. An online guestbook is available at www.oliver-nathanchapel.com

Cemetery Details

Hillside Cemetery

Valley City, ND

Previous Events

Prayer Service

FEB 15. 7:00 PM (CT)

Faith Lutheran Church
309 4th St NE
Valley City, ND

Memorial Service

FEB 16. 2:00 PM (CT)

Faith Lutheran Church
309 4th St NE
Valley City, ND

Tribute Wall

DA

“ *Happy Birthday Danny. miss you.*

dano - August 29, 2023 at 05:32 AM

D&

“ *We are still stunned and so sad. We have such fond memories of Dannie. His ready smile always made us smile. He was always so ready to help without being asked. When ever we stayed with Linnie & and Sue, if he saw us taking anything to the house he ran down his hill and took care of it. (Always with his great smile). We always loved to be around Dannie with his vibrant personality. You couldn't stay sad or down when you were around him. He will be so missed. He was a gift. We are so glad we had him in our lives for this too short time. We wish you and the boys strength and the hope that time will heal your pain and leave you with smiles when you think of him.*

Always, Dan & Darlene

Dan &Darlene - February 24, 2018 at 12:22 PM

CI

“ *To the family and friends of Dan, I'm so sorry for the loss you're feeling. Death is so very devastating. Please remember our Heavenly Fathers promises one at Revelation 21:4 where all this will be a thing of the past. But until then I hope you continue to feel the comfort from all those wonderful memories. My most sincere condolences in behalf of such a loving man.*

Cindi/Florida

Cindi - February 19, 2018 at 07:08 AM

GH

“ Jody,,, Wow! I'm so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Take care now. From Gary, Dawn,Katie and Jozi Halvorson.

Gary Halvorson - February 18, 2018 at 11:50 AM

MH

“ I'm heartbroken. Dan was a great man. My heartfelt condolences to Jody, sons and rest of family. May you all find comfort at this difficult time. 😭

Melissa Hagel - February 17, 2018 at 01:04 AM

DG

“ Dianne Graff lit a candle in memory of Daniel Allan Johnson



Dianne Graff - February 16, 2018 at 11:48 AM

DG

Knowing Dan through all these years as educators, he was always positive and upbeat. He will be fondly remembered by far more people than you may ever realize. Prayers to you all.

Dianne Graff - February 16, 2018 at 11:51 AM

MW

“ Thoughts and prayers to the Johnson Family. I am thinking of you all at this difficult time. He will always be with you.

Mike Walker

Mike Walker - February 15, 2018 at 08:33 PM

LS

“ Thoughts and prayers to Jody and boys. My basketball years were some of the best. I loved playing for Coach and he was a great one! His enthusiasm for the game and his team was infectious. I am so very sad to hear of his passing away so soon, too soon.

Lynae (Flath) Schenck - February 15, 2018 at 11:24 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Daniel Allan Johnson.



February 15, 2018 at 09:35 AM

Shane Mohn

“ Jody, Jesse and Jacob,
Our deepest sympathy to you and the family.
Keeping you all in are thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.



Carmen and Shane Mohn

Shane Mohn - February 14, 2018 at 09:39 PM

TG

“ My sympathy to all the family of Dan. He was a great guy and will be missed but fondly remembered.

Tom Goven

Tom Goven - February 14, 2018 at 12:57 PM

JM

“ I don't know where to begin to talk about such a caring and thoughtful guy. Danny was always such a great person to run into if you were having a bad day because he always found the right words or a joke to tell you that made you forget that you were having a bad day! I've known Danny and Darcy for quite awhile and i don't know if i have ever met someone that had so much love and admiration for their sister as Danny had for Darcy and i respected him so much for that. Danny was truly an amazing guy. He always thought of others. When his aunt Linnie was in the hospital in Fargo he made a point of stopping at the Labor Club to let my mom know how she was doing when he got back to town after seeing her, and my mom really appreciated him doing that. This amazing husband, father and friend has been taken from everyone that knew and loved him way too soon. Danny you have know idea how much you will be missed by the so many people whose lives you have touched.



Julie McClure - February 14, 2018 at 01:17 AM

Patricia Fontaine

“ Patricia Fontaine lit a candle in memory of Daniel Allan Johnson



Patricia Fontaine - February 13, 2018 at 11:10 PM



Patricia Fontaine

“ Oh my goodness my thoughts and prayers to the family. Coach Johnson was the best. He was always there to talk to and was great at his job. Will be greatly missed. Even years later he would always say hi to you and remember your name. God has gained a great angel.

Patricia Fontaine - February 13, 2018 at 11:10 PM



WT

“ Prayers to Dan's family!!!! What a great guy. We played softball together and he was such a funny guy. Always smiling, always made time to talk sports and ask about the my family. God Bless you Dan. God decided to take one of the good ones. Wayne & Mary Trudeau Mayville

Wayne & Mary Trudeau - February 13, 2018 at 07:27 PM



“ Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Daniel Allan Johnson.



February 13, 2018 at 05:19 PM

KG

“ I'm not sure where to begin! Our life's have crossed a couple times, once when I was in High School, we would always end up playing MV in girls basketball, being I'm from Hope..those were the toughest games ever!! He coached them well.

Second, our sons Jake and Riley became instant friends, playing sports together. We have great memories at our baseball games, joking, laughing and just having a good time. You always want to know how everyone was doing and always great to catch up.

Last..you were such a great role model for our son, you spent countless hours with the VC boys and just were there when they need you. It will be hard the next time our kids play together, but I will always hear your laugh, let's go J, leys go boys!!

May god wrap his arms around you Jodi, Jessie and Jacob!
Jason, Kirstin, Riley, Gavin and Addy

Kirstin Gerhardt - February 13, 2018 at 04:36 PM

TL

“ Thank you Dan for blessing the lives of Nikki and Kelsey Laufenberg. You helped shape them into the beautiful you women they are today. You taught them commitment and hard work pays off. We will be ever grateful for your friendship, a wonderful man was given his wings. God bless Dan's family.

Twyla Laufenberg - February 13, 2018 at 03:03 PM

VR

“ Vicky Royse lit a candle in memory of Daniel Allan Johnson



Vicky Royse - February 13, 2018 at 01:57 PM

JH

“ *Our prayers are with your family. Dan was a great person.*
John & Phillip Hill

john hill - February 13, 2018 at 12:20 PM

JA

“ *John & Jennifer Kohler & Jonathen & Ashley purchased the Guardian Wings Frame for the family of Daniel Allan Johnson.*



John & Jennifer Kohler & Jonathen & Ashley - February 13, 2018 at 11:26 AM

JK

“ *Sending Prayers of Comfort to you and your sons Jody. Dan was an awesome man, my kids Loved him as a mentor and Person.*

Jennifer Kohler - February 13, 2018 at 11:22 AM

RF

“ *Jody and family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Dan touched the lives of so many through his kind words. It was always fun visiting with him. Those special memories will always be with us!*
Rick and Jo

Rick and Jo Fitzner - February 13, 2018 at 11:15 AM

TL

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. I enjoyed short but meaningful visits with Dan whether at baseball, football or basketball games, whether our boys were competing against each other or playing together. Dan was always friendly. Peter said he sat by Dan at latest M.V. vs Enderlin basketball game and Dan and him visited off and on throughout the game. Special memory.

Tim Lindgren - February 13, 2018 at 10:52 AM

JL

“ Jody, Jesse, Jacob, & sister Darcy, our deepest sympathies. What a "great" guy! Danny always had time to converse with me. So professional in all he did. It was a privilege to know Danny. God bless his memory.

Martee/Joe Lunde

Joe Lunde - February 13, 2018 at 10:45 AM

JL

“ Jan Lee lit a candle in memory of Daniel Allan Johnson



Jan Lee - February 13, 2018 at 10:32 AM

PJ

“ *Pat Johnson lit a candle in memory of Daniel Allan Johnson*



Pat Johnson - February 13, 2018 at 10:27 AM

PJ

Jody, Jesse, and Jakob: I enjoyed working with Dan -he was always there for all of us when we needed him - He was a true role model for all of the students and his fellow teachers. He will be greatly missed.

Pat Johnson - February 13, 2018 at 10:40 AM

VW

“ *Our world is a better place because Dan Johnson was so very present in it. Peace be with Dan. Deepest sympathies to the family.*

Vicki Wendt - February 13, 2018 at 09:52 AM

C'

“ *Class of '97 (4th grade '88-'89) purchased the Sapphire Skies Bouquet for the family of Daniel Allan Johnson.*



Class of '97 (4th grade '88-'89) - February 13, 2018 at 09:48 AM


Danielle
Becker

“ *Mrs. J, Jesse, and Jacob I send my deepest condolences. May you find some peace in knowing how many lives he touched. Find the support in your community and surround yourself in his memories.*
Danielle (Haak) Becker



Danielle Becker - February 13, 2018 at 07:52 AM

KT

“ *Jody, you don't know me, but Danny and I went to High School together and I always considered him a friend. I am truly sorry for your loss. My sister, Sue Baumgartner, works with you and Dan. Your youngest is the same age as our youngest, and I truly feel your pain. My heart aches for you. I will always remember Danny's smiling face and good/kind soul. God Bless you and your boys - you are in my prayers... Kris Hannig Thomas*

Kristine Thomas - February 12, 2018 at 11:46 PM

PH

“ *Jody, Jesse and Jacob, our hearts, like everyone who knew Danny are broken. Our emotions have covered sorrow and tears to laughter. All memories we have (and there are so many) make us smile, because that's just what Danny did, he made you smile. Danny was so many things, but to all, he was a friend. I will miss my cousin, my friend and his ever so distinct, laughter. You are in our thoughts and prayers now and forever. .*

Paul, Nancy, Beau and Gage Hilborn - February 12, 2018 at 06:57 PM

DB

“ *Darcie Besette lit a candle in memory of Daniel Allan Johnson*



Darcie Besette - February 12, 2018 at 05:33 PM

TW

“ *Jody and the boys
We are very sorry for your loss, DJ will be sorely missed he was a great classmate and a better friend. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Todd and Lee Webster - February 12, 2018 at 04:06 PM

TR

“ *Thoughts and prayers to Family and friends. We have not run into him for a long time, but Dan "Boone" will be missed. The world lost a great one. :-)*

Tracey & Ron - February 12, 2018 at 01:02 PM

DG

“ *Dan, Daniel, or DJ, however you knew him he always was quick to smile and greet you with a hand shake. He never would brush you off with a standard "hello" but rather wanted details of how you've been and what you've been up to. Dan will always hold a special place in my heart as he was present and tried helping the night my father died at the Country Club in Valley City back in 1994. God be with you Jody, Jesse and Jacob and know that you husband and father touched so many lives.*

Dane Grebel - February 12, 2018 at 11:40 AM

SK

“ *Sheree Killoran lit a candle in memory of Daniel Allan Johnson*



Sheree Killoran - February 12, 2018 at 10:46 AM

DG

“ *Our deepest sympathies to your family, we have fond memories of Dan. He was a very special person to us and everyone he had contact with. May God wrap his loving arms around you at this difficult time and always.*
Dennis and Judy Gumke



dennis and Judy Gumke - February 12, 2018 at 10:26 AM

TC

“ *Jody and boys Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. Dan was a great father and husband. Cherish the memories you have*
Todd and Teresa Christiansen

Todd and Teresa Christiansen - February 12, 2018 at 08:58 AM

JS

“ *Jill Statema lit a candle in memory of Daniel Allan Johnson*



Jill statema - February 12, 2018 at 08:19 AM

AC

“ Jodee and family...as you are Gisela and I are devastated by your loss.. As you know, Dan was a great person and will be missed by so many. We won't be able to attend the funeral as we are out of the country. We keep you in our thoughts and prayers.

Al Cruchet - February 12, 2018 at 06:48 AM

DB

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your entire family. Treasure the memories. Love, Scott & Deb Beilke

Deb Beilke - February 12, 2018 at 12:09 AM

JP

“ Our deepest sympathies to you Jody, Jesse, and Jacob.

Jamie and Tyler Pederson - February 11, 2018 at 10:44 PM



“ We loved having Dan as a basketball coach at Maple Valley. He was always laughing and cracking jokes, but we practiced hard and played hard.

It has been fun the last few years to have our kids competing against each other. Praying for Jody, Jesse and Jake. May all the best memories be forever etched in your hearts.

Nicole Vollmuth Bakkegard

Nicole Vollmuth Bakkegard - February 11, 2018 at 10:26 PM

MB

“ I was in Mr. Johnson's first class of 4th graders at Buffalo Elementary. I loved talking sports with him. He such a good guy. My thoughts and prayers are with his family. --Matt Berglund

Matt Berglund - February 11, 2018 at 10:20 PM

DB

“ Jody, Jesse, Jacob
Dan was such a wonderful man. My deepest condolences and prayers for all of you.

Diane Burr - February 11, 2018 at 10:01 PM

TS

“ Jody, Jesse, Jacob and Darcy.....I just can't wrap my head around this....Dan was so loved and the absence he leaves on earth will be felt by many!!! Hugs and prayers to you all!



Toni Seidel - February 11, 2018 at 09:34 PM

CC

“ Jody
My deepest sympathy goes to you, Jesse,
and Jacob.
My prayers are with you all.
Connie Courtney



Connie Courtney - February 11, 2018 at 08:09 PM

DF

“ Jody, my deepest sympathies go out to you and your family. Dan was such a great, personable guy. I really enjoyed visiting with him at all of our VCSU games. He will be greatly missed by so many! 😭
Deb Feuerherm

Deb Feuerherm - February 11, 2018 at 07:54 PM

GB

“ Gloria Burkett lit a candle in memory of Daniel Allan Johnson



Gloria Burkett - February 11, 2018 at 07:46 PM

CF

“ Cindy & Jeff Thoreson & Family lit a candle in memory of Daniel Allan Johnson



Cindy & Jeff Thoreson & Family - February 11, 2018 at 07:29 PM



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February 11, 2018 at 07:21 PM



Patty Sandoval

“ Jody, my deepest sympathies to you and the boys. I always remember how much he made you smile and laugh. Prayers to you and your family.
Patty (Flaagan) Sandoval

Patty Sandoval - February 11, 2018 at 06:49 PM

AH

My prayer are with and the boys as you go on with lives ever so hard it my be you will survive foryou have each other..Alice hellen(sue Olson mom)

Alice helen - February 12, 2018 at 05:45 PM

AH

May God bless and keep you all

Alice helen - February 12, 2018 at 05:47 PM

MP

*Jody, Jake and Jesse. There are no words for this kind of loss except a heartfelt “ I am so very sorry.” I was teaching elementary art when Danny first started teaching at Maple Valley. He lit up the room with his unending cheerfulness and kindness. I know I never saw him angry. He loved teaching, he loved kids and he loved his family. And we all loved Danny. It is little consolation when there is such a big hole in your hearts, but Danny touched so many many lives. Please know that all of us who knew him were better people because of him.
*Mary Berglund Pomeroy**

mary berglund pomeroy - February 13, 2018 at 01:01 AM

JR

Heaven is a better place with Dan in it as with most everything. So many friends feel the loss as you can tell from all the posts here. I will never ever forget Dan's laugh and ability to make others laugh. May every memory of Dan that made you smile help you through this most difficult time. The special friendships that we all have aren't held to a class or an age but to true friends that care about one and other and a humor that is unexplainable. Jodi, Jesse and Jake I hope that all of Danny's friends can help comfort you in some way through this most tragic event with stories and memories of the many great things he brought to each of our friendships.

*Our thoughts, prayers and love,
The Jeff Reed Family*

Jeff Reed - February 13, 2018 at 09:24 AM

KA

Jody, he was THE BEST! Years after I was done teaching with him we always greeted each other as though we had started the day, that very day, together at school. He truly was a "forever friend"! My heart hurts for you..... Lean on your friends and on prayer for comfort.

Karen Alm - February 13, 2018 at 10:46 AM

PH

Dear Jody and boys, Pat and I are so heart broken for your loss. I cracked up at "it was like Dan was running for public office working the crowd" because that is how I remember him! His goodness and genuine interest of caring for and about others was such an admirable likable trait. I'm certain Dans students, friends, and especially his sons will always carry a bit of Dan in their lives making this world a much better place! Hugs to all of you. Pat and Deb

pat and deb horner - February 17, 2018 at 01:16 AM