



## Daniel Austin Peterson

February 1, 1968 - December 28, 2013

Daniel Austin Peterson was born February 1, 1968, at Mercy Hospital, Valley City, ND, the son of Maxine (Ussatis) and Orvis Peterson of Nome, ND. He was baptized and confirmed at Zion Lutheran Church, Nome. Daniel attended school in Fingal, ND and transferred to Enderlin (ND) High School where he graduated in the class of 1986. He worked in Valley City as a teenager at Hardee's, the Valley City Public Library and Leever's. Daniel attended Trinity Bible College in Ellendale, ND for one year and then went to Heritage Park, NC, and worked as a lifeguard. After returning from North Carolina, he moved to Minneapolis. He worked at various jobs and most recently at United Health Care.

Daniel is survived by his parents, sisters, Jill (Kermit) Pederson, Fingal; JoNell (Duane) Schaefer, Valley City; brothers, Randy Peterson, Nome, Joel (Renee) Peterson, Ogema, MN, Michael (Mary) Peterson, Nome; nieces and nephew, Tiffany (Clint) Jewett, Valley City, Kristen Peterson, Enderlin, Johnathon Peterson, Nome, and Olivia Pederson, Fingal; great nieces, Hailey and Addie Jewett; and great nephew, James Jewett. Several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins also survive.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, August and Helen Ussatis, and Carl and Christine Peterson; and a nephew, Matthew Schaefer. Daniel died at his home in Plymouth, MN

A memorial service for Daniel will be held on Saturday, January 4, 2014, at 2 pm at the Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel, Valley City, with Rev. Bradley Edin

officiating. Visitation will be one hour before the service in the chapel. Burial will be in the spring in St. Petri Cemetery, rural Nome.

Funeral arrangements are by Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel. Please visit an online guestbook for Daniel at [www.oliver-nathanchapel.com](http://www.oliver-nathanchapel.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 3. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel  
251 Central Ave. S.  
Valley City, ND

# Tribute Wall

KB

“ *Kimberly Blake lit a candle in memory of Daniel Austin Peterson*



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**kimberly blake** - December 28, 2015 at 01:48 PM

TH

“ *Tisha Harrison lit a candle in memory of Daniel Austin Peterson*



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**Tisha Harrison** - December 28, 2015 at 11:37 AM

MF

“ *Martha Miller & Family lit a candle in memory of Daniel Austin Peterson*



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**Martha Miller & family** - May 02, 2014 at 10:02 AM



“ Daniel was a very kind hearted soul. Daniel had a super sense of humor and a spirited personality that drew people to him and made him so great at public relations and his job. I miss our phone calls randomly daily and weekly, he always had something to talk about that made us laugh and our serious talks could be so deep. He was very intelligent on so many topics. Love you and miss you, Dan the renaissance man. I know you are in your glory now and loving this new experience. Cant wait for you to share it with us.

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**JoNell Schaefer** - May 02, 2014 at 08:58 AM

MM

“ Daniel was a very kind, smart friend who we will always miss. I will always check on his beloved dog- Auggie-who he loved and enjoyed so much. Thank you Jill for keeping in touch . Blessings To You & The Family.

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**Martha Miller** - April 26, 2014 at 08:05 PM

CM

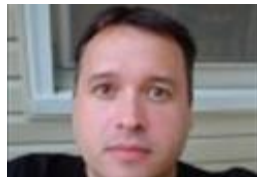
“ My sympathies and prayers for Daniel and his family.

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**carrie maresh** - January 29, 2014 at 10:23 AM

GB

“ 1 file added to the album Other Photos



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**Greg Buschmann** - January 13, 2014 at 11:14 AM

GB

“ With our sympathy to you and your family. This morning, I was very sad to hear this news. I had worked with Dan on many occasions at UHG, I always looked forward to chatting him, enjoying some giggles and laughs. He spoke highly of about the wonderful new place in Plymouth. Dan you will be missed and in our thoughts.

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**Greg Buschmann** - January 13, 2014 at 11:13 AM

TW

“ We are so sorry for your loss. We worked with Dan for many years at UHG and he was always willing to help out, with a smile, regardless of what he had going on. We are also dog lovers and often traded funny stories about ill-behaved dogs. His knowledge and wit will be missed by many.

*Tasha & Greg Wallington*

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**Tasha Wallington** - January 08, 2014 at 10:20 AM

RB

“ I've worked with Dan for many years at UHG and he was a joy to work with. Besides being very talented, he was knowledgeable about many subjects so the conversations were very interesting and sprinkled with humor. He will be greatly missed and my prayers go to you and your family.

*Rene Balder*

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**Rene Balder** - January 03, 2014 at 05:41 PM

TB

“ My prayers are with you all during this very difficult time.

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**Tami Berger** - January 03, 2014 at 01:29 PM

DC

“ Our sympathy to all of you in Dan's passing. May his memory comfort you and the knowledge that he is in a better place.

*Dale & Cindy Johnson*

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**Dale & Cindy** - January 03, 2014 at 09:38 AM

JF

“ Sorry to hear of Daniel's passing. I was a classmate of his a long time ago. Daniel will be missed. Jim Fey

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**Jim Fey** - January 02, 2014 at 03:22 PM

JP

*Thank you Jim. It's nice of you to remember him.*

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**Jill Pederson** - January 02, 2014 at 10:17 PM

TG

“ Very sorry to hear about this and quite shocked. I knew Dan for over 10 years at UHG and we had many conversations about his moves from apartment to apartment, his dogs, and those festivals he loved. All of our conversations were filled with laughter. He will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with his family. Tom Giantonio

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**Tom Giantonio** - January 01, 2014 at 06:32 PM

JP

*Thank you for sharing.*

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**Jill Pederson** - January 02, 2014 at 10:18 PM

MM

“ Dan was much loved by our family and will be missed by all of us. I remember the many phone conversations we had over the years and we always ended up laughing together . He would bring his beloved dog over-Auggie -and he was so gentle and kind to him. Our family will be donating to the Humane Society in Honor of Dan & his love for animals. My Condolences to the family.

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**Martha Miller** - December 31, 2013 at 03:10 PM

JP

*I know he would love you to do that. He always had a huge heart for animals. He just loved your family. Thank you.*

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**Jill pederson** - December 31, 2013 at 09:24 PM

MM

*sorry meant to say Humane Society For Animals was out of it yesterday... thanks Jill for contacting us and again I am so sorry to you and your family for your loss.*

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**Martha Miller** - January 01, 2014 at 09:37 AM

CR

“ It was my pleasure to have worked with Dan at United Health Group, the last five years. Dan knew his job well, was always willing to help and had a smile in his voice. Dan will be missed. My sincere condolences to his family and many friends.

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**Chuck Rowbotham** - December 31, 2013 at 01:07 PM

JP

*Thank you so much.*

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**Jill pederson** - December 31, 2013 at 09:23 PM

CM

“ Dan Peterson was a good family friend for over 15 years. We enjoyed his company very much. I helped him get into the IT field and encouraged him to try consulting. Dan had more than his share of life challenges and personal trials, but he always tried to overcome them. He and my wife shared a profound love of their pets. He liked his job at UHG and was respected there. We were very sad to hear of his passing. Our sincerest condolences to his family and friends. Chuck and Martha Miller

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**Chuck and Martha Miller** - December 31, 2013 at 12:57 PM

JP

He was really fond of your family and shared some great many with us. God Bless you for welcoming him into your family.

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**Jill pederson** - December 31, 2013 at 09:22 PM

JP

great memories.....

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**Jill Pederson** - January 02, 2014 at 10:19 PM

ES

“ I worked with Dan for over 6 years now at United Health Group and he was a good, kind-hearted person. He was dedicated to his job and he enjoyed getting to know others he worked with. He would reach out to see how you were doing, learn a little bit more about you and also share some of his interests. I know every time I see or hear anything about a Renaissance Festival I will think of Dan and smile - he seemed to enjoy attending that festival every summer. My condolences to his family and friends. Edie Stankewicz



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**Edie Stankewicz** - December 31, 2013 at 11:24 AM

JP

*He really did love his coworkers and loved to meet people. And yes he enjoyed the Renaissance Festival.*

**Jill pederson** - December 31, 2013 at 09:16 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Daniel Austin Peterson.*



December 31, 2013 at 11:16 AM

KM

“ *I worked with Dan for several years at UnitedHealth Group and considered him a friend as well as a co-worker. I will miss his sense of humor, his kindness, and our little chats. It was a genuine pleasure to know him and to work with him and I will miss him greatly. We were lucky to know him. My sympathies to Dan's family in this time of loss, however, Dan will always be in our hearts, so never too far away... (Kathleen McLaughlin, Director, UHG IT)*

**Kathleen McLaughlin** - December 31, 2013 at 09:21 AM

CW

*To a wonderful friend, we had a lot of good laughs together, You will be missed by all your friends. love you best friends. May you rest in peace my friend.*

**Carolyn Woodrow** - December 31, 2013 at 06:18 PM

JP

*Thank you for your kind words.*

**Jill pederson** - December 31, 2013 at 09:14 PM

BS

“ *Ben & Paula Scarcella purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Daniel Austin Peterson.*



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**Ben & Paula Scarcella** - December 31, 2013 at 09:20 AM

RN

“ *I want to pass on my condolences to the family during this very difficult time for you all. May God Bless you all today and in the days to come..... Robin Nagle*

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**Robin Nagle** - December 31, 2013 at 08:57 AM

JP

*Thank you.*

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**Jill pederson** - December 31, 2013 at 09:13 PM

MS

“ *My heartfelt and deepest condolences to Dan's family. Dan was a great help and great neighbor when I had moved back to Minnesota in 2008, introducing me to various events in the Twin Cities - I'll never forget that. Light and love to Dan on his journey home, and prayers for peace and comfort to Dan's family. Maria Sanchez (Geneva, Switzerland)*



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**Maria Sanchez** - December 31, 2013 at 02:50 AM

JP

*Your words mean so much. Thank you*

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**Jill pederson** - December 31, 2013 at 09:12 PM

LB

*“ I remember he could be very serious about anything. But when you got him laugh or joke around it was even more fun. He was a good friend, classmate and generally well liked guy. Daniel you will be missed by everyone who new you. My sympathy to the family. Laura (Gross) Buhr*



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**Laura Buhr** - December 30, 2013 at 11:09 PM

JP

*Thank you for the kind words.*

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**Jill pederson** - December 31, 2013 at 09:11 PM

KB

*“ My heart just aches for your family. My prayers are with you all during this very difficult time. Sending you all my love. Kimberly (Daub) Blake*

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**kimberly blake** - December 30, 2013 at 11:04 PM

JP

*Thank you Kim. Prayers are always welcome.*

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**Jill pederson** - December 31, 2013 at 09:10 PM

AW

*“ Daniel was such a sweet boy. So kind and caring. I remember him as JoNell's little brother. He always wanted to join in when the Windish girls came visiting in Nome. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Peterson family, Maxine and Orvis.*



*Ann and Steve Williams, Jamestown, ND*

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**Ann Williams** - December 30, 2013 at 10:53 PM

JP

*Thank you. He really did love the windish girls.*

**Jill pederson** - December 31, 2013 at 09:10 PM

TL

“ *Our dearest felt condolences go to the Maxine and Orvis Peterson family for the loss of their son/brother, Dan, our cousin/nephew. All our love and thoughts are with all the way from Indiana. With all our love, Helen, Brad and Keith Lemna.*



**The Lemnas** - December 30, 2013 at 06:29 PM

JP

*Thank you all. Wish you could be here.*

**Jill pederson** - December 31, 2013 at 09:08 PM

CM

“ *Christine Besette Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Daniel Austin Peterson*



**Christine Besette Mitchell** - December 30, 2013 at 04:47 PM

JP

*Thank you*

**Jill pederson** - December 31, 2013 at 09:07 PM

CM

“ Daniel was a sweetheart. I don't think he liked it much when I called him Danny, but I did it anyway. It was fun messing with him. He never had a bad word about anyone, always ready with the kind words, I know that he will be missed. I am going to miss his comment and pictures on facebook.

Goodbye, Danny

Christine (Besette) Mitchell

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**Christine Besette Mitchell** - December 30, 2013 at 04:35 PM

JP

You made me giggle with the Danny comment. Thank you for the kind words Christy.

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**Jill pederson** - December 30, 2013 at 06:25 PM

KK

“ With deepest sympathy, our thoughts and prayers are with Dan's family for comfort in this time of sorrow.  
From all of Dan's friends on the UHG-IT Build Services team.  
Sincerely,  
Ken Kasavage & UHG-IT Build Services team

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**Ken Kasavage** - December 30, 2013 at 12:51 PM

JP

We sincerely appreciate your kind words. Thank you so much.

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**Jill pederson** - December 30, 2013 at 01:49 PM

RP

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



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**Randy Peterson** - December 30, 2013 at 12:14 PM

AD

“ Thoughts and prayers to all of Dan's family and friends. So very sad. Dan was a pleasure to work with -- excellent at his job, and always enjoyed a good joke and laugh. He will be greatly missed.

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**Ann Dondlinger** - December 30, 2013 at 11:37 AM

JP

Thank you so much for thinking of us at our time of sorrow.

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**Jill pederson** - December 30, 2013 at 01:50 PM

TB

“ We will very much miss working with Dan. He is in our thoughts, while his family will remain in our prayers.

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**Tracey Berg** - December 30, 2013 at 11:29 AM

JP

Thank you.

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**Jill Pederson** - January 02, 2014 at 10:23 PM

KO

“ Daniel will very much be missed by me, as well as countless others. Even though we weren't in close contact in the recent years, we stayed in touch through Facebook. We had many good times as kids and I will miss Dan's humor and his smile. Prayers and hugs go out to all his family during this sad time. RIP Daniel.

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**Kim Olson** - December 30, 2013 at 11:20 AM

JP

*Thank you Kim.*

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**Jill Pederson** - January 02, 2014 at 10:24 PM

RM

“ It was a pleasure working with Dan over the last couple years. He was intelligent and great at his job. It would always make my day catching up with him at the end of the work day. He could always make me laugh.

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**Ryan McInnis** - December 30, 2013 at 10:55 AM

JP

*Thank you so much.*

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**Jill Pederson** - January 02, 2014 at 10:25 PM

AS

“ I have known Dan Peterson for more than 5 years at work. He had assisted me in many of my projects at United Health. My heartfelt condolences go out to all family members and friends of Dan Peterson. Dan, you will be missed.

*Ashok Sharma*

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**Ashok Sharma** - December 30, 2013 at 10:12 AM

JP

*Thank you.*

Jill Pederson - January 02, 2014 at 10:26 PM

CN

“ *I have known Dan for about 6 months at work. Dan was smart, witty and a valued member of his team. There was nothing better on a crazy day at work to talk to Dan and have a few laughs. Condolences to all family and friends of Dan. He will definitely be missed.*

Cheryl Nelson - December 30, 2013 at 09:40 AM

JP

*Thank you*

Jill Pederson - January 02, 2014 at 10:27 PM

JD

“ *Prayers to your family during this difficult time.*

Julie Duckworth - December 30, 2013 at 07:23 AM

JP

*Thank you Julie.*

Jill Pederson - January 02, 2014 at 10:27 PM

BF

“ *Please accept our deepest condolences in this sad time for the family. (Isa. 25:8)*

Burts Family - December 30, 2013 at 12:35 AM

JP

*Thank you so much.*

Jill Pederson - January 02, 2014 at 10:28 PM

AN

“ *Arlene Nelson lit a candle in memory of  
Daniel Austin Peterson*



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**Arlene Nelson** - December 29, 2013 at 02:22 PM

JP

*Thank you*

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**Jill Pederson** - January 02, 2014 at 10:28 PM