



## Daniel Carley DeChristopher

June 11, 1958 - September 20, 2014

Following an impressive eight year battle with cancer, Dan DeChristopher died of a complication the evening of September 20, 2014. He passed in the arms of his devoted wife and caregiver Ellen DeChristopher while in the comfort of their home, supported by loving family and friends. Dan was 56 years old.

Born in Toledo, Ohio on June 11, 1958, Dan was the second son and child of John Alvin “Jack” DeChristopher and Betty Jo Orange-DeChristopher.

Dan graduated from Maumee High School in 1976 and was inducted into the Maumee Hall of Fame in 2009. He graduated in 1981 from Eastern Michigan University with a Bachelor’s degree in Business Administration. Known as “Freezer”, Dan played offensive line for the Hurons. In 2008, while undergoing tandem stem cell transplants for his disease, Dan received his Master of Business Administration degree from Fordham University, New York.

Professionally, Dan was a proven innovative and dynamic manager and executive leader in the bank and captive finance and leasing industry. Spanning nearly three decades, Dan’s career included Chrysler Credit Corporation (1981-83), CitiCorp Acceptance Corporation (1983-86), Security Pacific Auto Finance (1986-89), Nissan Motor Acceptance Corp (1989-93), Harley-Davidson Financial Services (1993-1996), BMW Financial Services (1996-2013). In 2012, Dan was appointed CEO and Managing Director for BMW Financial Services India. Following a relapse in 2013, he returned to the US to the role of Manager, CIC Governance.

Dan was an avid college football fan whose motto was “leave it all on the field”; a philosophy that served him well in his fight for life. A believer in paying it forward, he contributed to numerous charities including St. Jude Children’s Hospital, Wounded Warrior Project, the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation and the Alzheimer’s Association. Dan was a known tech-head and lover of gadgetry who also enjoyed an eclectic range of music, DIY projects, motorcycling, mentoring, a good football game and a brat and, above all, new experiences.

Dan was preceded in death by his mother Betty Jo Orange-DeChristopher. Dan is survived by his wife Ellen, step-sons Ryan Vallandingham (New York), Jeff Vallandingham (Chicago), brother David DeChristopher (Toledo), father John Alvin DeChristopher and step-mother Patricia DeChristopher (Maumee, Ohio), father-in-law Robert Arneson and mother-in-law Mildred Arneson (Carson City), sister-in-law Diane Duensing and husband Guy (Carson City), Sandra Schooler (Costa Mesa), step-brother Joe Schiavone and wife Dee (Maumee), step-sister Patty Jacobs and husband Bob (Maumee), numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, his beloved dog Nelson and an enviable network of friends, aka “Team Dan World”.

# Comments

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“ Jane Henkel has sent this Expressions of Sympathy card.

**Jane Henkel** - October 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ I am deeply saddened to hear of Dan's passing. I had only know that he was in remission and doing well.  
My deepest sympathy to Ellen and his family. I had not seen Dan for many years, but have a lot of good memories of him. I will always remember his welcome and happy face. He was a great boss and leader at HDFSI. I know I speak for all when I say he was missed when he left there and he will be missed now. My prayers go out to family and friends, may you all be comforted in your sorrow and loss of this wonderful man.

**Jane Henkel** - October 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ My deepest sympathy on the loss of your brother. I did not know him but I noticed that he and I shared a birthday. So he had to be a good guy.. I am sorry I will not be at the service we will be out of town. My prayers are with you and the family..

**Ginny Slawinskiy** - September 30, 2014 at 12:00 AM