



Daniel Robert Lee

July 16, 1974 - August 7, 2021

Daniel Robert Lee was born on July 16, 1974 to Robert and Florence Lee in Ogden, Utah. He was the youngest of five children and was a happy and fun loving kid. His father's occupation allowed their family to live in several parts of the nation (Lewistown, Montana, Reno, Nevada, Bar Harbor, Maine, which was his favorite place). Then finally Cape Coral, FL in 1989. Daniel was enrolled at Cape Coral High School, where he met Stacey Ruffo. A few years after high school the two were married, and then their first and only child Connor Daniel Lee was born. Connor was the center of their lives and brought as much joy to everyone.

In 2005, a cute young blonde caught his eye, Cindy Lou had him at "Hello". The two went on their first date and they were inseparable and insanely happy ever since. Cindy was adored by Dan, she was the love of his life. In 2014, the couple had a laid back weekend beach wedding with their closest friends and family. It was a special and long awaited event by all their tight group of friends (whom they call their family). The memories they have made will last a lifetime. Dan and Cindy are blessed with an incredible group of friends that are more like family and meant the world to Dan.

According to his sister Darcee, Dan was a fun, happy and playful child. Dan never met a stranger, he could talk to anyone no matter what their station in life, and treated others with respect, especially veterans and law enforcement. He loved veterans and always went out of his way to show them respect and he made sure to pass that importance onto his son. Dan was incredibly generous, always picking up the bill for all of his friends when they would go out to eat and would anonymously pick up the tabs for military veterans. He would mow the elderly neighbor's lawn, but his friends gifts for no reason, and do anything for his favorite mother-in-laws, Sandy Ruffo and Ina Willis. His heart was huge, he looked like a big bear, but he was a teddy bear inside. He wanted the world to be a better place, he fought for what was right and was one of America's finest, a true red, white and blue patriot. Dan was bold about his convictions and loved this great country. He loved motorcycle riding, hunting, fishing and traveling.

Dan had a work ethic that did not quit, He started working hard in his teens and as an adult worked in the construction industry and also with Home Depot where he met wonderful lifelong friends. His final job at D.R. Horton was his favorite of them all and he

loved it!

Dan is survived by the love of his life Cindy Lee, his son Connor Lee, his mother Florence Lee, siblings Sandra Lutz (Perry), Jeff Lee, Lenny (Charlene) Lee, and Darcee Lee-Wessinger (Mark).

A celebration of life will be planned at a later date.

Tribute Wall

TL

“ Dan was my favorite manager when I worked at home depot. A great guy and very funny. So sorry to hear of his passing. Prayers for Dan and his family.

Terry Long - August 20, 2021 at 11:04 AM

JP

“ What a special guy! Dan definitely was "The Man." He guided us through our home being built in Waterford, helped any way that he could, and always had a smile on his face. He was such an asset to the Horton family and I know there will be a HUGE hole to fill. Can't fathom not seeing him and his truck rolling around the community. That's a hard pill to swallow. I wish I could find the words to help his family through this tragic loss... He left many good memories that will live on in everyone's heart. He was just taken much too soon. RIP Dan.

Judy Palmer - August 14, 2021 at 09:18 PM

KL

“ I had the privilege of being introduced to Dan over 2 1/2 years ago at Waterford and we quickly hit it off together but that was Dan one of the nicest guys I've ever worked with in my 45 year career construction. I will truly miss walking into the office and not seeing Dan sitting there and have him say what's up brother I am deeply saddened of his loss in my prayers and hard go out to his family

Kevin Law - August 14, 2021 at 11:28 AM

SH

“ There are truly no words that describe the pain we feel for Dan and his entire family at this very moment! Dan was definitely the man! Going to miss the daily calls at work "what's up chickadila" as he would say. There never was a day Dan would be upset about anything. He was always happy and nothing but laughs when he called us at the office. Although we never got the chance to meet in person the few years we worked together he most definitely made his mark with all of us girls in the office. We are going to miss our daily phone calls and convos bud!! I have to agree that there are people who come into your life and make an impact and Dan most definitely did. He was our buddy, our pal!! We love you dude!! It's not a good bye it's a see you later ❤️

Sandi Huerta - August 13, 2021 at 01:18 PM

JC

“ My wife and I moved from Idaho in January 2020 and purchased a new home on Waterford Pkwy in January. Dan Lee was always helpful to two old codgers and we will always remember him as a true friend. He will be missed more than words could ever tell. We thank his family for sharing Dan with us. Jim and Linda Conner.

James Conner - August 13, 2021 at 01:14 PM

RP

“ How does one find the right words? Dan was the Man! He was our Duck Whisperer when he saved the babies from the storm drain. Never drove by us while on our morning walks, always stopped. We shared many good stories, some hilarious ones also. Always laughing and smiling. Livin the Dream he would say. We even made him a small magnet for his dash board “Livin the Dream” just so he could glance at it and chuckle. Always, always willing to assist in any way possible. He may have had the look of a huge tattooed ex con, his words, but we all knew he had a heart of gold, a good soul.

Dan, you will be deeply missed and though you didn't like “Danny boy” we will leave you with this Irish Blessing.

May the road rise up to meet you.

May the wind be always at your back.

May the sun shine warm upon your face;

The rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again,

May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

Rick and Annmarie Pals

Rick and Annmarie Pals - August 13, 2021 at 08:37 AM

SM

“ I work with Dan at the Bonita Home Depot he was my favorite manager. One day it was cold and chilly and I was working outside garden and I forgot my jacket he gave me his off his back and told me to keep it til the end of day I'll never forget that. Or the time I got a call for at work about an family emergency and he caught me crying and told me to not worry about my shift to go be with my family there my important

sara mueller - August 12, 2021 at 09:38 PM

DS

“ I knew Dan for a number of years at Home Depot and always gave him a big hug each and every time I saw him. He was always a man that was down to earth and cared about everyone he knew. I will miss him and my thoughts are with his wife Cindy and Conner.
RIP Dan.

debbie staffeld - August 12, 2021 at 08:43 PM

PS

“ Dan was our builder at Waterford. He did an outstanding job and made it a fun adventure. I am deeply saddened to hear of his passing. His kindness and jovial spirit is truly missed. God bless you Dan and your family.

Patty Shaddinger - August 12, 2021 at 05:04 PM

JB

“ Our deepest condolences to Dan's family. He was a very nice person, that would go out of his way for someone. He will surely be missed by many.
~The Bauer Family

Julia Bauer - August 12, 2021 at 04:30 PM

JA

“ Dan has always had the best positive attitude no matter what. He has always had a smile on his face no matter what. It's sad to know we lost a great person. He will definitely be missed. Till we meet again big guy.

Johnny Angeles - August 12, 2021 at 04:13 PM

RP

“ I am in Europe on holiday and was just informed on the tragic death of “Big Dan”. He was the supervisor who oversaw my first home in Waterford. It was obvious to me the dedicated and hard worker he was known for. Whatever issue or questions I had, Dan was always there to assist me. I am so sorry and my thoughts are with Dan and his family. Russ Parry

Russ Parry - August 12, 2021 at 12:23 PM

KL

It has been an honor to work with Dan these last 2 1/2 years I will sorely miss him he was one of the best guys I ever met in this business my heart felt prayers go out to Dan's family

Kevin Law - August 12, 2021 at 05:43 PM

CR

“ I Spoke to Dan often and he always had a great attitude. One of my favorite people to interact with. it shocked me when I heard the news. He will be missed dearly. What a great man.

Carmen Ramos - August 12, 2021 at 11:39 AM

PM

“ I worked with Dan at Home Depot in Bonita. He was one of the best managers I have ever had. Always there for you when you needed him. Always made you laugh and smile. We remained friends after he left the company and I am proud to call him a friend. He will be greatly missed by so many. Dan was a remarkable person. There is no one else like him. Rest in peace my dear friend.

Pam Metz - August 12, 2021 at 11:25 AM

VV

“ I can still hear Dan's voice, as I would pick up my office phone and hear the words, "It's your pain in the a\$\$ out here in Waterford..." I would always laugh and tell him to stop - Reminding him that he was by far one of my favorite guys to work with. He was such a genuinely kind person and always going out of his way to make others happy. He will be greatly missed. My prayers and condolences go out to his family.

Vanessa Vargo - August 12, 2021 at 09:23 AM



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b - August 12, 2021 at 08:06 AM



“ Dan was truly a great friend and mentor. I had the pleasure working with him at Home Depot. Dan helped fill the store with laughter and a smiling face. You will be missed Dan, my condolences go out to Cindy, Conner and the rest of the Lee family.

Shawn Staggs - August 11, 2021 at 08:51 PM

TC

“ I was fortunate to meet Dan over 25 years ago and get to know him over the years. I have nothing but fond memories of Dan and it saddens me that we lost him. Prayers and positive thoughts are sent to his son, his wife, and his family & friends.

Tania Clasen - August 11, 2021 at 08:31 PM

JT

We so enjoyed working with Dan on our home and baking goodies and pies for him. God bless his family

Jetton Torix - August 12, 2021 at 12:00 PM

JT

“ Dan was and will always be the man. In what can be a very stressful environment Dan never really let things get to him. He never let it show unless I called him Danny Boy then he would say don't and I didn't. I so enjoyed his friendship, his ideas, solutions to problems and the way he made every day at work better. I leaned on him for stuff and he leaned on me and we worked well together. Looking at his picture while I'm writing this hurts...I just cant believe he is gone yet I know he is in good hands. There are certain people that come into your life that leave a lasting impression and Dan will live in my heart forever. Cindy and Connor, you had an incredible husband and father and he spoke of the both of you highly and often. I wish I could absorb some of the pain that you are going through. The last thing Dan said to me the last time I spoke with him was " Love you Bro". Dan, Love you too Bro! JT

James Taylor - August 11, 2021 at 06:04 PM

JP

“ I have only met Dan a handful of times. He always greeted me with warmth, a smile and with the utmost respect. He left a lasting impression to all he met. My heart goes out to the Family, Friends, and The D.R. Horton Family.

Jenn Philbrick - August 11, 2021 at 04:34 PM

RG

“ The first week I got back in the field I ran into Dan Lee at Waterford. He welcomed me back and wanted to thank ME of all people for the great place to work, told me how much he loved what he did and who he worked with. That was a month ago and now he's gone?

God takes the best and leaves the rest here with us is the only way I can deal with this loss. What a great man. Huge heart and love for his calling. Thanks Dan, you will be missed.

Rob Gislason - August 11, 2021 at 03:17 PM

TB

“ Dan has always been a pleasure to talk to and I will miss him dearly.

We have a new angel to watch over us all.

TERRIE BEUCHER - August 11, 2021 at 12:37 PM

IW

“ I never knew Dan Lee, but heard nothing but good things about him. He was part of our D R Horton family, and will be missed. My heart goes out to his friends and family for this tremendous loss. God has a wonderful place for him to ascend upon. May his love and spirit spread across the world.

Ian Weber - August 11, 2021 at 11:21 AM

JP

“ We are so sorry to hear of Dan’s passing. We had the pleasure of working with Dan as he supervised our house being build in Punta Gorda. The nicest guy that never hesitated to help us and answer our questions. He will be truly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with His family and his coworkers. Rich and Jill Palmer

Jill Palmer - August 11, 2021 at 09:02 AM

JP

“ This loss is such a shock. Dan was outgoing, fun loving and full of life. He will be missed greatly by all who had the honor of knowing him. Heartfelt sympathies and prayers go out to Cindy, Connor, Florence, Sandy and the rest of his family. There are no words that I can say that will comfort you at this time but you are in my heart.

Jeannie Phillips - August 10, 2021 at 03:55 PM

TM

God Rest his soul. RIP Dan. Made this world a better place. Heaven just Got An All Star.

Tom and Josephine Mahoney - August 11, 2021 at 11:42 AM

DM

Loosing Dan is a shock. He will be missed by all.

Dendle Miller - August 11, 2021 at 01:15 PM