



Dannie Richard Wheatley

May 29, 1947 - May 10, 2020

Dan R. Wheatley, aged 72, passed away at home Sunday May 10th, 2020, following a long illness. He was born May 29th, 1947 in Logan County, West Virginia, to Evelyn Wheatley and Wetzel Lowe. From the humble beginnings of a single-floor shack without electricity or indoor plumbing, who didn't attend public school until age 7, Dan ended up graduating from Marshall University with a degree of Sociology and later achieved a Master's degree in Social Work from University of Utah. He worked for the Utah Department of Family Services in Provo County for 35 years, working with at-risk children and families. He helped with the unification and therapy of innumerable parents and children throughout the years, and was personally beloved by his many clients. He was an avid fan of baseball, enjoyed both following and playing tennis, history of the American Civil War, classic Noir cinema and Spaghetti Westerns, and libraries to feed his insatiable reading habits. His love of classic blues music was matched only by his love of strong black coffee. He had a varied and adventurous life – hitchhiking across America at age 15 and then numerous cross-country road trips as an adult to National Parks and Civil War heritage sites. He trekked through Gorbachev-era Russia and pre-Wall Eastern Europe and cruise-voyaged along the coast of South America all the way to Antarctica and back. He had many stories of growing up in mid-Century rural West Virginia that would be right at home in the novels of Will Faulkner, a favorite of his. His life touched many and he will be sorely missed.

He is survived by his wife Linda Hoover Wheatley. They were wed in Brooklyn Botanical Gardens on April 3rd 1971 and remained married for 49 years. They had four children, Cathy, Bart, Guy, and Susan, and five grandchildren, Elsie, Morgan, Nora, Vera, and Emma. The Wheatley family wishes to thank all the people who cared for Dan throughout the years: The staff of CNS Home Health & Hospice Services, the technicians at Kolff Dialysis Clinic, the medical providers of U of U Medical Center, and the resources made available at Utah Independent Living Center.

Please email Linda at slcmermaid@hotmail.com for access to a Zoom Memorial Service at Serenity Funeral Home on Monday, May 18th at 11:00 AM Mountain Daylight Time. Please share memories and condolences of Dan at www.serenityfhs.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Dannie Richard Wheatley*

October 05, 2023 at 07:49 PM

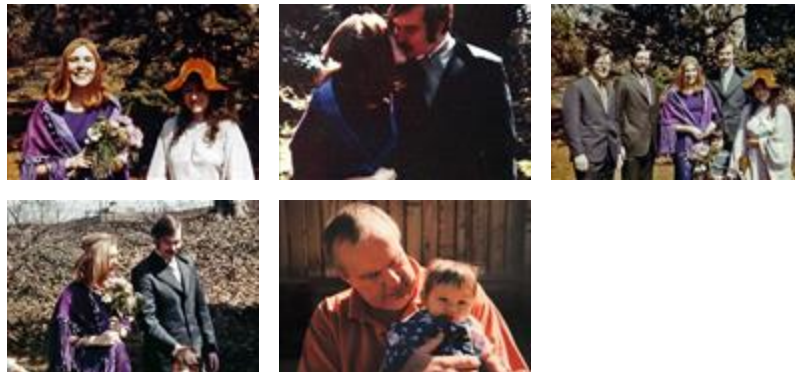


“ *Sorry to learn of Dannie,s passing. We graduated from Logan High in May, 1966. Thought he was in Colorado all this time. Remember him reading paperback novels in school and talking about his summer trek out west. Just did Google search and here we are.*

Benny Mullins - December 09, 2020 at 07:49 PM



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Susan M Maxfield - May 22, 2020 at 04:16 PM

KD

My name is Kevin Dayton. I worked with Dan for several years at the Provo DCFS office. I decided to look up his phone number today to reconnect as I was reminded of him when I saw that our opposing baseball teams were meeting today on the field.

I was struck with a deep sadness upon learning of his passing. I was hoping to have a long catchup session as I had lost contact with him for many years when I moved to Georgia to work with the Army. I'm not sure if you or anyone else in the family will read this but I would appreciate some communication so I can share some stories about Dan that may not be known to the family. My contact number is 801-830-4523

K Dayton - July 08, 2021 at 04:20 PM



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Cathy Karlak - May 16, 2020 at 10:15 PM

AM

“ When I think of Uncle Danny, I think 'wam.' A warm presence. A welcoming way. Summer of 97 Uncle Dan introduced me to Utah Jazz basketball. I had just graduated college and was driving cross country to start the next phase of my life. It may have been the first time I enjoyed professional sports as a full fledged adult. Sharing in that was kinda magical. Sending my love and hugs I wish I could give in person. Family, be well and take comfort in the love that surrounds you.



Amy Meckler - May 16, 2020 at 05:12 PM

AH

“ My earliest memory of the Uncle Dan and the entire Wheatley clan was 1977, when they drove across country to visit us in Baltimore. They pulled up in The Pumpkin; an orange VW van that transformed into a camper, which was as good as a magic carpet to my 6 year old self. This set a lifelong impression of my magical Aunt and Uncle who traveled the country on wild adventures. Sending prayers of comfort to you all, and, in time, a return to happy adventures.



Amanda Hyde - May 16, 2020 at 12:41 PM

SK

“ My favorite memory was your Dad at your wedding to Brian. He did look surprised as I appeared in your mother's dress ! I'm so sorry for his loss. I only heard kind words to describe him. With affection and sympathy, Susanne Karlak.

Susanne Karlak - May 15, 2020 at 01:57 PM



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Serenity Funeral Home - May 14, 2020 at 02:38 PM