



## Dwayne E. Daniels Sr.

March 7, 1957 - February 23, 2024

Dwayne E. Daniels, Sr., 66, of Elwood, passed away on February 23, 2024. He was born on March 7, 1957 in Urbana, OH, the son of Elon and Virginia Daniels, Jr.

Dwayne graduated from Frankton High School in 1976. Before getting his driver's license, his father required him to do a solo flight in his Cessna plane, and Dwayne earned his pilot's license.

He followed in his father's footsteps and pursued a degree in tool and die and engineering. Dwayne started his career at Anderson Tool and Die and worked his way up the ladder, where he became superintendent of the plant at the young age of 27, overseeing over 300 employees. With his expertise, he eventually founded MD Machinery, which allowed him to travel all over the world and build his business. He also owned and operated Kelly's Pub and Grill in Indianapolis, a popular hangout for many of the Colts players.

In his later years, Dwayne and his wife established tanning salons across the Midwest, owning three of their own salons in Elwood, Alexandria, and Fishers. After selling their salons, Dwayne formed the company Vortex, partnering up with Universal Blower and traveled all 48 states installing and maintaining fan systems for wastewater plants.

Dwayne was a precinct committeeman in Pipe Creek Township. In his free time, Dwayne earned his black belt in karate and also enjoyed working out with his friends at Anytime Fitness, meeting his daughter for breakfast, boating and canoeing with his sons, and attending games and extracurricular activities of his grandchildren. He especially enjoyed relaxing at home with his dogs, Billy, Tinker, Angel, Payton, Blackie, Buddy, and Jack.

Dwayne was a loving husband, father, and doting son to his mother, was always engaging, and always welcomed everyone with a smile.

Dwayne was preceded in death by his parents and his son, Dwayne Daniels, Jr.

He is survived by his wife of 18 years, Michele Daniels; his children, Jessica Robbins (Paul Simonetti) and Bruce Daniels; his grandchildren, Connor and Olivia; his siblings, Linda Daniels and Sandra Robertson (Randall); and numerous nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Dwayne's life will be scheduled at a later date.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Madison County Humane Society or the Elwood Animal Shelter.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Uncle Dwayne*

*Thank you for being such a great uncle. I will never forget the times hanging out with you and all the dogs. I remember we went to go get pizza this one time just us two, and we had such a good talk about life and the days when I was a kid. Whenever I saw you I could always tell you were really excited to see me, and that always made me feel special. You were so thoughtful and caring. Thank you for being you, whoever got to know you was a very lucky person. Rest easy with the doggies and will see you later, love you.*

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**Scott Olshever** - March 03, 2024 at 06:34 PM

BD

“ *Dear Uncle Dwayne, I got to see you the morning of your passing as you honked and waved at me and gave me that smile as you passed my house as you would do from time to time..I'll always be thankful I was pulling out of my drive that morning to honk and wave back at you! When I pulled out behind you, I had strong feelings and memories, and thought boy!, your looking like grandpa, (Elon Daniels). Which I knew u never liked to hear! Lol.. What you taught me the most in life is Family!! You showed and loved your family and friends with all your heart! And I know we all felt it and will miss you terribly 😞.. But I also know you're with some pretty special people, ones I miss everyday, your son and your mom.. I was lucky enough to watch you care for your mother, (my grandmother) I know she felt so proud and loved by you! As we all do!! You will always be my favorite, strong, caring, funny, dependable, classy Uncle! And will always cherish our memories💜 R.I.H. love you💜*

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**Brigit Dever** - March 03, 2024 at 08:56 AM

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“ *uncle dwayne, you were many things - caring, loving, hilarious, smart, hardworking, and just a really GOOD guy. Genuine people are hard to come by, but you were surely one of them. He treated everyone in my family like one of his own, and I'll never forget that. I wish so badly that we had more time together, but I guess living across the country made that tough. I'm just grateful to have known you. I hope you're resting peacefully with your pups, and that I get to see you again one day.*

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**nina olshever** - March 03, 2024 at 02:20 AM

RD

“ *Dear uncle Dwayne, you were a great inspiration in my life even though we didn't spend much time together. 100 miles apart might as well be across the country I guess. My earliest memory of you when I was a kid you were big into Karate and would break bricks with your hands and HEAD for us and I just thought this guy must be a superhero!! As I got older you always showed me respect and was always interested in what I was doing in life and for that I had a lot of respect for you. Everyone has that one cool uncle and you were that uncle for me. Love you RIP*

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**Russell Dever** - March 01, 2024 at 06:24 PM

SO

“ *Dwayne was a good hearted person who would go out of his way to help others in need . He had a great sense of humor , was a good storyteller, was funny and a great guy to hang out with . Dwayne had impressive abilities in mechanical engineering , which led to a successful business career in the mechanical application industry. His expertise led him to acquiring a pilot's license before his drivers license at 16 years old .. quite an accomplishment! Dwayne was a good husband, father , brother in law , uncle and especially grandfather.. he will be greatly missed. RIP*

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**steve olshever** - March 01, 2024 at 05:47 PM

JO

“ Dwayne was a man with lots of enduring qualities. I know this because he was my brother in law . The first time I met him I knew I was going to love him . He treated me and my family with kindness and respect. My favorite part of Dewayne however, was his humor!! He could make me laugh like no other ! My husband and son would agree with this. I enjoyed every minute I was around him , and he will be truly missed . Heaven is getting a one of a kind great man ❤️

JaNan Olshever - March 01, 2024 at 12:38 PM

CF

“ Dwayne was a very nice man with family and friends who loved him. Taken too soon. He will be greatly missed.

Connie Feder - February 29, 2024 at 04:07 PM

KO

I went to schools with Dwayne he was a wonderful person and a good friend he will sadly be missed RIP Dwayne

kathy osborn - March 01, 2024 at 06:20 PM

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kathy osborn - March 01, 2024 at 06:22 PM

CP

Go to same gym as him but because of life sometimes gets in the way hadn't been in a couple months , just saw his obit posted in the gym , i retired Toolmaker so me and him had plenty in common , super nice guy always smiling and in a good mood , so sorry to hear about this i wondered why i hadn't seen him at the gym , i miss him and his attitude of life. RIP my gym friend!

Chris P. - May 03, 2024 at 01:41 PM