



## Daniel I. Pittenger

January 22, 1943 - January 13, 2014

Daniel Ivan Pittenger was born on January 22, 1943, son to Ivan and Marcella (Wareham) Pittenger in Taylorville, Illinois. Dan grew up in a military family, splitting his childhood between Taylorville and Norfolk, Virginia. He, too, became a military man joining the Air Force in 1964. He was deployed for Vietnam on February 5, 1966, but not before proposing to Judy Hurtle - his soul mate. Dan was honorably discharged from the Air Force in May, 1968. Dan and Judy were married on June 11, 1967, in Taylorville. They started their life together in Homestead, FL before moving to Carbondale, IL where Dan finished his Engineering degree at SIU. They then moved north to Waukegan before spending 25 years in Libertyville. He spent his last 14 years in Richfield, WI. In addition to serving his country, Dan served his community. He was actively involved in the VFW, American Legion, Jaycees, Boy Scouts of America (as a scout, earning the prestigious Eagle Scout Award, as a troop leader, and District Commissioner) and as a coach of the many sports his kids played while growing up. Dan was also a "walking encyclopedia." He loved learning and sharing his knowledge on topics from history and philosophy, to science and agriculture, to engineering and sports ... there was no topic he wouldn't love to discuss with you! As for politics, you'd better have a few hours - we loved this about him. To his grandkids, "Grandpa with the Crab Hand" was a much better option than Google when a question needed to be answered and the Best Tour Guide no matter where we traveled. He was our hero! Dan loved many things - the outdoors, fishing, hunting, camping, scuba

diving and traveling. Most of all, Dan enjoyed spending time with Judy, his children and grandchildren. On Monday, January 13, 2014, God called him home. He is survived by the love of his life and wife of 46½ years, Judy, his children: Danette (Tom) Pahl-Miller, Shannon (Bob) Oitker, Erin (John) Edgington, Gareth Pittenger, Vanessa (John) Clark, and his 12 grandchildren: Braeden and Trevor Pahl; Nathan, Tyler, Aubrey and Brooke Oitker; Valerie, Abbie and Michael Edgington; and Alesandra, Johnathan and Alivia Clark. He is also survived by his mother, Marcella Pittenger, sister Dolores (Stephen) McLaughlin, father-in-law Rayford Hurtte, brother-in-law Jim (Donna) Hurtte, sister-in-law Janet (Jim) Nash, many nieces and nephews, as well as many amazing friends. Dan was preceded in death by his father, Ivan Pittenger, and his mother-in-law Dorothy Hurtte. A visitation will be from 1:00 p.m. to time of services at 4:00 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 18, at Burnett-Dane Funeral Home Ltd., 120 W. Park Ave. (Route 176, one block west of Milwaukee Ave.), Libertyville. A celebration of his life will continue at Mickey Finn's, 412 N. Milwaukee Avenue in Libertyville. We ask you to bring memories and pictures to share. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you make donations in his name to The Salvation Army ([salvationarmyusa.org](http://salvationarmyusa.org)), The Wounded Warrior Project ([woundedwarriorproject.org](http://woundedwarriorproject.org)), or The Breast Cancer Research Foundation ([www.bcrfcure.org](http://www.bcrfcure.org)). Info: 847-362-3009 or please sign the guest book at [www.burnettdane.com](http://www.burnettdane.com).

# Tribute Wall

MM

“ *My deepest sympathy to Judy and family.*

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**Melissa Murphy** - June 29, 2018 at 01:55 PM

JL

“ *Dear Judy, Danette, Shannon, Erin, Vanessa & Gareth; There are no words that I can gather that would do your dad or my feelings about this justice. When Judy and I ran our carts into one another in Parkway Foods in 60048 34 years ago filled with babies (Jordan in mine/Vanesssa and Gareth in Judy's) and coupons we never imagined that that single moment would start a life-long friendship among our families. Dan was one of the kindest, smartest, most dedicated and hard working man I ever knew. He was an incredible loving dad, coach, scout leader & your cheerleader. He was the hardest working husband and incredible partner to your mom, her protector, rock and cruise director. There are no words to describe the kind of friend Dan was. He was always available to change a tire, fix a broken garage door or offer words of humor, support or condolence. I always thought that there would be more time for us to get together. I was wrong. I am so incredibly sorry for your loss but I am comforted that you all have one another. I love you all and I pray that you can get through this. Dan's legacy is the love he had for all of you, everything he taught you to survive this and the wonderful stories you will eternally tell that will bring him to life. With love, Jan Leasure*

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**Jan Leasure** - June 29, 2018 at 01:55 PM

TD

“ *So sorry for your loss. The Pittenger family is in my thoughts and prayers. Love, Tricia*

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**Tricia Deal** - June 29, 2018 at 01:55 PM

JP

“ Oh how I will miss seeing the happiest dog walker in the neighborhood! Love and hugs to ALL!!

Jill Peterson - June 29, 2018 at 01:55 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy to Erin and her family. ~Sue Trainor, a Dodgeville School District co-worker

June 29, 2018 at 01:55 PM

EH

“ OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO YOU ALL. WE WILL KEEP YOU IN OUR PRAYERS.

ERIC & ANGIE HALL - June 29, 2018 at 01:55 PM



“ Judy, Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss, our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time. May your heart and soul find peace and comfort. With deepest sympathy, The Susan, Michael, Kyle and Bryan McCarthy

June 29, 2018 at 01:55 PM

BR

“ Dolores,Aunt Marcella,and Judy and families: Was so sorry to hear about Dan. Know we are keeping all of you in our thoughts and prayers. Rest in Peace Cuz And know you will never be forgotten.Hugs From Bill and Jan

Bill &Jan Reller - June 29, 2018 at 01:55 PM

HA

“ My deepest sympathy for your loss. I remember Dan's parents and Dan from the Taylorville reunions every fall when I was a kid. Dan & I are about 3rd cousins, I think. I will be making a donation to Wounded Warriors in his name.

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**Hayes Ashley** - June 29, 2018 at 01:55 PM

JR

“ Dan and you lived life well every day. A lesson for all of us. A comfort for you in your future. Love you.

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**Judy Rhine** - June 29, 2018 at 01:55 PM

GH

“ Judy, You know how I feel toward you and your family! Your love for Dan and your family was easily seen by all. Wish I could be there to give you a great big hug in person BUT.....know that you are constantly in my thoughts during this hard time. God WILL get you thru these days and the days to follow! Remember Dan will always be with you--not in the flesh-BUT I gurantee he is still watching over you and your family! Love you all! Gloria

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**Gloria Haley** - June 29, 2018 at 01:55 PM

DJ

“ I am keeping the Pittenger family in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Dagga Jonasdottir** - June 29, 2018 at 01:55 PM

RC

“ To the Pittenger's that I have known forever....I am so sorry for your loss. Please keep your memories close to your heart. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.Roni Clement

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**Roni Clement** - June 29, 2018 at 01:55 PM

RP

“ Dearest Judy, Looking back "40 something" years ago when both of us were newly weds and living in Homestead, Fla with Air Force husbands, we had long lives ahead of us. You have been truly blessed to spend 47 1/2 yrs with the love of your life. With everything I have read, Dan obviously remained the same energetic, kind man he was so many years ago. Each of your children and grandchildren hold precious memories of your life shared with Dan...hold them close and allow them to enrich your new life with new memories. Judy, my heart aches for your loss...I can only imagine how unbelievable it must feel right now. No words I can offer you can ease your pain, but Jesus can comfort you...please ask Him to hold you tight...He is your dearest loved one now...all of "us" will help pray you through each stage of your recovery. Much love, Ruth

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**Ruth Pugh** - June 29, 2018 at 01:55 PM

KH

“ Dear Dan: Even though we have parted our ways job-wise since working together at Zenith, I still fondly remember you vividly as if it were yesterday. Why? Because of your wide smile and extremely engaging personality. You seemed to be able to befriend everyone at work, a trait I always admired and wanted to emulate. You were always open and never phony. I liked you right away and we had a lot of good laughs together. And that is why I still remember you vividly as if it were yesterday. Rest in peace my dear friend. I will keep the good memory with you always....

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**Kesse Ho** - June 29, 2018 at 01:55 PM

ET

“ Judy, My heartfelt sympathy for your loss. I had the pleasure of meeting your husband once when we worked together at LFH and recall his warm, vibrant smile. Thinking of you and your family during this difficult time. Eternal be the memory of your beloved husband! With Love, Elaine

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**Elaine Tzakis** - April 27, 2018 at 06:08 AM

TH

“ Judy, I only met your husband once. It was at the Taylorville High School class reunion last year that my Aunt Janet Spoonamore attended. I learned alot about Dan in one hour. He was a truly gifted man with much life to share with people. My condolences to you and your family. God Bless, may he rest in peace. ....-Tim Hurst(Daryl and Judy Hurst's son)

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**Tim Hurst** - April 27, 2018 at 06:08 AM

LZ

“ Judy and Family, No words can tell you how sorry we are for your loss. Keep the memories close to your heart. Remember the good times. We love you.

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**Linda & Mike Zimmermann** - April 27, 2018 at 06:08 AM

JR

“ To Judy, my best and dearest true friend: I am so sorry!!!! Dan was family and friend to me. Some of the very best times of my life were the times I called you and ended up talking sports, politics, the economy, education or family literally for hours on the phone with Dan. I will remember these always and miss them forever.

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**Jackie Roche** - April 27, 2018 at 06:08 AM

KM

“ *My heartfelt sympathy for your loss. May you find comfort and peace knowing the Pittenger family is in the thoughts and prayers of so many who's lives Dan touched. Love, Kate*

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**Kate Mills** - April 27, 2018 at 06:08 AM

RS

“ *It's with deepest sympathy from your family at Ridgeway Elementary to hear of the sudden loss of your father. The loss of one's parent is never easy especially when it comes so unexpectedly. If there is anything we can do to help ease this burden, do not hesitate to ask. We have made a donation to the Wound Warrior Project on behalf of your father. Our thoughts and prayers are with you always.*

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**Ridgeway Elementary School** - April 27, 2018 at 06:08 AM

BR

“ *Dear Judy and family,  
Please accept our heartfelt sympathy and prayers.  
Greg and Barb (of Taylorville) Rudolph and family*

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**Barb Rudolph** - April 27, 2018 at 06:08 AM

DM

“ *Condolences to Judy and the family from Dan Marks and the Libertyville Lincoln family.  
Dan was a great guy and a wonderful customer.*

*Rest in Peace*

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**daniel marks** - April 27, 2018 at 06:08 AM

DR

“ Dear Judy, Danette, Shannon, Erin, Vanessa & Gareth,Christine and I were very shaken with lthe loss of Dan. It was 40 years ago this month that I met him. After having known him for 40 years, I feel a great loss with his passing. We want you to know that you all are in our thoughts and prayers. Please accept our deepest sympathy.Dan and Christine Reneau

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**Dan and Christine Reneau** - April 27, 2018 at 06:08 AM



“ Judy and Family,Words can't express how sorry we are for your loss. Keep the memories close to your heart. Dan will be missed.Love, Linda and Mike

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January 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM