



Daniel A. Helwig

February 21, 1959 - March 28, 2026

Daniel Helwig passed away peacefully on March 28, 2026, surrounded by his wife and two daughters. After years of struggle, his body grew tired, but his spirit never did. While his family grieves deeply, they find comfort in knowing he is now at peace, resting in the arms of Jesus, whole and free from pain.

Dan was born on February 21, 1959, in Buffalo, Minnesota. From an early age, he carried a strength and warmth that would define his life. He grew into a devoted husband, a proud father, and an extraordinary Papa.

He loved being a father to his daughters, Elizabeth and Emily, but in later years, he proudly embraced his favorite role "Papa." His grandchildren, Sloane and Ryan, held his whole heart in a way only grandparents can give, and his family will always treasure the joy and love he shared with them.

Dan's family and friends will forever cherish a lifetime of memories, including the moments that still bring laughter. Some memories we will cherish forever is his love for hunting, golfing, family trips, drinking beer, helping anyone who needed help in the drop of a hat, his dogs and working with his hands. He earned the title of Safety Dan and that will forever be remembered. He was a steady presence, offering strength, humor, and unwavering love through every chapter of life.

He is survived by his wife, Cheryl; his daughters, Elizabeth Helwig (Blake Rockel) and Emily Nelson (Jeremy); and his cherished grandchildren, Sloane and Ryan Nelson. He is also lovingly remembered by extended family and many dear friends.

Dan is now at peace, welcomed into heaven by the family and friends who went before him.

In his honor, please enjoy a Michelob Golden Light, or consider making a donation to Sophie's Squad, an organization dedicated to spreading awareness of mental health. The family will have a private celebration of life.

Tribute Wall

JK

“ I was sorry to hear of Dan's passing. I knew Dan from 1992 til probably 2002 until we moved away. He was a good friend and neighbor. I will always remember the fun we had. He was always there for you if you needed help. My sympathies to Cheryl and Emmy and Beth and grandkids. He was such a good guy!

Jeff Kroenke - April 02 at 06:17 PM



Thanks Jeff! He was a great guy.

Cheryl Helwig - April 04 at 04:52 PM

KS

“ Dear Cheryl and girls, so, so sorry for your loss! It seems that we just talked to him! Please know we are holding you all up in our daily prayers!

Karen Sester - March 31 at 01:50 PM



Thank you!

Cheryl Helwig - April 04 at 04:52 PM

KR

“ Emily and family,

I am so sorry for your loss. May the Lord embrace you in His loving arms in the weeks, days, and moments to come as you grieve. Your school family is here for you. Whatever you need, whether it be time, coverage, or even a hug, we are here.

*Love,
Kris Roley*

Kristin M Roley - March 30 at 04:10 PM

TT

I will always love the man and Cherish all the times we spent in football wrestling and track in high school R.I.P.

Tim Tickner - March 30 at 09:23 PM

SA

I was a college roommate of Dan. Lots of great memories at our house we called the Corral at SCSU. One of greatest memories, led by Dan, was one of our famous outdoor cookouts that had chickens on the menu. Dan got us thirty live chickens and it was our houseful of college guys job to bring them from a bird not wanting to get caught to the grill! I wish we had film of that. Beer, guts, gagging, plucking, more beer and finally to the grill taught a number of us non-farm guys some life lessons! I wish Dan's family well and cherish your own memories! RIP Dan!

Scott Allison

Scott M Allison - March 31 at 08:51 AM



Thanks for sharing the memory Scott. He told me some of them but don't remember that one. Cheryl

Cheryl Helwig - April 04 at 04:54 PM



*Thanks Tim. I remember him talking about you many moons ago.
Cheryl*

Cheryl Helwig - April 04 at 04:55 PM



Thanks Kris!

Cheryl Helwig - April 04 at 04:56 PM