



## Daniel "Dan" Dunsford

April 24, 1950 - December 17, 2023

Daniel "Dan" Dunsford passed away Sunday Morning, December 17, 2023 at Sacramento Rehabilitation Hospital.

He was the only child of William Dunsford and Dorothy (Borghelli) Dunsford. He was born on April 24, 1950 in Oakland, CA.

When Dan was still a young boy his family moved to a cattle ranch in Montana for a few years then returned to California. There were no Football Teams in Montana so Dan chose to become a lifelong Fan of the Dallas Cowboys.

He graduated from San Lorenzo High School in 1968. He went on to U.C. Davis where he played tennis and graduated in 1972 with a B.A. degree in Environmental Planning and Management.

In 1975 He was badly injured in a vehicle accident and was told he would never walk again. But after a year in the hospital he did walk for the next 47 years.

In 1987 he met Nancy while working at a company named Explosive Technology at the time. They were married on October 24, 1992. Once he married Nancy he instantly became a Step-Dad to 3 Children and later a Step-Grandad to 5 who called him "Papa Dan" or just "Papa. Being an only child, at first he was a little overwhelmed by all the noise the 3 of them made especially on holidays. But soon he enjoyed being with them and they all grew to love him and he loved all of them, especially the grandchildren.

As a child he was taught to fish and it became his lifelong hobby. Over the years Dan and Nancy went on several fishing trips.

In 1998 he and Nancy celebrated her birthday by taking a fishing trip to Alaska to fulfill a lifelong dream for both of them. Then in 2015 he and Nancy traveled to Lake El Salto in Mexico to fulfill another of Dan's fishing dreams. We always enjoyed going to the Fishing

Tournaments at Clearlake.

In 1985 he began working for the Fairfield - Suisun Irrigation District, which began the career he kept for the rest of his work life. Then in 2002 he went to work at the Cache Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant as a Grade V to become a manager there until his retirement in 2014. Sadly he had to stop fishing in 2022 because of his health but continued to love everything about fishing.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his beloved uncles, Edward Borghelli and David Borghelli.

Dan is survived by his loving wife Nancy who will miss him forever. His Aunts Tilda "Tillie" Borghelli of Roseville, Phyllis Borghelli Of Rocklin, and Aunt Blossom Dunsford. Cousins: Diana Bixby (Bill) of Roseville, Tom Borghelli (Nicole) of Rocklin, and Dave Borghelli of Georgia. Linda Jurgens (Steve) and Bob Dunsford. Step-Kids and Step-GrandKids Cheryl Kick (Jack) Laura and Jackson of Indiana, Pamela DeSilva of Washington, and Norman DeSilva (Leslie) Joshua and Diego Mitchem, and Sophia DeSilva of Roseville. Sister-in Laws: Judie Marcotte and Barbara Jacques of Maine. Brother-in laws: Bob Jacques and Gil Marcotte of Maine. Also a Step-Daughter from a previous marriage Christina Thompson and her daughter Madalyne Irvine.

Plus many Friends, Neighbors, and of course all of his Fishing Buddies: Michael, Robn, Kevin, Koulton, Irving and many more.

Memorial Services for Dan will be held at 11:00 AM on January 26, 2024 at Fairfield Funeral Home, 1750 Pennsylvania Avenue, Fairfield, CA 94533.

In Lieu of Flowers Dan would like Donations made to St.Jude's Hospital.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JAN **26**. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (PT)

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*No Food or Drinks allowed inside Funeral Home or Chapel area.*

# Tribute Wall



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