

Daniel Lee Calhoon

October 23, 1961 - November 17, 2022

Brodhead - Dan Calhoon, 61, of Brodhead, WI passed away on November 17th, 2022 at SSM St. Mary's Hospital surrounded by his family. Dan was born in Portage, Wisconsin on October 23rd, 1961 to Merlin and Elaine (Frank) Calhoon. He was the first of four children. Dan grew up in Milton, WI and graduated from Milton High School. He then attended The University of Wisconsin-Whitewater where he earned his Bachelor of Music Degree in 1985. At Whitewater, he met his wife, Suzanne (Meyer), a fellow music major. They were married on July 30th, 1983. Dan and Suzanne raised their three children in the small communities of Shullsburg, WI, Cuba City, WI and Brodhead, WI.

Dan was passionate about music education and choral music. His first teaching position was K-12 Vocal Music Director for Shullsburg Public Schools, where he built the choral program, started a swing choir, annual madrigal dinner, and senior citizen luncheon. He also directed many musical productions at the high school and middle school level. In 1990, Dan began his 20-year career as the Choral Director at Brodhead High School and Middle School. He was known for his musical productions (some of his favorites being Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor DreamCoat, Oklahoma, Grease, and Les Misérables). He also started the Holiday Madrigal Dinner at Brodhead High School, and the Senior Citizen Holiday Luncheon at Brodhead Middle School. But Dan's true passion was Show Choir. He created the Brodhead

High School "Guys & Dolls" Show Choir, which competed throughout the Midwest in the 1990s and 2000s. Show Choir became so popular in Brodhead that he started a second high school show choir, "Boys & Girls," and the middle school's "Choral Cardinals." He established and ran the "In the Spotlight" Show Choir competition, which brought many musical groups from across the midwest to Brodhead every February. He also loved taking his groups on competitive trips to Chicago, Florida, and Branson, as well as chaperoning students at Show Choir Camps of America at Millikin University in Decatur, Illinois, and Shell Lake Arts Center in Shell Lake, Wisconsin. Dan always strived for student success and excellence. Dan was so honored to be able to teach his three children and have them be part of his musical groups and performances. After retiring from teaching in 2011, Dan served the Brodhead community on the Brodhead School Board and was active in the Brodhead Optimists Club.

Dan is survived by his wife Suzanne and their three children, Erika (Don) Lyons of Albuquerque, New Mexico, Zach (Sara Moy) Calhoon of Austin, Texas, and Erin Calhoon of Monroe, Wisconsin. He is also survived by his parents, Cal and Elaine Calhoon of Milton, Wisconsin, his sister, Carri (Mark) Weigman of DePere, Wisconsin, brothers Rick (Jill) Calhoon of Freedom, Wisconsin, and Rob (Tracie) Calhoon of Milton, Wisconsin. Additionally, he is survived by several nieces and nephews, including a special niece, Stephanie, and God-daughter, Hannah. And of course, his joy, grandsons Donovan and Elliott.

He is preceded in death by his maternal and paternal grandparents, and he shared a very special relationship with both of his grandmothers.

Memorials are yet to be determined but will reflect Dan's passion for choral music education (at Brodhead High School and Middle School), as well as our gratitude to the nurses at the SSM Health Monroe Hospital and the Monroe

Clinic in Brodhead.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Brodhead on Monday, November 28, 2022 at 11:00 AM. A visitation will be held at the DL Newcomer Funeral Home in Brodhead on Sunday, November 27, 2022 from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM and also at the church on Monday from 10:00 AM until the time of Mass.

www.dlnewcomerfuneralhome.com 608-897-2484

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **27**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

D. L. Newcomer Funeral Home
1105 E 9th Ave
Brodhead, WI 53520
(608) 897-2484
morguemanager@yahoo.com
<https://www.dlnewcomerfuneralhome.com/>

Visitation

NOV **28**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church
1005 West 2nd Avenue
Brodhead, WI 53520

Mass of Christian Burial

NOV **28**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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1005 West 2nd Avenue
Brodhead, WI 53520

Tribute Wall

JP

“ My husband and I owned a coffee shop in Janesville and were able to serve beverages at Dan’s show choir event for many years. Dan loved coffee and always had a carafe of Velvet Hammer delivered to him the evening before and all during the following day. Dan was a very special and kind man. We are grateful for our time with him in Brodhead.

Jeanne and Pat - November 26, 2022 at 01:33 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Daniel Lee Calhoon.



November 25, 2022 at 10:58 AM

DB

“ I am truly sorry for your loss of Dan. I always loved all the musicals Dan put on and the show *Choir In The Spotlight* completion in February each year. My thoughts and prayers are with you Suzanne and your family.
D’Ann Blume

D’Anna Blumerl - November 24, 2022 at 11:29 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Daniel Lee Calhoon.*



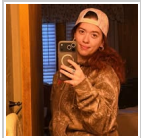
November 23, 2022 at 04:15 PM



“ *BHS Class of 2005 purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Daniel Lee Calhoon.*



BHS Class of 2005 - November 23, 2022 at 07:51 AM



“ *Amanda Keesey lit a candle in memory of Daniel Lee Calhoon*



Amanda Keesey - November 22, 2022 at 05:54 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Daniel Lee Calhoon.*



November 22, 2022 at 05:45 PM

BB

“ *May your family find comfort in all of the wonderful memories you have. Dan touched a lot of lives, and his legacy lives through the young musicians that he molded, guided and pushed to success. Prayers for all of you as you transition life.*



Bren Beuschel - November 22, 2022 at 04:55 PM

IR

“ *In Loving Memory: Rick, Carri, Rob purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Daniel Lee Calhoon.*



In Loving Memory: Rick, Carri, Rob - November 22, 2022 at 12:50 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Daniel Lee Calhoon.*



November 22, 2022 at 12:24 PM

JM

“ *Jon & Jenny Hanson (f/k/a Jenny Morris) purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Daniel Lee Calhoon.*



Jon & Jenny Hanson (f/k/a Jenny Morris) - November 22, 2022 at 10:37 AM

DW

“ *Dean And Nancy Walters lit a candle in memory of Daniel Lee Calhoon*



Dean and Nancy Walters - November 21, 2022 at 05:55 PM

RF

“ *Rick's Menasha Family purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Daniel Lee Calhoon.*



Rick's Menasha Family - November 21, 2022 at 01:50 PM

BB

“ *Brodhead School Board purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Daniel Lee Calhoon.*



Brodhead School Board - November 21, 2022 at 10:56 AM

BD

“ *Brodhead School District purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Daniel Lee Calhoon.*



Brodhead School District - November 21, 2022 at 10:50 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Daniel Lee Calhoon.*



November 21, 2022 at 10:00 AM



“ *My husband and I are so sorry for your loss. Dan was a wonderful, talented man and will be missed. You are in our prayers.*



Rachel and Carl Hearing - November 21, 2022 at 08:42 AM

“ I want to echo my nephew Jake's beautiful words about Mr. Calhoun.. He made a profound impact on our family and especially my older son Brandon and my youngest daughter Candace who both became music majors, Brandon at Whitewater and Candace at UW-Milwaukee. Candace carries on his legacy as high school choral and show choir director at Wauwatosa. When Dan started at Brodhead my son Brandon was a senior and son Christopher was a junior. There hadn't been a musical for some time. His ambition was to stage Grease but he soon realized there were no boys in the high school choir. Brandon and Christopher were in band and show choir. Carol Prudhon had directed them with a bunch of other kids in the church musicals Psalty years earlier with her husband Gene playing Psalty. She suggested Dan contact Brandon and Christopher. Ironically when Brandon was still a preschooler we had taken him to the outdoor theater to see the first Grease movie and had bought him the soundtrack record on the old 33rpm disc. Brandon agreed to help but his first semester schedule was full. So Mr. Calhoun drove from Cuba City every morning to meet Brandon that semester. He ended up playing the Travolta role and his brother the need. He convinced his buddies on the football team to play the other male roles and Chorus. They all had a blast working with Mr. Calhoun. Brandon decided to major in choral music at Whitewater and played Will in the musical Oklahoma his freshman year. When Brandon struggled with music theory classes Dan tutored him. My oldest daughter Candace was in chorus later before show choir was started. Then along came Katie.who attributes Mr. Calhoun with being responsible for keeping her in high school. She was in show choir and on student council and crossed the principal too many times and he kicked her out of student council and was going to remove her from show choir. They were in the middle of the competition season and Dan lobbied hard to keep her on the show. I'm convinced she would have quit school. My youngest daughter Maggie was involved in all Dan's programs and show choirs and studied music at UW-Milwaukee, has been a member of the Milwaukee Symphony Choir, and directs chorus and show choir at Wawatosa High School. My family is just one of hundreds in

Brodhead changed by his presence and special gifts to this community. There will be some special reunions and gatherings with his kids in heaven. God bless and keep him and his family. Thankyou Mr. Calhoon.

Randall Condon - November 20, 2022 at 11:36 PM

RC

*Sorry I still get my kids mixed up. My youngest daughter is Maggie and Candace is my oldest
My sons were in jazz band not show choir. Brodhead didn't have a show choir when they were in school.*

Randall Condon - November 20, 2022 at 11:45 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Daniel Lee Calhoon.*



November 20, 2022 at 12:25 PM

MD

“ *I'm so sorry to hear of Dan's passing. We were friends in middle school. I was on his campaign for class president and ran the slogan, Shoot for the Moon Vote Calhoon. Dan was a good man!*

Marian van Dalen-Anderson - November 20, 2022 at 12:10 AM

DO

“ We are so sorry for your loss. May your memories of Dan comfort you in this difficult time. He will be missed.
Allen and Donna Olson



Donna Olson - November 19, 2022 at 07:58 PM

SC

“ My thoughts and prayers are with Suzanne and her family. I am extremely happy the Dan stayed active in music and supported the next generation of musicians. I have many fond memories of our activities at UW Whitewater.
I regret to hear of Dan's passing but am glad that he and Suzanne were able to spend many years together and raise a strong family. God bless.

Steven Christison - November 19, 2022 at 07:07 PM

LS

“ We are so sorry for your loss! Our heartfelt condolences, prayers & thoughts are with you, Suzanne & family during this difficult time! May God comfort you all! Mr Dan Calhoon was an amazing, loving, caring person & had a beautiful soul! He will always be remembered as the man who brought our community the precious gift of Music/Choir & incorporated that Love of Music into each one of our children & we are all affected by his Love of music in some kind of way! He & music will forever be a part of us & in our most precious memories! He will be greatly missed! ~The Swoboda Family

Loreeli Swoboda - November 19, 2022 at 07:03 PM

PG

“ Oh, Suzanne, I am so sorry to learn of Dan’s passing. Ironically, just a few days ago I was remembering our life at Hawk Bowl and our kitties, Chessie and Samantha. I remember Dan’s Senior Recital when he sang “Old Man River.” The only thing I know when someone loses so precious a person is to say, “I’m sorry.”

Paulette Garin - November 19, 2022 at 05:41 PM

JG

“ Jacob Grabow lit a candle in memory of Daniel Lee Calhoon



Jacob Grabow - November 19, 2022 at 12:56 PM

JG

“ I remember all the fun times in Chorus. I also remember when we wwere singing Viva La vida Mr Calhoon had every girl stop singing to find out I could match the pitch of the girls and I was a Soprano.

Jacob Grabow - November 19, 2022 at 12:48 PM

MM

“ We are so sorry for your loss. May your memories of Dan comfort you in this difficult time.



Mark and Bobette McGinty - November 19, 2022 at 11:58 AM

BW

“ *Brenda Wahl lit a candle in memory of Daniel Lee Calhoon*



Brenda Wahl - November 19, 2022 at 11:11 AM

TF

“ *Thea Flynt lit a candle in memory of Daniel Lee Calhoon*



Thea Flynt - November 19, 2022 at 09:21 AM

TF

“ *Dear Calhoon Family: Dan will be remembered and missed by all who were touched by his his love and caring he showed for so many during his time here on earth. Surely St. Peter will meet him at the gates of Heaven and show him to the grandest piano waiting for him, to lead a magnificent choir for all to enjoy. His time on earth was short but significant to all he touched with his gifts. He will be greatly missed! Rest in Peace Dan.*



Terry Flanagan - November 19, 2022 at 08:08 AM

TS

“ *Tina Schaver lit a candle in memory of Daniel Lee Calhoon*



Tina Schaver - November 18, 2022 at 10:09 PM



“ *Mary Mason lit a candle in memory of Daniel Lee Calhoon*



Mary Mason - November 18, 2022 at 08:12 PM

AM

“ *Angie Montefelt lit a candle in memory of Daniel Lee Calhoon*



Angie Montefelt - November 18, 2022 at 07:27 PM



“ *Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Daniel Lee Calhoon.*



November 18, 2022 at 07:22 PM

KJ

“ *Dan made a huge impact on our sons and the Brodhead community. He helped them to have confidence, responsibility, and respect, all which have served them well as adults. He will never be forgotten, as his memories will carry on in the music program and lives of his students. Deepest sympathy from all of the Johnson family.*

Kim Johnson - November 18, 2022 at 07:09 PM

PL

“ *Phyllis Lentz lit a candle in memory of Daniel Lee Calhoon*



Phyllis Lentz - November 18, 2022 at 06:45 PM