



Daniel Fetherston

February 5, 1952 - January 18, 2025

Daniel Paul Fetherston, 72, of Cape Girardeau, passed away peacefully at home on January 18, 2025, after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

Dan was born to Richard George "Dick" and Dorthea Schmid Fetherston in Madison, Wisconsin on February 5, 1952.

He graduated from Verona High School in 1970 and earned his degree from the University of Wisconsin - Madison. He worked in agriculture for all of his career, traveling the world and never failing to bring his three kids back something cool. Dan moved to Cape Girardeau, Missouri in 2005 and met, fell in love with, and married the local librarian, Paula Ann Fetherston.

He managed a corn processing plant and built a community of friends at SEMO Milling. He and Paula were active in Christ Episcopal Church and loved to travel together to visit their family and many friends.

Dan was known for his humility and kindness. He had a dry sense of humor, a big smile, and an insatiable love for butter. Dan loved his annual fishing trip to Canada with his sons and dear friends. He was a good left-handed golfer and even better at cheering on the Wisconsin Badgers, Green Bay Packers, and Milwaukee Brewers.

A heartfelt thank you to all of the medical professionals who helped Dan throughout his cancer journey, especially to Dr. Andrew Moore.

Dan is survived by his beloved wife, Paula Ann Fetherston; two sons, Paul Fetherston of Richfield, MN, and James (Lauren) Fetherston of Columbia Heights, MN; daughter, Andrea (Trevor) Fetherston Vaubel of Burnsville, MN; stepchildren, Evan (Tisha) Trump of St. Charles, MO and Emily (Derek) Graham of Collierville, TN; brother Rick (Judy) Fetherston of Oregon, WI; and his grandchildren Harriet and Atticus Vaubel, Ryleigh and Ciarra Grady, Keegan Stout, and Daniel and Adelaide Graham.

He is preceded in death by his parents, and nephew Adam Fetherston.

Visitation will be 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm on Saturday, January 25, at the Christ Episcopal Church in Cape Girardeau.

Dan's funeral service will be at 2:00 pm Saturday, January 25, at the church with Father Ryan Missell officiating.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Cancer Society.

For those who can not make the services in person, Christ Episcopal Church, Cape Girardeau will have a live stream hosted on their Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/ChristChurchCape/>

Ford and Sons Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **25**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Christ Episcopal Church
101 N. Fountain
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Funeral Service

JAN **25**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Christ Episcopal Church
101 N. Fountain
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Tribute Wall

SW

“ Dan, rest in peace. Thank you for your friendly greetings, down to earth manner and dry wit during two decades of trade association meetings.

Steve Wickes

Steve Wickes - January 27, 2025 at 02:08 PM

JF

“ A loving branch has broken off of our family tree with the death of Dan. To memorialize the imprint this “gentle giant” had on our lives we have dedicated a tree in his honor so our love for him grows on. In loving memory of our brother, brother-in-law and uncle, Rick, Judy, Nate, & Mike Fetherston.



Judy Fetherston - January 27, 2025 at 12:48 PM

JF

“ Judy F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Daniel Fetherston.

Judy F. - January 27, 2025 at 12:17 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Daniel Fetherston.



January 23, 2025 at 01:40 PM

TW

“ *The Davidmans and Weinhagens purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Daniel Fetherston.*



The Davidmans and Weinhagens - January 22, 2025 at 06:06 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Daniel Fetherston.

January 22, 2025 at 12:42 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Daniel Fetherston.*



January 22, 2025 at 12:42 PM

JD

“ *Dan was an active member of the North American Millers' Association, serving on the Executive Committee and as committee chair. He was highly respected in the industry and known for both his thoughtfulness and kindness. I could always rely on him for great advice and will miss him.*

Jane DeMarchi - January 22, 2025 at 12:34 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Daniel Fetherston.

January 22, 2025 at 08:35 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Daniel Fetherston.



January 22, 2025 at 08:35 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Daniel Fetherston.

January 21, 2025 at 10:10 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Daniel Fetherston.



January 21, 2025 at 10:10 PM

MN

“ I met Dan in the spring of 2008 while employed for a short time with SEMO. He welcomed me with respect and friendship. He and Paula invited me into their home as more than just a co- employee and encouraged me as a co-partner in the management of that newly built facility. I will always remember and appreciate our short time together. My sincere condolences to his family.
Mark Norton

Mark Norton - January 21, 2025 at 12:36 PM

LR

“ Love Brian & Renee purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Daniel Fetherston.



Love Brian & Renee - January 20, 2025 at 05:15 PM

LR

“ Love Brian & Renee planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Daniel Fetherston.

Love Brian & Renee - January 20, 2025 at 05:15 PM

BK

“ Bryan and Lauren and kids purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Daniel Fetherston.



Bryan and Lauren and kids - January 20, 2025 at 04:25 PM

KM

“ Kiersta, George, & Molly Mocharko planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Daniel Fetherston.

Kiersta, George, & Molly Mocharko - January 20, 2025 at 01:34 PM

KM

“ Kiersta, George, & Molly Mocharko purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Daniel Fetherston.



Kiersta, George, & Molly Mocharko - January 20, 2025 at 01:34 PM

SV

“ I had the privilege of getting to know Dan a little as we worked together for the past 15 months after he agreed to step back in at SEMO Milling to help lead through a transition. He brought a level of caring, knowledge, wisdom, and much more; that was invaluable to the people there, and were all parts of who he was as a man. He was determined to contribute, even as he struggled through his battle with cancer. Thank you Dan. You will be missed.

Steven J. VanRoekel - January 20, 2025 at 08:28 AM