

Daniel Hellen

May 26, 1938 - January 18, 2021

Daniel Hellen, 82, died Monday, January 18, 2021, at The University of Kansas Health System St. Francis Campus of Topeka, from COVID complications. He lived in Independence, Kansas, for 44 years before moving to Topeka in 2006 after his retirement from barbering.

Our father is remembered by his children for fishing trips, garage sales, love for his yard, cooking, refurbishing antique furniture, decorating our Church and home for Christmas, bringing floral arrangements to Mom, teaching us to hunt safely, going to country music concerts, entertaining barber shop stories, and dinner as a family every night.

Dan was born the son of Charles O. and Josephine Rathke Hellen on May 26, 1938, in Emporia, Kansas. Dan married Diana Schmidt on June 8, 1963, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Olpe, Kansas. They were married 57 years.

Dan graduated from Olpe High School and the Wichita Barber College. He was a barber in Independence for 45 years in the Booth Hotel and then was the owner/operator of the Independence Barber Shop.

Dan was a member of the Military Police in the United States Army. He was also a member of St. Andrew's Catholic Church in Independence and Christ the King Church in Topeka – serving as an honorary member of the Knights of

Columbus. Dan was an active volunteer at the Independence Historical Museum.

Dan is survived by his wife, Diana; children, Christopher Hellen, Overland Park, Kansas, Kathy Mosher (Matthew), Salina, Kansas, and David Hellen (Tiffany), Fairway, Kansas; grandchildren, Aubree Rose and Andrew Mosher, Joseph "Joey" Hellen, Owen, Ainsley & Hayley Danielle Hellen; and brother, David T. Hellen (Carol). Dan was preceded in death by his parents, and brother, Charles D. (Joan).

Dan's grandchildren always knew that "grandpa could fix anything."

Visitation will be 6 to 7 p.m. Thursday, January 21, 2021, at Christ the King Catholic Church 5973 SW 25th Street, Topeka KS 66614, where the rosary will be prayed at 7 p.m.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Friday, January 22, 2021, at the Church. Mass will be live streamed on the Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home Facebook page.

Committal service will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday in Saint Joseph Cemetery, Olpe, Kansas.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, masks and social distance are absolutely required.

Memorial contributions may be made to Christ the King Church, and sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614.

Condolences may be sent online to www.kevinbrennanfamily.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Cemetery

6-2 E Santa Fe St.
Olpe, KS 66865

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 21. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Christ the King Catholic Church
5973 SW 25th St
Topeka, KS 66614-1973
(785) 273-0710

Rosary

JAN 21. 7:00 PM (CT)

Christ the King Catholic Church
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Topeka, KS 66614-1973
(785) 273-0710

Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 22. 10:00 AM (CT)

Christ the King Catholic Church
5973 SW 25th St
Topeka, KS 66614-1973
(785) 273-0710

Committal Service

JAN 22. 1:30 PM (CT)

St. Joseph Cemetery
6-2 E Santa Fe St.
Olpe, KS 66865

Tribute Wall



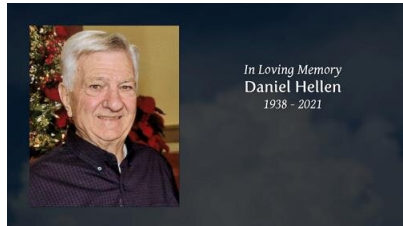
“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Daniel Hellen



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - January 21, 2021 at 04:27 PM



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Daniel Hellen



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - January 21, 2021 at 03:35 PM



“ Daniel Hellen

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM

RW

“ *Diane, Kathy, Matt, Aubrey, Andrew, and family.
I am so sorry for your loss. I didn't read this soon enough to be able to come to the service, otherwise I would have been there.
May your many memories help in this time of grief. I remember Dan as quiet, but smiling and good for a laugh. You are in my thoughts and prayers.
Take care.
Love, Rosie*

Rose Mary Whitford - January 25, 2021 at 09:22 AM

CS

“ *Diana and family, Doug and I extend our sympathy at this time of great loss. All of you are in our prayers. He will be missed.
Doug and Connie Sterbenz*

Connie Sterbenz - January 22, 2021 at 07:28 PM

PS

Diana and kids...so sorry to hear of Dans death. These are awful times and I hope all of you remember what a very good husband and father Dan is. God Bless you all. Prue

Prue Schmidt - January 23, 2021 at 05:24 PM



“ *David, I am so sorry for your loss. I am keeping you and your family in my thoughts and prayers!*

Tiauna Fanning

Tiauna Fanning - January 22, 2021 at 07:22 PM

MH

“ Dear Diana and Family,

I am so sorry for your loss. Uncle Dan was such an amazing person who always had a smile and something funny to say. I will always cherish the memories of him, from catfishing in KS farm ponds to trout fishing in alpine lakes in CA, playing yard games in AR and taking in shows at Branson, spending holidays and special occasions together, and also just swinging on the porch in Independence. He will be missed.

Mark, Sharla, Hank, and Savannah Hellen



Mark Hellen - January 22, 2021 at 12:20 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Daniel Hellen.*



January 22, 2021 at 10:42 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Daniel Hellen.*



January 22, 2021 at 10:31 AM



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



January 22, 2021 at 08:21 AM



“ *I enjoyed visiting with Dan at various functions. He always was very upbeat. I am very sorry for your loss.*

Dorothy Blaufuss - January 21, 2021 at 10:20 PM



“ *Diane and family*

*So sorry to hear about Dan's passing
He was a great friend
Enjoyed playing cards with him and all his jokes and funny stories
Will miss visiting with him about how many squirrels we both caught
each summer and setting on porch
It was always a great treat for Sheila when he dropped off his great
popcorn Delelouis
Gary and Sheila Knoll*

Gary Knoll - January 21, 2021 at 03:05 PM



“ *Diana, I am so sorry. He was a fine man and he will be missed. I will keep you and your family in my thoughts and prayers.*

Freddie Jayne

Freddie Jayne - January 21, 2021 at 03:02 PM

KG

“ Diana, we are so very sorry to learn of Dan's passing. Please know that you and your family have our sympathy and prayers. We so enjoyed visiting with Dan and you when you came to play cards! You will be in our prayers. Sincerely, Karen Gerstenkorn

Karen & Ray Gerstenkorn - January 21, 2021 at 12:26 PM

MB

“ Diana - peace be with you and your family. Included with our sympathy is much caring love...Phares and Martha Bross

Martha Bross - January 21, 2021 at 11:47 AM

MS

“ Thank you for your service to our Nation. Serving your country in the Armed Forces is truly one of the greatest gifts you can give to your family, friends, and your community. May God bless you and your family.

Mike Simmons - January 21, 2021 at 11:24 AM

SC

“ Dan was always a Good partner when it came to playing board games. He knew how to win! He took such delight in it. RIP Dan. We will miss you.
Sherry Cunningham

Sherry Cunningham - January 21, 2021 at 09:31 AM

JM

“ Will always remember you on South 4th Indep KS. Peace to the Hellen family.

Judi Maskus-Harris - January 21, 2021 at 09:18 AM

TB

“ Dear Hellen Family:
We are so sorry for your loss. We are praying for you and Daniel.
Stay strong!

The Burmeisters - January 21, 2021 at 08:44 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Daniel Hellen.



January 21, 2021 at 08:42 AM

CT

“ To Diana, Kathy and family,
I'm so very sorry to hear about Dan's passing. I didn't know him personally well but knew the family around him was special.
Blessings to you all.
Chris Towle

Chris Towle - January 21, 2021 at 03:18 AM

CN

“ Such a nice man, and he raised a wonderful family. Dan will definitely be missed by many. Thoughts and prayers to the family.

craig null - January 20, 2021 at 09:55 PM

CS

Always had a smile and made you feel welcome. I love to visit with him and look at the antiques in their home. My heart goes out to Diane and family. Thoughts and prayers

Coylene Speer - January 21, 2021 at 12:42 AM

JM

Diana, what a lovely service. The music was awesome! Praying for you and your family!! Judy mcgrath

Judy McGrath - January 22, 2021 at 12:59 PM

CS

“ *We sure will miss Uncle Dan. Sam and Daryn remember coloring pictures with him in Colorado and I remember him making breakfast for the crew before a day of skiing. His funny, occasionally awkward :) jokes will be missed the most.*

Thoughts and prayers are with Aunt Diana, Chris, Kathy and David and families.

Camille Schmidt and Sam and Daryn Ireton

Camille Schmidt - January 20, 2021 at 09:19 PM



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



January 20, 2021 at 06:03 PM

VV

“ *Vikrant Viniak lit a candle in memory of Daniel Hellen*



Vikrant Viniak - January 20, 2021 at 04:35 PM

CG

“ Our prayers are with the family. Dan and Clint went to high school together and have been good friends forever.
We enjoyed taking trips with Dan and Diana. It was always lots of fun being together.
We liked playing various games with the Wendling's and Hellen's as Dan always had interesting and humorous remarks.
Dan is one of a kind and will truly be missed.

Clinton & Eunice Grieder

Clinton Grieder - January 20, 2021 at 03:45 PM



“ Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Daniel Hellen.



January 20, 2021 at 02:11 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Daniel Hellen.



January 20, 2021 at 11:03 AM