



## Daniel Kacmar

April 29, 1962 - January 19, 2026

Daniel Kacmar of Crown Point, IN, affectionately known as Dan or Danny, passed away unexpectedly on January 19, 2026. He was preceded in death by his parents: Paul J. Kacmar, Sr., Violet Dorothy Kacmar, and Theresa Vahary Kacmar; and sister-in-law, Patti Vahary (Wife of John). He is survived by his daughter, Danielle Kacmar (Jeremy McShurley) of Merrillville, IN, siblings: William Vahary of Bloomington, IL, Paul Kacmar, Jr.(Dawn) of Three Oaks, MI, Edward Vahary, Sr. (Maryanne) of West Lafayette, IN, Maryanne Kacmar Vahary (Edward) of West Lafayette, IN, Antoinette Kristoff of Valparaiso, IN, John Vahary, Sr. of Battle Creek, MI, Jerry Vahary, Sr. (Eileen) of Naperville, IL, Rosemarie Malczewski (Dr. Marcus) of Crown Point, IN, Mark Kacmar (Beth Settle) of Chesterton, IN, Robert Vahary (Deb) of Fishers, IN, Robin Kacmar of Lake of the Four Seasons, IN, Robert Kacmar (Olga) of Noblesville, IN, Dorothy Keene (Dave Maginot) of Merrillville, IN, Marie Dillon (Doug) of Indianapolis, IN, as well as thirty beloved nieces and nephews; thirty great nieces and nephews, and a great great niece and nephew, additional family, many friends and his pet cats, Nerma and Maggie.

He attended Andean High School (Class of 1981) and Vincennes University. He spent many years working at both Andean High School and Crown Point Community Schools. Dan most recently worked at Hartsfield Village, where he was adored by staff and residents alike.

Dan was a devoted father, son, brother, and uncle. The youngest of a family of 15 children, a real life Brady Bunch, looked up to his siblings. He learned many skills from his father, siblings, and family members, and was always happy to be a teacher of that knowledge to his daughter, nieces, and nephews. Dan always made time for his family and friends, offering companionship and assistance whenever he could. Dan was most proud of his daughter, Danielle, for whom he would move mountains.

Everywhere he went he always seemed to know someone. He made friends with people and animals alike and was adored by many pets of family and friends. Dan loved fixing things, rock 'n' roll music, action movies, and taking naps. He had so much love to give and always took pride in his work and ability to help others. Daniel Kacmar engaged with his fellow man. He treated others like he wanted to be treated, and in the end, made this world a better place. Dan will be missed by all who knew him, and if there's ever any question of how you should be in this life, the best answer is to be like Dan.

A visitation will be held on Saturday, January 31, 2026, at Burns Funeral Home & Crematory, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN, from 1 p.m. until the time of the funeral service at 5 p.m. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 31. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Burns Funeral Home & Crematory - Crown Point  
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## Funeral Service

JAN 31. 5:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

TD

“ I met Dan in the early 70’s, I would stop over to pal around with Mark. The one thing about being a friend of the Kacmar’s you end being friends with all of them. And that is how it was with Dan. Dan would always be so friendly and welcoming when I would visit. He made feel like one of the family. He was always so grounded and could talk to anyone and just make them feel so comfortable. Even though I have not seen him for many years, I am missing him now. Our family will keep him and the rest of the Kacmar and Vahary family in our prayers.



Thomas Drapac - January 30 at 11:32 PM



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



January 30 at 11:17 PM

FD

“ From Tom & Lynn Drapac planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Daniel Kacmar.

From Tom & Lynn Drapac - January 30 at 11:17 PM

UF

“ Uncle Mike’s Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Daniel Kacmar.



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**Uncle Mike’s Family** - January 30 at 10:31 AM



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



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January 29 at 07:27 PM

BK

“ Bob and Olga Kacmar purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Daniel Kacmar.



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**Bob and Olga Kacmar** - January 29 at 07:19 PM

UT

“ Unilever Quality Team purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Daniel Kacmar.



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**Unilever Quality Team** - January 29 at 06:30 PM



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



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January 29 at 12:48 PM



“ *The Sirpillas & Dillons purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Daniel Kacmar.*



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**The Sirpillas & Dillons** - January 29 at 08:37 AM



“ I met Dan the Winter of 2024, and we bonded. We had quite a bit in common, growing up in the same era, and in Lake County. I grew to love him like a Brother, and I am sure he felt the same about me. If I was ever in need, all I had to do was pick up the phone and call Dan. Several times I had fallen out of my wheelchair, and each time, Dan came to my aid. My pup, Scarlett (actually a grown Doberman) absolutely loved Dan, and I do not exaggerate when I say that. When Dan would come over, she could hear his truck pull in the drive, and she would meet him at the door, and would remain, literally, at his side, the entire time he was here. I have to admit, sometimes it made me jealous. I then knew that if something were to happen to me, Scarlett would go to Dan, and Dan loved her as much as she loved him, and he agreed. One night, I was getting ready to go to bed, and was going to shower first, so I did not have a stitch of clothes on. It was a little after midnight. I let Scarlett out to do her business and she started barking incessantly. I am yelling at her to be quiet, but she ignored me. I am sure the neighbors heard my expletives as I tried to get her to stop barking and come inside. So, I put a towel over my lap and headed outside to try to get her to stop barking. I went down the ramp to the patio, and there was something in the bushes that she was after. I was prepared to go into the yard to try to get to her, but then thought, what if I fell out of my wheelchair. So, back up the ramp I went, anticipating the crusty neighbor to my south, would be calling the Police because Scarlett was barking so much. I got to the top of the ramp and was trying to think of a way to get her back inside. I sat there for a bit when the light bulb came on over my head. I yelled, "Uncle Danimal is here", and Scarlett immediately ran up the ramp like her butt was on fire, to see her Uncle Danimal. That is the affect Dan had on not only animals, but people. All my friends and family that met Dan thought the world of him. I will miss him dearly.



**Timothy Skaggs** - January 28 at 01:37 PM

JC

“ I first met Dan last year when i was visiting my friend Tim. Immediately i liked him. Tims term of endearment for Dan was “Danimal”. This stuck with me and i too called him this. Danimal was kind and thoughtful, always wanting to help others. He was selfless and worked tirelessly to make sure others were ok and taken care of. Dan, although you’re in paradise right now and finally back home, we miss you dearly in this realm. You fulfilled your purpose in life, which is to love and help others. Brother, you did a great job and we will all see you very soon!  
Jason.

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**jason colier** - January 27 at 06:51 PM

DO

I to met Dan through Timothy.. Dan would come to Timothy home, after his work, to always lend a helping hand. I met him and immediately took him in as a friend. We would grill fajitas, and sit around laughing, and just enjoying each others company. I will truly miss Dan. He was really a kind and easy going man. I send my deepest heartfelt condolences to his entire family, and friends. May God comfort your hearts at this time of bereavement.

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**Donna** - January 27 at 10:17 PM

BT

“ Dan, you are truly missed, what are we gonna do now? You helped us in many ways, and saved us lots of money. Rest easy, Dan

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**Bobbye Sanders- Thomas** - January 26 at 11:31 AM

SC

“ Hey Danny, my radiator is leaking what should I do. "Alright, I'll be over in 20 mins".

*This is just one example of the type of man he was. He would make time to help anyone out!!*

*I am happy to have met him, to have shared stories, laughs and to have had the privilage of constantly seeing his genius at work.*

*Thank you Danny for being the true embodiment of selflessness!*

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**Sonya C** - January 24 at 10:17 PM

PM

“ I had the pleasure of working with Dan at Hartsfield Village and he spoke of his daughter often. It was clear how deeply proud he was of her and how much she meant to him. He will be remembered for his kindness and his knack to fix just about anything. I am saddened about his passing. My thoughts and prayers are with his daughter and all who loved him.

*Pam Menefee*

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**Pam Menefee** - January 23 at 08:19 PM

JU

*Dan Drakos and I had the honor and pleasure to meet Dan through his nephew, Tom. For years he was our "go to" Man for any type of work needed. He became a trusted friend very quickly. His kindness, wit and genuine sweetness was infectious. Gone too soon. We are so sorry for his loss. What a standout guy he was. May his memory be eternal.*

*Jaime Ulrich*

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**Jaime Ulrich** - January 24 at 01:58 PM