



## Daniel Anthony Jarski

July 26, 1956 - November 10, 2018

Daniel Anthony Jarski, age 62. Cherished husband of Janace Peake Jarski. Loving father of Paul, Daniel Julian (DJ) and Jacob. Beloved son of Viola Michalow Jarski and the late Bruno Jarski. Dear brother of Tina and Joe Riley and Leah and Michael Bielski and brother-in-law of Lisa and Chuck Mackin and Ron and Shannon Peake. Caring uncle of David, Emily, CJ, Noah, Shayn, Brielle, Jack and Julia.

Dan was a retired teacher of 25 years from Andrew High School in Tinley Park, where he was admired by both faculty and students alike. He was an avid collector of antiques, specifically old bottles and can labels, that he enjoyed selling at local antique flea markets. Dan was an intellect, historian, archeologist, environmentalist, chef, gardener, builder, humanitarian and shared his gentle love and grace with everyone in his life. He had a great influence not only on his three sons, but everyone that he encountered.

The family will hold a service on November 21, 2018 at 10:00 am at St. Casimir Cemetery Chapel, 4401 W. 111th St, Chicago and will also have a "Celebration of Dan's Life" on November 24, 2018 at 2:00 pm at the Grant Park Community Center, 209 W. Dixie Highway, Grant Park. In lieu of flowers any monetary memorials can be made to the Benefit of Daniel Jarski. These memorials will be given for Scholarships, at Victor J. Andrew High School in Tinley Park, IL.

Cremation rites were accorded. Jensen Funeral Home, Bourbonnais is handling the arrangements. Please sign Dan's guest book at [www.jensenfuneralhome.com](http://www.jensenfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Service

NOV **21**. 10:00 AM.

St. Casimir Cemetery Chapel  
4401 W. 111th Street  
Chicago, IL

## Celebration of Life

NOV **24**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Grant Park Community Center  
209 West Dixie Highway  
Grant Park, IL 60940

# Tribute Wall



“ *Daniel Anthony Jarski*

October 08, 2023 at 04:39 PM



“ *Daniel, I look at photos of you and close my eyes trying to remember your laugh. It has been over 2 years since you left and I still don't feel better...my wounds are still bleeding from you leaving us.*

**Leah Bielski** - January 24, 2021 at 12:38 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Daniel Anthony Jarski.*



November 23, 2018 at 06:43 PM



“ *Mr. J. What can I say? He was honest, point blank, interesting, fun, and I drove him nuts at times but he would shrug it off with a laugh and still did his job. He actually cared about his students which is very rare now a days. Haven't seen him in years but memories of his class will never leave. RIP Mr. J*

**Terrence** - November 23, 2018 at 05:30 PM

LM

“ I'm so sorry this happened. I hope he can see from wherever his soul/life force is how many people loved him and cared about him. I'm in New Mexico and didn't even know him, but I feel like I did from reading the memories. I wish this had turned out differently. I am broken hearted for his mother, sisters, sons, friends, and former students.




lori mcdaniel - November 21, 2018 at 08:43 PM

DO

“ Please accept my most sincere condolences for your loss. Wishing you all peace and strength.

Respectfully,  
Daniel Owens

Daniel Owens - November 21, 2018 at 02:07 PM

 Donna  
Zawacki

“ It is the hardest loss to lose a loved one at such a young age. So very much sorry for all of Dan's family and friends.


Donna Zawacki - November 20, 2018 at 07:31 PM



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



November 19, 2018 at 03:35 PM



Debbie  
Hartwig

“ Where do I start? Meeting Dan for the first time about forty years ago at a bottle club ( you were still in college at DeKalb). Hunting and digging for bottles. Pilgrimages to Steak & Shake (with coupons, of course)! Dan looking up at the the sky and telling me "there's an unstable air-mass" (huh?). Setting up next to him at flea markets and hearing "do you know why these bottles are purple?" (to passerby) for the thousandth time (hint: it has to do with manganese). Harvesting/hanging/drying bunches of wheat to sell at the flea market for the benefit of his kid's college tuition and in speaking to him on the phone that evening where he would give me a monetary rundown of wheat sales. Him lamenting that his son, Jacob, wasn't recognized for his contributions to his school's sports activities. Listening to Dan give a "lesson" on the history of a particular bottle to a possible client. Dan, saying with pride that a former student had made contact with him and they discussed the student's employment foray into the science field. Seeking out Thai restaurants. Bringing back to Illinois from Pennsylvania a ton of beef jerky and Yuengling Beer. Doing his damndest to provide for his family. Being my friend. My wife and I will miss you. RIP

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**Debbie Hartwig** - November 18, 2018 at 07:52 PM



Debbie  
Hartwig

*This post is from Tom Hartwig is flea market buddy*

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**Debbie Hartwig** - November 18, 2018 at 08:01 PM



TJ

*Thank you so much Tom and Debbie. You were such wonderful friends to Dan. He loved you both very much.*

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**Tina Jarski-Riley** - January 21, 2021 at 09:34 PM

DS

“ *The few times I was in the company of Dan, he impressed me as a "Gentle Giant" and dedicated father. May the love of our Lord bring you His comfort and peace.*  
*Donna Sheridan*



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**Donna Sheridan** - November 18, 2018 at 04:22 PM

JS

“ *I graduated High School With Dan. Great guy!!! Sounds like he was a fantastic teacher. May your happy memories help ease your pain.*

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**joyce szeliga** - November 18, 2018 at 11:47 AM

SL

“ *I grew up with Dan and shared many classrooms with him at Harnew School and gym classes at O.L.C.H.S.. His interest in geology was evident back in 2nd and 3rd grade, as we went looking for "fools gold" in piles of dirt by his house. Years later I saw him at Frankfort fest displaying his antique bottles . Dan was a gem and will be regarded as a great memory for me. I'm so sorry for your loss .*

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**Steven Lunn** - November 18, 2018 at 08:56 AM

BR

“ *I am so sorry for you loss and the agony of not knowing where he was for so long..I am glad you found him but wish he was still alive..I am from the Tinley Park area but news of him missing made it's way to Arizona and points beyond. He sounds like he was a great man. May you all find peace and comfort knowing how much he was loved by so many*

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**Bonnie Richards** - November 16, 2018 at 09:04 PM

MS

“ I went to high school with Dan. He was one of the kindest, funniest people I knew. Dan, you live on in the memories of the people that knew what a wonderful guy you were.

Maureen Smith - November 16, 2018 at 04:36 PM

DB

“ He was quite a guy in high school. Talk about fun and laughs, he was the man. Always, always with a smile. Love and will miss you Dan. Dani Bourbeau

Dani Bourbeau - November 16, 2018 at 02:49 PM

DF

“ So sorry for your loss. For the few years That I knew Dan, I was able to surmise he was a good man and father.



David Frankhauser - November 16, 2018 at 09:44 AM

KS

“ So sorry for the lost of Dan, I remember him when we were growing up. May he rest in peace. Losing a family member is never easy. Sending prayers & healing for the family.



Kathie Smetko - November 16, 2018 at 08:45 AM



“ *There are no words to express my sorrow for your loss. My heart is broken as well. Dan wasn't just Tina's older brother , he was like a brother to us all. Always looking out for us. He was such a wonderful person. I pray all the wonderful memories you all have will soon comfort you. Please accept my deepest and sincere sympathy. May Dan's gentle soul rest in peace.*



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**Debra Neese-Cutler** - November 16, 2018 at 08:21 AM

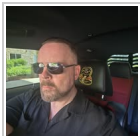


“ *Kevin Greene II lit a candle in memory of Daniel Anthony Jarski*



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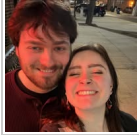
**Kevin Greene II** - November 16, 2018 at 04:16 AM



“ *Mr. Jarski was the only teacher at Andrew that treated me with respect and always tried his best even when I wasn't. RIP Mr. Jarski thank you for being a great man.*

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**Dan Allen** - November 16, 2018 at 12:09 AM



“ *Mr. Jarski and I always had such long, elegant conversations at any school event we sat by each other at. The last time we spoke, at a baseball game in May, he told me how enthralled he was to be retired and to see his youngest son's school events, no matter what they were. He even kept his own notebook to keep track of the scores at baseball games. He was the biggest fan you'd ever meet; he had such a caring soul. Mr. Jarski will be very much so missed, but never forgotten in the hearts and minds of those he affected. May he rest in peace.*

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**Kate Williams** - November 15, 2018 at 11:15 PM

BS

“ *Dan and I went to High School together, with age we all moved on. Then Dan's name came to my attention, when I learned that one of my sons and my nephews had him for a teacher. Dan was always a caring and helpful person. May he RIP.*

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**Bob Spooner** - November 15, 2018 at 10:19 PM

DL

“ *My condolences to the family. May you find the strength and courage through one another to make it through this difficult time.*



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**Dawn Lunsford** - November 15, 2018 at 10:14 PM

TP

“ *Tamra And Warren Piper lit a candle in memory of Daniel Anthony Jarski*



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**Tamra and Warren Piper** - November 15, 2018 at 09:12 PM

KZ

“ *My condolences*



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**Katie Zemovich** - November 15, 2018 at 09:02 PM

ME

“ *Rest Easy.*



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**Melissa** - November 15, 2018 at 08:38 PM

DE

“ *My condolences to the family during this difficult time. My memory of dan was him rescuing me out of the tree house at an event for a tech get together we had. It was quite hilarious. But he was my hero!*



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**denise** - November 15, 2018 at 08:20 PM

MS

*Dan and I went to high school together and he also taught me in a class at Moraine Valley. At Moraine we got to chit chat about our high school days and all the fun we had. My heart breaks to hear this and he will surely leave an empty spot in our hearts. RIP Dan and sending hugs to his family. 🥺🥺*

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**Mary Savaiano** - November 15, 2018 at 08:25 PM

TP

*“ Whenever we saw or talked to Dan, he was always smiling and so very friendly. Our deepest sympathies to all of you. May your wonderful memories sustain you in this difficult time.*

*Sincerely,  
Tamra and Warren Piper*

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**Tamra and Warren Piper** - November 15, 2018 at 08:11 PM

SS

*“ My condolences to the Jarski boys on the passing their father. To Leah and your family and Tina and her family my heart breaks for you both as well as your mother in the passing of Dan. He was a big influence on my daughter when she was a student at Andrew. Hold the great memories of Dan close to you, for no one can ever take the memories you have of him from you.*

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**Sue Slansky** - November 15, 2018 at 08:10 PM

JF

*Dan and I worked together in the early 90s at Forest Hospital. I still tell my current students about the time we had a student jump out Dans classroom window to escape. Dan was proud of another students test score and in our distractions .... ( escapee wasn't hurt). He lived a lifetime of adventure and was so much fun as a colleague. Please find comfort knowing he was a deeply respected ,appreciated teacher and great human.*

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**jennifer fallon** - December 02, 2018 at 08:13 AM

Ellen Koch

“ *Ellen Koch lit a candle in memory of Daniel Anthony Jarski*



Ellen Koch - November 15, 2018 at 08:06 PM

LM

“ *Laura Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Daniel Anthony Jarski*



laura mitchell - November 15, 2018 at 07:58 PM



“ *The Bonkowski Family*  
*Our deepest sympathy, Dan was a great soul. He was a man deeply care about people. He was cherished by ones who were lucky enough to cross paths with him on our journey in this life.*

Cyndee Wolski - November 15, 2018 at 07:49 PM

JK

“ *Jason Kirk lit a candle in memory of Daniel Anthony Jarski*



Jason Kirk - November 15, 2018 at 07:38 PM

BC

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Bradley Clemmer - November 15, 2018 at 07:23 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Mary Wilson - November 15, 2018 at 07:09 PM

Glo  
Parker

“ Glo Parker lit a candle in memory of Daniel  
Anthony Jarski



Glo Parker - November 15, 2018 at 06:34 PM



“ Bob Schneider lit a candle in memory of  
Daniel Anthony Jarski



Bob Schneider - November 15, 2018 at 06:25 PM



“*Mr. Jarski made a difference in my children's lives and education. My youngest daughter spent some time out west and the only means of communication that I had with her at that time was letters. I can't count how many times our letters reference Mr. Jarski. It was like he was out there in the Great Basin camping under the stars with her. He was a guiding light and he will be forever missed. To the Jarski family, I pray for comfort as you walk through these days. I would like to make an analogy to glacial landscape - because I lack people skills. A granitic erratic is a boulder that is nonnative to the area that was carried there by a glacier. You are in a place where you would never expect to be, but it's where life carried you. And then there are drumlins, eskers, and three levels of glacial beach - Glenwood, Calumet Toleston. The land is scarred from the weight and pressure of the glaciers, and there are three levels of beach because it didn't recede all at once. Just like the land after a glacier, things just aren't what they were before, and the three levels of beach show that it didn't go away all at once. It was gradual. It will feel better one day. Not today. Not tomorrow. Not for a long time, but when you look back, you might be able to see landmarks of how things eventually got better. Please accept my deepest sympathies on the loss of this wonderful person.*”

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**Mary Wilson** - November 15, 2018 at 06:21 PM