



Dan L. Traudt

February 22, 1947 - June 29, 2019

Dan Leon Traudt, 72, of Grand Island passed into his eternal Heavenly home on June 29, 2019.

He was born on February 22, 1947, in York, Nebraska to Leonard and Ramona (Pfister) Traudt. Dan attended elementary school in Stockham, and graduated from Henderson High School in 1965. He then attended Kearney State College where he was a four-year letter-winner in basketball, and earned a bachelor's degree in Education.

Dan began his long-time teaching and coaching career at Barr Junior High in Grand Island in 1969, a commitment that spanned 37 years. He was a much-admired teacher, a well-respected and successful football and basketball coach, a father-figure to many, and encourager to all. He also officiated countless sporting events over the years, including multiple Nebraska state basketball tournaments.

Following his retirement in 2007, Dan enjoyed spending time with his family, and especially delighted in watching his grandchildren play sports. He also enjoyed gardening, spending time at his lake cabin, and following the Huskers. Warm and sincere, Dan loved to engage with people. He was always quick to ask a question, share a memory, or give a compliment.

Dan was preceded in death by his four grandparents; and father, Leonard

Traudt. He is survived by his mother Ramona of Grand Island; his children, Cami (Mike) Beck of Colorado Springs, CO, and Brandon (Christy) of Grand Island; sister Nancy (Jim) Lichtenberg of Cedar Bluffs, and brother Tim (Terri) of Minneapolis, MN. He married Susan Sixel in 2002, becoming a beloved stepfather to her three sons. He is also survived by seven grandchildren, many relatives, and wonderful lifelong friends.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 PM on Monday, July 8, at Third City Christian Church in Grand Island, with Pastor Scott Jones officiating.

Visitation will be from 3-6 PM with family present from 4-6 PM on Sunday, July 7 at the Third City Christian Church.

All Faiths Funeral Home is entrusted with the arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Third City Christian Church.

Tribute Wall



“ *Dan L. Traudt*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *I was lucky enough to be on Coach Traudt's first basketball team at Barr Jr. High
what a great coach but more important what a great person. I
thought of him often*

Thanks Coach... you will be missed

mark bartels

mark bartels - July 11, 2019 at 05:01 PM



“ *I was sorry to learn of Dan's passing. He and I became friends as freshmen at Kearney State College. Dan was such a great guy. Although many of us were jealous when he got his olive green sports car (a mustang I think)! God speed friend. And my condolences to the Traudt family.*

Monica Ayoub McClure - July 07, 2019 at 05:37 PM

TD

“ I was lucky enough to have Dan Traudt as a science teacher at Barr Jr. High many years ago. He was one that actually made learning fun and really cared about his students. He was always one of my favorite teachers. Sending prayers for his family during this very difficult time. 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏
Blessings,
Trish (Long) Durbin

Trish Durbin - July 06, 2019 at 01:52 AM

TD

“ I was lucky enough to have Dan Traudt as a Science teacher at Barr Jr. High. He was one of those teachers that made learning fun and he really cared about his students. Lifting his family up in prayers during this very difficult time. 🙏🙏🙏

Trish Durbin - July 06, 2019 at 12:59 AM

DT

“ Prayers and condolences to all of Dan's family especially his children, Brandon and Cami. You will hear so many tributes to this guy that truly was one in a million. I along with thousands of others are saddened by the news of his passing. May the memories you have of your dad, as well as all the memories of so many others about him, help you through this very sad time. So many memories
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Deb Thuernagle - July 05, 2019 at 11:29 PM

RF

“ Condolences to the entire Traudt family. I grew up in Henderson and have great memories of such a wonderful family.

Ross Friesen - July 05, 2019 at 01:46 PM

JP

“ Every person can talk about a teacher who made a difference. Dan Traudt was one of those for me. I believe I will not be alone in that sentiment. Mr. Traudt treated me with respect. He made me feel like I was somebody, like I was smart and gifted. He will be remembered and the impact he made lives through countless unnamed and unknown people.

Judith Putjenter - July 05, 2019 at 11:00 AM

DJ

“ What a wonderful teacher he was for his first year at Barr. He made science fun and was so understanding when I broke a thermometer. He was upbeat and good natured. He even remembered you years later when he was working at the place where I got my oil changed. And by then he didn't want you to call him Mr Traudt. He will be remembered fondly. Prayers for his family.

Diana Thavenet Jones - July 04, 2019 at 10:06 AM

RC

“ I'm so sorry for your loss.
Rebecca, Marcus, and Michael Chirinos

Rebecca Chirinos - July 04, 2019 at 01:20 AM

CK

“ My deepest sympathy to the Traudt family as well as his Mother Ramona. You are dealing with a heavy heart now but God will help you heal.

Cleetis Kowalski-Miller

cleetis kowalski-miller - July 04, 2019 at 12:07 AM



CB

“ Our sympathy to his family and Mother Ramona, Nancy and Tim! So many memories of Dan and his family growing up in Henderson! My parents and me and my sister were good friends to Leonard and Ramona and family. Danny had such a great personality, my sister LaVerna and I worked for Leonard and Ramona at the Sno Queen. Dan was two years behind me in school and one year ahead of my sister. I know my sister and parents are welcoming him ! Love to all,
Richard & Carol (Ott) Busenitz

Carol Busenitz - July 03, 2019 at 06:23 PM

GR

“ He was the best Science Teacher ever. Had alot of fun. Always remember certain Teachers at school growing up.. He was my one of my favorites. I was so blessed to have him teach me. 🙏🙏🙏 for his family. Will be missed.. But never forgotten.. God Bless You Mr. Traudt in Heaven.. God had a special reason for needing you.. Maybe to Coach.. Ha. ❤️❤️

Gwen Reed - July 03, 2019 at 03:55 PM

LW

“ My Deepest Condolences for Dan's family. Dan was an awesome teacher & coach 2 my kids Brandi & Travis Petzoldt. He will be missed. Hugs
Linda Willman

Linda Willman - July 03, 2019 at 01:44 PM

MG

“ Dan was my science teacher at Barr in what I think was his first year teaching. He was dynamic and full of energy. It's a testament to his ability to connect with students that he drove, taking a few of my classmates, to Omaha that year for my Bar Mitzvah. That had to be a big step outside his comfort zone and I still remember it with gratitude. Also, it's reported that the speed limit on that trip was not merely broken, but shattered. Here was still largely a wild kid back then.

Thank you Mr. Traudt, for your teaching and friendship. I hope you have a hot car in heaven.

Matt Greenberger

Matt Greenberger - July 03, 2019 at 11:48 AM

SF

“ Our deepest sympathy to all of Dan's family for your loss. Our thoughts & prayers are with you all.

Craig & Sue (Kosmicki) Foss

Sue Foss - July 03, 2019 at 10:01 AM

LS

“ Our prayers and sympathy for your loss

Dan & Lorraine Spindler

Lorraine Spindler - July 03, 2019 at 09:08 AM

CW

“ *Mr. Traudt is one of maybe three instructors I believe had the greatest influence on me. Invested in his students and profession. Dedicated, sincere, enthusiastic in both teaching and coaching. Said what he thought. I always looked forward to his class (44 years ago). Sincerest condolences to all of his family.*

Craig Wampler - July 03, 2019 at 08:43 AM

RF

“ *So very sad to hear this. Coach was a great mentor. From a guy who once scored a basket for the opposing team, he was tough on us, but had a huge heart. I always looked up to him as a role model, and grew to love basketball. He was graceful on the court, and taught a gangly kid to appreciate the game as an art form. Great memories of a good man. Prayers for Coach and his family. - Rob Fleming, BJHS 1970-71*

Rob Fleming - July 02, 2019 at 10:29 PM

SJ

“ *My families heart felt condolences are sent to all of Coach Traudt's family. He was a great man in so many ways. Coach Traudt influenced me in so many ways, and as I reflect in my profession as an administrator, coach, and teacher, many of my ways of doing things were learned from him. Also, as I reflect back on our magical state basketball title in 1999, he was one of many influential people who made that happen. Coach Traudt was one of many who saw our potential and pushed us to greatness. And for those things, I am so proud to say that he coached and taught me.*

Scott Jorgensen - July 02, 2019 at 07:14 PM

AS

“ Dan Traudt and I spent 22 years together at Barr Junior High. During that time I came to appreciate his incredible teaching methods and the respect his students had for him. When it came time to coach he was a master at game planning and encouraging his 9th grade basketball teams execution. Dan also was the defensive coach in football and Barr excelled there as well. But most important was the personal relationship we had. We were close not only because we worked together, but we also enjoyed spending time together away from school. I'll miss you, my friend. Condolences to Ramona, Dan's mother, and all members of the family.

Al Satterly

Al Satterly - July 02, 2019 at 06:06 PM

TR

“ Admired, sincere, loyal, mentor, role model, educator, leader, passionate, communicator, legend, and most importantly, friend..... These are words that describe teaching closely with Dan for 27 years. Dan possessed an incredible way of working with middle school students and everyone was important in their special way. To have taught science with him was an honor that will last forever. My sincere sympathies extend to his entire family. Tom Rhodes - Barr Middle School 1980-2009

Tom Rhodes - July 02, 2019 at 04:28 PM

CJ

“ I knew Dan as an official and a coach. I got to know him best as we worked together during basketball camps. It was there that I witnessed first hand his passion and abilities working with students. He built strong relationships. I believe everyone who was coached by him as well as everyone who had the opportunity to work beside him is a better person because of it. He will be missed. My condolences to the family.

Craig Jacobson - July 02, 2019 at 07:12 AM



“ I learned alot from Coach in the classroom and on the court. It was an honor to play on one of his 5 undefeated basketball teams and to be a student in his science class. RIP coach and my prayers go out to the entire family.

Bob Day - July 01, 2019 at 10:56 PM

LC

“ I tried to play basketball at Kearney State College (now UNK) back in 1968 and 1969 as a freshman/sophomore when Dan Traudt was a junior/senior--GO LOPERS! Then it was my pleasure to coach 8th grade boys basketball at Barr Junior High in Grand Island while Dan was the 9th grade boys coach. We extend our condolences to Dan's family from North Carolina.

LARRY M CARMANN - July 01, 2019 at 08:17 PM

JC

“ Dan's children and our children, classmates and friends, so shared all those school activities, and he was a good Dad. As a coach, Dan encouraged his players, saw the best in them, made the whole experience wonderful. Our thoughts are with you,, brandon and Camie. Doug and Judy Camplin

Judy Camplin - July 01, 2019 at 08:01 PM

SF

“ *Coach Traudt was one of my favorite teachers and coaches at BJH. He was kind and understanding. Condolences to the family.*

Steve Fruchtl - July 01, 2019 at 11:50 AM