



Daniel Thomas Bell

September 8, 1956 - January 20, 2014

Daniel Thomas Bell of Corvallis, Oregon passed away January 20th at his home after a long courageous battle with cancer. He was blessed to have a network of friends and family that would visit with him and provide support.

Dan was born on September 8, 1956 in Big Timber, Montana and raised in Billings. After graduating from Billings West High School in 1975, Dan earned a degree in Business from the University of Denver.

Dan had a long career in the food industry. He started off at the age of 14 working at his parent's Taco Bells in Billings. He worked for Lyon's Restaurant in Seattle and Corvallis and received many awards. It was always his dream to open his own restaurant and he bought Michael's Landing in 1989 and operated it for 25 years. He was very fond of and retained long standing relationships with his customers and employees.

Dan had a passion for life and he had a wide variety of interests. He loved being with his family, music, golfing, cooking and reading. On Sundays, after church he would fire up his old 1975 Ford truck "Big Red" and go for a relaxing drive. Dan and his brother-in-law, Carl, with the help of many friends and family built a cabin in Montana. The trips back to the cabin were always a highlight for everyone.

Dan was lucky to have countless life long friends that he enjoyed having fun with. He loved to travel with the Reher family and there were many laughs and good stories afterwards. He spent the last few summers in Europe and the British Open in Scotland was memorable to Dan. He had many childhood friends that he stayed close to and got together with often. You always knew that you were in for a good time when Mark, Blake, Jimmy, Ron and Rob would show up.

Dan is survived by his wife of 32 years, Sandy Surette Bell; son Andrew; daughter Molly of Corvallis; father Rodger of Billings; sisters Shawna Steel (husband Ron) of Edmonds, WA and Charlene White (husband Chris) of Doncaster, England and multiple nieces and nephews. Dan was preceded in death by his Mother, Maxene.

Dan touched many lives with his humor, love and generosity. Arrangements are being made for a private service. Memorial donations in Dan's name may be directed to Benton Hospice or Habitat for Humanity in care of McHenry Funeral Home in Corvallis, Oregon.

Tribute Wall

MO

“ Dear Sandy,

I heard the news of Dan's death today from a former ML employee. Dan was a heck of a nice guy and I'm pleased to have crossed paths and talked big giant train depot restaurant talk with him. All the best to you and your family.

Matthew Otten - March 08, 2014 at 08:01 PM



“ Dear Sandy & Family:

I just heard the news about Dan, and am very sad for the loss of such an amazing spirit, a wicked smart man, and a great person that graced this earth. Dan gave me a shot at one of my first jobs in life at Michael's landing, and he taught me a lot in the two years I worked for him (white wine goes in the cooler, red wine does not!). Some of my favorite memories of Dan were at Michael's landing. I had the good fortune to meet him early on as I was a student of yours, and we just clicked. Nothing about the passing of a husband, father, souse or friend will ever be easy, but please know that you and your entire family are in our thoughts and prayers.
Much Love

Matthew Ellis

Matthew Ellis - February 01, 2014 at 07:58 PM

CB

“ *Sandy and Family,
Please accept my condolences. As you know I have wonderful memories of Dan. He was always so warm and welcoming when I hit Michael's Landing after a round on the links, even asked us about our game. I remember his being very supportive as you and I struggled through our Masters program together. I also recall meeting him many years ago when we were writing curriculum for the Functional Learning Resource program and thinking what a lucky gal you were to have such a wonderful husband. Take care, dear friend. Thinking of all of you,
Corrine Blair*

Corrine Blair - January 30, 2014 at 05:08 PM

RF

“ *Dear Sandy & Family,
We would like to extend to you our condolences on Dan's passing. We always enjoyed visiting with Dan @ Michael's Landing. He was a good & kind man. May your many memories of time spent together sustain you.
With sympathy,
Jerry & Roberta Fox & family*

Roberta Fox - January 30, 2014 at 03:07 PM

 Debbie Perryman

“ *"What moves through us is a silence, a quiet sadness, a longing for one more day, one more word, one more touch, we may not understand why you left this earth so soon, or why you left before we were ready to say good-bye, but little by little, we begin to remember not just that you died, but that you lived. And that your life gave us memories too beautiful to forget"*

Debbie Perryman - January 28, 2014 at 09:20 PM