



Daniel W. Coutcher

June 19, 1951 - September 4, 2015

Daniel, known by all as Dan, Wayne Coutcher finished strong the race laid out for him on Friday, September 04, 2015 surrounded by his family.

Dan was born June 19, 1951 in Great Falls, Montana to Quentin Daniel Coutcher and Betty Coutcher. He is survived by his endearing wife Lois Howell Coutcher, children: Heidi Snyder and her husband Andrew and their children Ella, Madeline, Savannah, Charlotte, and Jude; Christy DeHart and her husband Josh and their children Haven and Ember; Daniel Coutcher and his wife Claudia; and Emily Coutcher and her daughter Julia. Also surviving is Dan's mother and his sister Gail Coutcher Hughes and her husband Tim.

A funeral service will be held at Colonial Baptist Church, 6051 Tryon Rd, Cary, NC 27518, on Tuesday, September 8, 2015 at 1PM. Friends are invited to a receiving line at the church beginning at 11AM. A private family burial will follow the service. In lieu of flowers please make donations to The Dan Coutcher Memorial Fund and mail to Franklin Watkins Financial Group, 3214 Charles B Root Wynd, Suite 145, Raleigh, NC 27612.

Dan graduated from The University of Georgia with a degree in forestry in 1973. Although he enjoyed the great outdoors and working with his hands, Dan felt a calling on his life at the young age of 23 (after having found Jesus Christ as his Savior at 17). This calling to reach out to the lost was given roots

and a place to begin by being a part of a new ministry, Forever Generation. Eventually his humble life of service took him to Georgia Tech where he ministered to college students by teaching them the gospel and simply living life with them. Dan could be found at the local burger shop having lunch with a student, talking late into the night, answering difficult questions, and hosting students on Sunday afternoons with a hearty spaghetti lunch made by his wife Lois.

In the summer of 1987, Dan moved to North Carolina and NC State University became the mission field where he led many to Christ and a deeper walk with God. He knew people needed Christ but soon realized they were also hungry for emotional healing and freedom from past hurts. He walked bravely beside countless men and women as they journeyed towards forgiveness and healthy relationships with others.

Dan's ministry at NC State changed in 2004 to a more concentrated focus – ROTC. These young military men and women were drawn to Dan's own self-discipline, sense of humor, and directness. He met them with cold Gatorade after their challenging training exercises and presented hundreds of them with gear trees he crafted himself with pine. Dan won their trust and their hearts and many dedicated, or rededicated, their lives to Christ because of his influence. He faithfully served in collegiate and ROTC ministries for 40 years.

He loved his family dearly and remained devoted and loving to his wife Lois during their 41 years of marriage as they served together. They were a unique team encouraging couples to love well, invite Jesus into everything, and use the relational tools they had been given. Dan's children remember him as a father who relentlessly pursued them. He was always taking them out to lunch or coffee, asking them about their day and offering them his time and wisdom. Above all, Dan invited them to a deeper walk with Jesus.

Poppie, as Dan was called by his eight grandchildren, loved playing UNO and Skipbo with them, making his yard a fun place for them to play and taking them out for donuts.

Dan Coutcher will be incredibly missed by many. He gave his life for the cause of the Cross. He loved people, he loved well and even in his battle with pancreatic cancer he gave life, lived life and spoke life into all those around him.

Tribute Wall



“ *I remember Daniel fondly from the years at Goose Bay, Labrador. 1963-64 We lived across the street from each other and were pals. Happy to hear he was a stalwart Christian. I look forward to seeing him again. Rest well Dan*

Bob Bell - July 07, 2019 at 11:34 AM



“ *Sorry to hear of Dan's passing into the Presence of our Lord, Jesus Christ. My prayers go out to Lois and the rest of the family. Dan changed my life by leading me to saving faith in Christ while I was an engineering student at Ga Tech in the early 1980's. Thru the years, Dan always kept in touch with me thru his prayer letters. Dan was one of the kindest, caring Christians I have known; he truly lived fully for Christ every day.*

*Love,
Chris Parks*

Chris Parks - March 21, 2016 at 03:55 PM

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“ Sorry, I didn't know of Dan's home going until November. Two more soldiers from the Forever Generation have gone home to be with the Lord, unknown to me who were there to greet Dan when he arrived in Heaven's gates, Scott and Sally Koefoed, Sally a few years ago of cancer and Scott a couple years later of heart problems.

Dan was an introvert when we met him as a shy student at the U. of GA. When he got a pair of inconspicuous hearing aids, he got more confidence, as well as discipleship gave him a boldness he never had before. Charlie Nichols and Gene Dollar were uninhibited extroverts. I was shy, but God set that aside every time He had a witnessing opportunity for me. Dan broke out of his shell and became a huge cut up and entertainer. He brought a lot of humor to the FG campus Bible studies. But no one was ever more serious about living for the Lord. What everyone recognized about Dan on the UGA campus at the time of 25,000 was whenever they saw Dan striding across campus, he had a big smile on his face.

Dan asked my help when he asked Lois on a date, he wanted it to be a double date so I asked a lady to go with him who was a real hoot. We went down to the University of Georgia for a Bible study together, and laughed the whole way. That was the day I learned that God did not make angels with a sense of humor. I had just finished telling an angel joke, when a hub cap suddenly flew off my tire and was lost forever in a woods.

Those who knew Dan and Lois later, perhaps, would not believe that zany was the best way to describe the two of them when they first met! They knew how to cut loose and have fun!

Terry Herbert - March 21, 2016 at 01:56 PM

GR

“ Oh how Dan will be missed! What an incredible man of God and a rare example of what a godly husband/father/friend looks like. I am so thankful for the ways that Dan encouraged me and pointed me to the cross through both good and hard times. He was one of the few people I've ever known who lived out the gospel daily and lived life to the fullest for Jesus Christ.

Grace - December 09, 2015 at 08:44 AM

TM

“ I thank God every time I remember Dan, Lois and family. Dan brought incredible light and joy to every soul God entrusted him with. An incredible warrior, man and steward who worked, played and loved with all of his heart. A wonderful teacher. I remember lunches, small groups, chairs, genograms, racquetball and gym sessions with Dan. Despite being a few years older than me he could still hold his own working out and completely dominate on the racquetball court. Dan was the first person in my life to teach me how to identify and react to emotions and wounds in the heart. Dan demonstrated a life of "not being conformed to this world but being transformed by the renewing of your mind..." I miss him greatly and can't wait to shake his hand and give him a big hug again.

Trey Murphrey - December 08, 2015 at 09:50 PM

TN

“ Dan was both a friend and mentor to me. He helped in so many ways as I led the ROTC unit. For midshipmen, for MECEP students, for staff....he had endless time to listen and help. For me, he was clearly the battalion chaplain...conveying the issues to me that may not otherwise make it through proper channels; he did this while preserving the trust and confidentiality of his flock. Dan was a remarkable man, and his legacy will be the generations of young men and women who are spiritually grounded, happily married, and servants to others.

Tim Nichols - December 08, 2015 at 08:13 PM

AN

“ My mom and I were at the clinic with this sweet couple. My first memory of him was seeing him kneel down and pray with another person at the clinic. In spite of the fact that he too was battling cancer, his concern was for those around him. I too lost my sweet mother, Alice, this year. I just think that the pain we are all feeling at their physical absence cannot possibly outweigh the healing and joy they are feeling in the presence of our Lord and Savior. May God hold you close till we can all be reunited with those we love.

Ann Tumlinson Cunningham

Ann - November 10, 2015 at 11:54 AM

Ali
Vincent

“ So saddened to hear of this news and hate we were so delayed in finding out. I know Fan would want is to celebrate his life as he knew it was eternal. How wonderful to know he is resting and out of pain with our Savior. Dan was such an important figure in my life, and that of my husbands. He was our officiant at our wedding less than a year and a half ago. Our thoughts and prayers are with Lois and his family during this difficult time. - Matthew and Ali Vincent



Ali Vincent - October 18, 2015 at 07:27 PM

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Ali Vincent - October 18, 2015 at 07:28 PM

TF

“ Dear Coutcher family. Our hearts are filled with earthly sorrow for the loss of Dan, but our spirits are rejoicing as he stands face to face with our savior!

The Bailey Family - October 08, 2015 at 02:26 PM

KG

“ Dear Lois and Family - Our hearts are so very saddened as we consider the loss we all feel at Dan's homegoing. Lois, although it's been awhile since we've seen you and Dan and we ministered together in Real Life, you both always meant so much to us. Together, you brought smiles and so much love to our conferences and gatherings. We know Dan will be missed by the family and by all those to whom he ministered over the years. Heaven's gain is our loss. Our prayers are with you as you walk through the difficult days ahead. We pray that every tear of longing will be met with a song of triumph that Dan has finished his course so well. We love you all. Love, Ken and Lynne

Ken and Lynne German - October 08, 2015 at 02:26 PM

JE

“ Lois and the Coutcher family, my deepest condolences to you during this sad time. Dan is an incredible servant to God, undoubtedly doing family trees in heaven

Joe Ericson - October 08, 2015 at 02:26 PM

EE

“ I am praying for you all. Isn't it wonderful to know that we haven't lost Dan because we know where he is? Heaven grows sweeter every day when we think of those loved ones who have gone on ahead. George and I met Dan when we arrived at Colonial Baptist Church in 1991. His testimony was strong and consistent with his life. He and Lois were an encouragement to all.

Emily Elliott - October 08, 2015 at 02:25 PM

NC

“Lois, you and your family have my deepest sympathy as you adjust to the loss of your beloved husband. Dan was a Godly family man and one who loved ministering to students. He was a dear friend and both Dean and I enjoyed your time with Real Life Ministries and those special times of fellowship when the four of us could be together. Talking about the Lord and sharing experiences was a favorite topic for us and we loved our staff so much. As you think of Dan in the coming days, may the Lord give you His comfort and peace with the knowledge that He is the One Who called him home to be with Him for eternity. All my love & prayers, Naomi

Naomi Cummings - October 08, 2015 at 02:25 PM

VW

“Vance and I wanted to let all of you know how much we appreciate Dan, Lois and family for being a friend to our son, David, while he was at State and later as he made his home in the Triangle. Dan was a great person and will be missed by many people. Lois know that you and your family will be in our thoughts and prayers.

Vance and Janie Wilder - October 08, 2015 at 02:25 PM

TH

“Hello Lois & Coutcher family: Your husband and father and grandfather was a great friend to me. I may have been officially his Navigator Shepherd but he ministered greatly to me as we always talked deep heart issues. I will miss him and look forward to being with him in Heaven for all eternity. May the Lord give you great grace as you grieve this loss of your precious Dan.

Tom Hess - October 08, 2015 at 02:25 PM

WD

“ Dan's devotion to the Gospel and to ROTC and MESEP students was an inspiration and a challenge. Lois, we are praying God's mercy and comfort in these days of loss.

Wesley Drake - October 08, 2015 at 02:25 PM

SW

“ Heaven is looking better and better all the time. May our Lord comfort all your family with sweet memories and carry you through the difficult days ahead. Soon there will be a grand reunion--no more sorrow, no more pain, no more tears, no more suffering, no more goodbyes. Know that many are praying for your precious family.

Sue McGee Wind - October 08, 2015 at 02:24 PM

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“ Mr. Coutcher a truly great man of God. There was not a time that he was not in high spirits. Always telling me to take easy on the students. But, he loved it when i got on them.. Gunny you so mean he would say but I love it.. Keep getting them in shape Gunny. He would always stop and have a prayer with me afterwards. Truly dedicated to what he does for his family and his church. He is truly missed. Mrs. Coutcher my heart goes out to you and the family. May God continue to bless you and your family.

Jonathan Ragland "Gunny" - October 08, 2015 at 02:24 PM