



Daniel Patrick Hopkins

December 1, 1973 - February 19, 2021

Daniel Patrick Hopkins, husband and father to two beautiful young girls, died unexpectedly in Raleigh, NC on February 19, 2021 at the age of 47.

Born on December 1, 1973 in Boston, Massachusetts to Francis and Ann (Tibbetts) Hopkins, Dan spent many of his formative years in Columbia, Maryland and attended Mount Saint Joseph High School in Baltimore, where he forged a lifelong bond with friend, Tom Balsamo. From the eastern shore of Maryland, Dan graduated from Salisbury State University in 1996 with a BS in Accounting. He worked in finance until opening his own landscaping company, combining his business sense and interest in garden design. Dan met his wife, Jill at a pre-wedding event for his friend Tom in 2000 and a few years later, he and Jill started dating. Dan and Jill were married October 16, 2010 and were living in North Carolina by that time. Dan was an accomplished professional, but it was not until the birth of his daughter Megan in 2012, that his passion and calling was truly revealed - fatherhood. With this new chapter, Dan fully dedicated himself to his family, staying at home to allow his wife to pursue her career while he managed the household. By the end of 2018, the family celebrated the arrival of their second child, Rory, who brought endless joy to Dan. He cherished each and every moment spent with his daughters.

Dan will be remembered fondly for his love of the outdoors, his fierce loyalty and his savviness with technology. He enjoyed spending time landscaping in

his yard, planning the next big project, composting, and creating memories with his family.

Dan is survived by his parents; his wife, Jill Baldwin Hopkins and his two children, Megan Kate and Rory Fiona. He is also survived by his sisters Elizabeth Reid (Kerry) and Pamela Zito (Sean) and nephews Devin, Benjamin, Samuel and Peter.

Dan will be laid to rest at St Paul's Episcopal Church in Cary, NC on February 27, 2021 at 10am. A small, private service will be held for immediate family only, due to COVID-19 restrictions. Other close family members and friends will receive information for the live-stream link should they wish to view the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations to Dorcas Ministries or the American Heart Association be considered.

Cemetery Details

St. Paul's Episcopal Church Memorial Garden

221 Union St
Cary, NC 27511
<http://stpaulscary.org>

Tribute Wall

JS

“ Our deepest sympathies to all of your family. Daniel, his family, and all of my cousins are in our prayers.

Janet (Murphy) Schatzoff and Hal Schatzoff

Janet Schatzoff - March 01, 2021 at 10:25 AM

CS

“ Even though we didn't know Dan, his parents, Ann and Frank, were our Portifino neighbors. I can only imagine what a wonderful son they raised. Our prayers and heartfelt sympathy go out to Ann, Frank, his wife, children and family.

Carlene and Larry Smith

Carlene Smith - February 27, 2021 at 12:51 PM

RJ

“ The shocking loss of this beloved neighbor will hurt for a long time. Dan was a person you looked forward to seeing: You knew he'd leave you smiling. We enjoyed watching the memorial service, knowing he would have appreciated the roles both his girls played in the service! Jill, we grieve with you, and also celebrate Dan's life along with you as well. I hope we can be of service in some way in the coming weeks and months.

Very best regards, Ron J

Ron Jewett - February 27, 2021 at 10:59 AM

SM

“ We are so sorry for your loss. It was a shock to hear the news of Dan's passing. Please know that Dan and all the family are in our prayers.

Love,
Steve and Shelly Murphy

Stephen Murphy - February 27, 2021 at 10:45 AM

RW

“ Dan was the ultimate neighbor, always willing to help you out in any situation. With his beloved pickup truck he would help me move furniture from a downsizing family member to our attic. He mastered getting rid of weeds in his yard with organic means that was a never ending battle with the weed invading from my yard. A caring and loving husband and father. I will miss our chats in the yard sharing our dreams of various home improvements or how to make the creek banks better. A gentle kindhearted man that looked to serve others not be served. May the Lord's grace and mercy be with Jill, Megan, Rory and the many family and friends. I miss you Dan.

Randy Williams - February 24, 2021 at 11:12 AM



“ Dan was a good and kind hearted neighbor. He took an interest in those around him, asked about our lives, and really listened. I remember him mowing another neighbor’s lawn just because he knew they could use the help. I also observed him as strong and protective yet loving and gentle in his interactions with Jill, Megan, and Rory. His yard always looked the best in the neighborhood because of his eye for landscaping and his hard work outdoors. An even greater legacy, though, is how he nurtured his daughters—playing with, teaching, encouraging, and generally just spending quality time with them. Jill—our hearts go out to you and your precious girls. What a good man. We love you and are praying for you.

Melissa Williams - February 24, 2021 at 10:57 AM



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Melissa Williams - February 24, 2021 at 02:48 AM



Please delete this post of mine. I accidentally typed “Dad” instead of “Dan” after also accidentally erasing a few lines and then writing it back too quickly. I’m sorry. I was unable to edit this, so I added a corrected post.

Melissa Williams - February 24, 2021 at 11:00 AM

MH

My dad was and still is the most amazing person I have ever known. He was always there for me and my family and everyone else he came in contact with. He was always looking on the bright side and always supported everyone through everything. He gave up everything for me and my family and was a bright light in ours and your day. He supported me, my sister and my mom through everything. He gave me everything I could have ever wanted, a best friend for life. Yes, I was young when he died but I still have memories and mementos from our thousands of adventures. We had too many experiences, and events to count. I remember that every summer we would always find a time to go to the beach. It would be me and him out on the waves while my mom looked after my sister. We would spend hours on end out there always having so much fun. He taught me so many things about life and the world and of course how to boogie board and make the best forts. He was and still is, in a way my biggest role model and supporter. I know he would be proud of me now and all of the things I have tried, and accomplished.

Megan Hopkins - October 20, 2024 at 08:32 PM