



Daniel Earl Kohler

November 27, 1952 - October 22, 2024

Daniel Earl Kohler, age 71, of Ann Arbor, Michigan, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, October 22, 2024. Dan was born on November 27, 1952, to the late Earl L. Kohler and Marian V. (Ruble) Kohler. On October 1, 1988, he married Theresa (Tracy) A. Schumann. Dan is survived by Tracy and his three children, Olivia D. (Patrick) Lane of Chicago, IL, Evan P. Kohler (Haley) of Kalamazoo, MI and Trevor C. Kohler of Ann Arbor, MI. He is also survived by his siblings, Cathy Wojciechowski (Greg), Mike Kohler (Annette) and several loving nieces, nephews and cousins and close friends Scott and Patti Fosbender and Mark Rehfus.

At the age of 14, Dan, knew that he wanted to become an Architect. He was driven to succeed and received his undergraduate and master's degree from the University of Michigan. He was a member of the American Institute of Architects (AIA). He worked at several organizations before opening his own firm. Later, he joined the team at Hobbs + Black Architects in Ann Arbor.

Dan enjoyed all sports, especially golf, which he played for a number of years. He also really enjoyed being outside and mowing the lawn! Additionally, he could be seen on warm summer days relaxing in the front yard. Dan was a wonderful husband, father and a friend to all that knew him. He will be dearly missed.

Friends may join the family for a time of visitation on Sunday, October 27, 2024 from 12:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M. at the Robison-Bahnmilller Funeral Home in Saline. A Funeral Service will be held at 2:00 P.M. with Pastor Drex Morton officiating. A reception will follow the service. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Dan's name may be made to the American Diabetes Association (<https://diabetes.org/>) at <https://diabetes.org/> and envelopes will also be available at the funeral home.

To leave a memory you have of Dan, to sign his guestbook or for directions please visit www.rbfhsaline.com

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **27**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home & Cremation Services
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

RE

“ I am Roger D Evans of Maricopa, Az. Dan and I attended Golden Elementary in Monroe. Dan was the first friend I had in life come to my home as a third grader. We played guitar together in high school on weekend at friends homes. He was quite the guitar player! I found Dan to be good at whatever he did. We lost touch after I went in the Marines right after high school. Over the years I would try and track him down but all I heard was that he got a degree and left Monroe. Today was the first time ever hearing he was an architect. That was to be my chosen field however reality got in the way. I spent most of my career in the design/engineering for industrial process facilities. Finding out that Danny Koehler has passed today literally broke my heart. I wish I had tried harder to locate him. God bless his wonderful family. Danny was one in a million!

Roger D Evans - November 16, 2025 at 10:17 PM

FR

“ Dan was a friend of mine from his before married days. Then he became my neighbor at lake in the woods. He always had a smile on his face. We had fun times on his boat and playing tennis. Dan was just a good guy. I was so sad to come across this. I left Michigan 40+ years ago. Sadly,we lost touch. My deepest condolences to his wife and children.
Rest peacefully,my friend

Fran - August 14, 2025 at 12:51 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Daniel Earl Kohler.

November 14, 2024 at 12:59 PM

DF

“ We are very sad to hear of Dan's passing. Though it's been years, we remember him fondly. Our hearts go out to you all.

Donnellon Family - October 27, 2024 at 09:23 PM

RS

“ I had the privilege to collaborate with Dan during all his years at Hobbs+Black Architects, working together on numerous challenging projects. Dan was always a pleasure to work with; a highly professional, knowledgeable, practical, no-nonsense Architect. I will miss his common sense approach to difficult design problems. I will miss even more the chats we had about things outside of work, the everyday things, good and bad, that we all deal with in life. I learned much from these talks.
Rest in peace, Dan.

Russ Serbay - October 27, 2024 at 02:27 PM

TK

“ I was lucky enough to know Dan for about 17 years. He was a great mentor but a better friend. We would text each other almost daily about anything sports related, after sitting next to each other at work all day. Whether it was a wild win or a heartbreaking loss, it was great to have those chats. There are so many memories, but one thing Dan did every day when I was leaving, was he told me to “drive safe.” That might not seem like a big deal, but when you really think about it, it just showed how much he genuinely cared about others and made sure everyone else was taken care of. My sincere condolences to Tracy, Olivia, Evan, Trevor and the Kohler family.

Tony K - October 26, 2024 at 11:01 PM

EW

“ Dan was one of my first mentors in my architectural career. Took me under his wing. Will miss his stories. His guidance. His laugh. And how he would take lunch naps at his desk. His humor was one of a kind and personality also. Only time I saw him in bad spirits was when his keyboard wasn't working or someone didn't brew a new pot of coffee. We taught and learned a lot from each other and will cherish that mentorship/friendship forever. I'll miss you Dan. Next manhattan is on me! Rest in peace my friend. Thank you for everything

Ernesto Whitsitt - October 26, 2024 at 12:03 PM

KF

“ I was thrilled when Dan offered me a job to work with his firm in Saline and even happier once work started because I found I was in the presence of a talented designer and a warm, kind human being. Even after he closed his firm and I went out on my own, we stayed in touch and shared lunch a time or two through the years. I think of Dan often and his influence on me and I will continue to do so. I will miss Dan. Keith Fineberg

Keith Steven Fineberg - October 26, 2024 at 10:22 AM

DF

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Dan Kohler Friend - October 25, 2024 at 09:12 PM

ST

“ Dan always had a smile and a hug for me. He had the warmest and most welcoming manner. I have so many memories of Thanksgiving dinners, birthday celebrations, and fabulous conversations at Portage Lake when we would gather there in the summers. I will miss him.



Stephanie - October 25, 2024 at 04:37 PM

BH

“ Dear Tracy, Olivia, Evan and Trevor,
Our hearts go out to you during your difficult and (for us) unexpected loss of Dan. He was always present during so many summer family reunions at Lake Michigan, Ann Arbor, or in Kalamazoo, as we watched the cousins happily interact over the years. We loved being with the Kohler family for Olivia's wedding. Dan was full of life and it was clear how much he loved his family.

Brian Halpin - October 25, 2024 at 04:33 PM

RH

Dear Tracy Olivia, Evan, Trevor & families, I am so sad to hear of Dan's passing. Every memory of Dan has his smiling face or a warm thought. I am sending hugs to all and a wish for better days to come. Love to you all!

Robin Halpin - October 25, 2024 at 10:54 PM

DF

“ Dan was one of best friends in high school and my college years after. We shared so many fun times. One summer we visited MLB parks and is one of my favorite times with Dan. After his parents passed I rented the house on Monroe St that he was his home in Monroe. Dan was such a good friend to me and placed things in my heart that I have carried with me all my life and continue to do so. I have thought about Dan more times than you can count. Thank you Dan for being part of my life and I ask God to send much serenity to his family. DC Frank

Dennis "DC" Frank - October 25, 2024 at 02:46 PM



“ A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Daniel Earl Kohler.

October 25, 2024 at 11:55 AM

CN

“ The Kohler family lived next door to my Grandma Roberts and were such good neighbors when I was growing up. All my sympathy on the loss of Dan

Colleen Null - October 24, 2024 at 10:51 PM

JJ

“ Always enjoyed working with Dan and appreciated his knowledge, humor, and honesty.

This photo is from a silly competition during a Hobbs+Black work outing several years ago.



Jaz Jaslow - October 24, 2024 at 08:34 PM

KR

“ 1 file added to the album .



Kreg - October 24, 2024 at 02:00 PM