



# Daniel Paul Temple Speck

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It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of Daniel Paul Temple Speck, known affectionately to friends and family as Dan, who left us on September 17, 2024, after a valiant struggle with prostate cancer. Born on June 24, 1962, in Upper Darby, PA, Dan's charm and charisma were evident from an early age, touching those around him with his warmth, wit and generosity.

Formerly of Washington, DC, Dan spent his final time in the peaceful town of Rehoboth Beach, DE, with his beloved partner of 42 years, and husband for the last 14, John K. Boggan. The bond they shared was a testament to devotion and love, a beacon of light for all who knew them.

In addition to his husband, Dan is survived by his siblings: David Speck (Inge) of York, PA; John Drew Speck (Carol) of Pottstown, PA; Diana Silvestri (Paul) of Honesdale, PA; Dean Speck of Secane, PA; Deborah Speck Battaglino of Pottstown, PA; and Daphne Speck-Bartynski of East Brunswick, NJ. His life was also adorned with the joy brought by numerous cherished nieces and nephews and his two precious cats, Sweetie and Nuki. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ross and Margaret Speck, his stepmother Joan Speck, and his brother-in-law Andrew Battaglino, and his former sister-in-law, Dawn Speck.

An alumnus of Cornell University, Dan graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in 1984. He forged a successful career as a software development manager with Bloomberg BNA, distinguishing himself in his profession with his leadership and innovative thinking.

Dan's leadership extended into his community where he served as the president of the Sandalwood Homeowners Association. His passion, however, truly ignited in martial arts. A sixth-degree black belt in Uechi Ryu Karate, Dan's expertise and spirit were inspirational. For many years, he taught at the Washington Karate Academy, shaping the lives and characters of countless students. Dan's vivacious spirit lives on through, and in the hearts of so many. Dan will be remembered for his warmth and kindness that touched everyone he met.



## Obituary

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A memorial service will be held on Saturday, October 5, 2024, at 3:00 PM at Parsell Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 16961 Kings Highway, Lewes, DE 19958, where family and friends can visit beginning at 2:00 PM.

All those unable to attend the services are invited to join the service via livestreaming by visiting the following link:

<http://www.parsellfuneralhomes.com/obituaries/permalink/11512651/LTWebcast>

In lieu of flowers, the family recommends donations in Dan's memory to Delaware Hospice, <https://delawarehospice.org/> or the American Cancer Society, <https://donate.cancer.org>.

Please sign the virtual guestbook located on the tribute page.

FLORIST NOTE: PLEASE DELIVER ALL ARRANGEMENTS BY 3:00 PM ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2024, TO OUR LEWES LOCATION.



# Events

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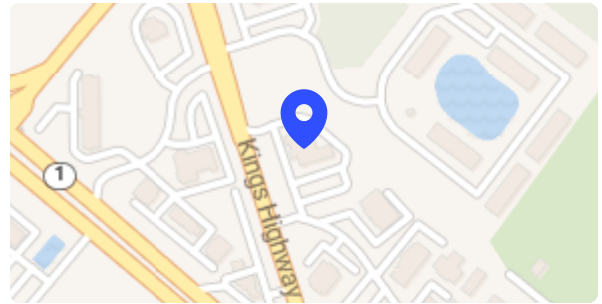
## Visitation

 **Saturday**, October 5, 2024

 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM ET

 **Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium-Atkins-Lodge Chapel**

16961 Kings Highway, Lewes DE 19958



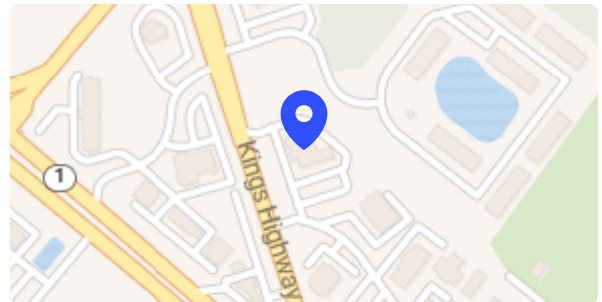
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# Tribute Wall

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**Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium** shared a **Webcast Video**.



September 19 at 3:01 PM



**Robert Mason** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.



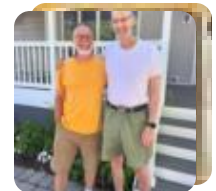
My heartfelt condolences to Dan's immediate and extended family. I was close friends with Dan in Drexel Hill Junior High where he was "Most Likely to Succeed" and even closer friends with him at UDHS where he was truly one-of-one. A hilarious, long-haired polymath he would muse in French and knew more about math, science and early computers than anyone I have ever met. That is mild interesting in private school, but at Upper Darby it was astonishing. He made me laugh harder than anyone, and I will continue to think of him often.

March 18 at 11:04 AM



**John Boggan** shared 2 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

January 1983 and June 2024, the very first and very last photos of us together.



February 2 at 2:32 PM



**Patricia Leiboldt** posted:

I am writing on behalf of my husband, Tom Leiboldt, who worked with Dan for 10 years at Bloomberg. Tom is blind and can't post himself, but he's been sharing wonderful memories of Dan with me and how much he loved working with him. Dan and Tom regularly geeked out about technology and got into lively discussions about it. Dan was very kind to Tom, driving him to team lunches, happy hours, etc. and making sure Tom was looked after. It is clear to me that Dan's lasting legacy is his big heart, his brilliant mind, and the love he shared with friends and family.

October 29 at 5:16 AM



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**Judy Flynn** posted:

I had to cut some parts of my speech to keep it to 10 minutes per John's request. I'm including the longer version here & apologize for any co-worker comments I omitted. I am so grateful John asked me to speak and it was heart-warming to hear all the tributes and to meet Dan & John's friends and family.<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-BQwRUf3u3WZAdqf4KWYapG7JE-1SXOwGpMQZ4L77po/edit>

October 7 at 10:34 AM



**Heyfa Khenissi** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.



I remember when I started at the Washington Karate Academy in 2009, and it was clear from my first class with Dan and Dana that WKA was the right place for me to deeply commit to martial arts, to solve a particular problem at the time, and to get to know wonderful people. Dan was warm-hearted, considerate, witty, and a big adherent to tradition in Uechi-Ryu karate. I appreciated his emphasis on a structured training schedule in class, along with the importance of traditions like doing seiza, and putting portraits of Kanbun and Kanei Uechi in the right order. I was amazed he even came up with a new bunkai for Seiryu kata. It was fun doing it...With his large stature, he also taught me (a short person) how to fight taller people. While I still have more to learn, I have the confidence to fight any opponent and adapt as needed. Dan and his husband John were very gracious hosts when inviting WKA members for parties. Those events are deep in my memories...During the pandemic, Dan was generous enough to design chi-ishi for his students, which were helpful in our training. I've spent several years with the 3.8 lb chi-ishi I came to pick up from his home. Then shortly after Dan's passing, fellow classmate Mike Meier gave me his 4.7 lb chi-ishi, which I was ready for. One of his last gifts to me was a flag of Okinawa. When I heard he went into hospice, I did get a frame for it and put it up in my room. My last meeting with him was during a WKA holiday party as he was undergoing chemotherapy. I didn't expect him to go so soon. I will remember his devotion to martial arts tradition, his commitment to his students, and his generosity. His qualities inspire me to be a better student at WKA. There is a part of my room that contains things that remind me of him, the Okinawan flag and the 2 chi-ishi. -Heyfa Khenissi

September 20 at 11:48 AM



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AE

**Alana Eichner** posted:

I've had the pleasure of being John and Dan's tenant in their DC home for the last 8 years. As a landlord Dan demonstrated all those qualities that so many others have spoken about -- generosity, kindness, warmth and wonderful quirkiness (I remember him explaining that the WiFi network name and password were phrases from Japanese anime). He quickly and enthusiastically fixed anything that needed fixing in the apartment and clearly enjoying finding ever better technology solutions for things around the house. Just a few examples of the generous people John and Dan are -- they let me spend a perfect summer weekend staying in their Rehobeth Beach house one summer, they discounted my rent when I spent a few months living in another state during early COVID, they let me freely use their front and back porches which was especially nice during COVID to have safe outdoor space to be or sit with friends, and they have always so patient and understanding with anything I brought to them as a tenant. Dan helped give me the best home I've ever had in Washington DC. Many mornings when I would come out of my apartment, Dan would be sitting on the porch, looking so content to be enjoying life and the beautiful DC weather, and feeding peanuts to the squirrels. Part of me still expects to see him there when I come out of my basement apartment. I will very much miss him. Thank you so much for the beautiful obituary and the livestream of his celebration of life, I loved learning so new things about who Dan was and how many communities he made such a difference to.

October 5 at 12:17 PM

BL

**Bill Loftus** posted:

Dan was a piece of work. I knew him Cornell from Donlon and a really wonderful Freshman seminar, which Dan helped make even more-so . He was so serious, smart, and funny at the same time. I'll never forget when I was in Uris Hall and randomly looked out the window and saw his tall, lanky figure doing a 'kung fu' type of walk, fighting off imaginary assailants.

October 5 at 8:07 AM



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DI

**David Indest** posted:

Dan Speck was a lovely man, intelligent, generous, and quick with a smile. People were often first attracted to Dan's height, and back in the ages before cellphones, when we were at a club, rally, or parade, we would all look for Dan standing a full head above the crowd, to bring us all together. "Meet at Dan" was the unspoken agreement. What brought people closer, were Dan's kindness, confidence, and easygoing acceptance of people as they were. Dan didn't like complications, and when you were with him, everything seemed to sort itself out with minimal drama. I met Dan in the Winter of 1983, and even then it was "Dan and John" or "John and Dan". People want to know the secret that makes a relationship work, but there was no secret. Dan and John loved each other and enjoyed each other's company. Their similarities brought them together, and their differences complemented each other. With several other Ithaca friends, we quickly became a close second family, growing up together as we worked through college and coming out. Throughout the decades, wherever Dan and John lived, I knew I had a second home, a place to stay, spend holidays, join family. Sometimes many years would go by before we saw each other again, but the connections were always there, strong and comfortable. Dan had wide-ranging musical tastes and was always bringing forward new discoveries from unexpected places: Iris Dement, Rufus Wainwright, Elliott Smith, Ethyl Meatplow.... Dan had a great sense of humor and appreciated the absurd, irreverent, and perverse. We would often laugh just at the mention of a particular word or phrase from an escapade or an obscure book, song, or movie. Dan was strong and a black-belt in karate. He was a protector of underdogs and lover of furry creatures. He was always stopping to pet kitties, and he fed squirrels from his front porch. I was one of the many squirrels who enjoyed his company. When we lived in Ithaca, the summer days were long, almost endless. After work or class, we would gather at John and Dan's little apartment on Terrace Place and grill on the back deck. We would laugh and drink as the sun slowly set. I would think, "This is the way my life will always be: joyful, gentle, surrounded by friends." Dan was like a brother to me. I love him, and I will carry him in my heart.

September 20 at 11:48 AM

DA

**Daphne** lit a candle in honor of Daniel.



October 4 at 3:23 PM



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**Bruce Hirabayashi** posted:

I'm very thankful to have been being able to have had Dan as a friend and Karate-do colleague for so many years. Images of the wonderful times we all had together at the dojo and at dojo picnics over the years are flooding my brain. Evening classes at WKA Dojo in DC. Dan listening to me patiently while I explain some of my wilder theories regarding the practice of Uechi-ryu. Learning a lot from Dan's practical and direct approach to Uechi-ryu. Post-workout drinks and dinner at Guapos. Summer Picnics. Trying not to crash Dan's prize drone a few years ago while at a WKA Dojo party at Chris's country place. Dinner with Dan and John at their favorite Italian restaurant in DC. Dan was always very kind and quite generous with his time. He is missed. Bruce Hirabayashi

October 4 at 8:14 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Blue Caribbean Bouquet to the Speck family.



October 3 at 7:09 PM



**Allen Seifert** posted:

My condolences to Dan's family, friends and all who knew him. I worked with Dan at BNA for over 10 years. He was an example to all how to be diligent and professional and also warm and charming. I admired and respected Dan greatly. He left us much too soon and I know will be missed. Allen Seifert

September 30 at 2:30 PM



**Kohsei U.** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Daniel.



September 30 at 11:53 AM



**Sanjeev** posted:

My condolences the family. Dan and I worked together at Bloomberg INDG (formerly BNA). Having Dan as my mentor and technical manager was a great work experience. He will missed for sure. Sanjeev

September 30 at 8:39 AM



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BK

**Bob Kaiser** posted:

Having Dan as one of my students for the past 30 years and simultaneously enjoying a dear friendship with him and John, has been one of the greatest gifts in my life. He made all of our lives better just being his kind, generous, and always helpful self. Thank you, Dan, I and countless others will miss you dearly. Bob Kaiser

September 27 at 6:34 AM

LK

**Lise K Kupke** posted:

I am so glad I got to train for 12 + years with Dan. He was so big and hard to move, and I am so short and small, that I my technique had to be spot on or it wouldn't work. And he would teach me in his gentle way how to do it properly. I learned quite a bit from Dan about teaching, just by observing. He also taught me how to treat garage attendants. I will never forget the time we went to a Koshukai and we shared a car. I commented on how much he tipped the attendant and he said "Yeah but you want him to take care of your car!" His essence lives on in the dojo I run now. My students met him at a Koshukai, and I tell them that the technique has to be able to move "Big Dan" or it we have to fix it so that it can. Thank you Big Dan! Lise Kupke, Naples Dojo, Naples Florida

September 26 at 1:26 PM

AR

**Ariela** posted:

My heart is heavy and my prayers go out to John and Dan's family. I have been contemplating how Dan has impacted my life. I realized that my karate would not be what it is today without Dan: without his love and dedication to share his karate with us, without him telling us about his experiences and wisdom he was able to draw from Master Nakamatsu, Master Thompson and Master Kaiser, without him easing us in to learning how to lead the training until we were ready to follow his footsteps and share our Karate with others,....Domo Arigato Gozaimasu, Sensei Dan! Your humble student, Ariela

September 25 at 1:00 AM

DS

**Drew And Carol Speck** posted:

We will so greatly miss our so wise, so talented, so inquisitive, curious, humorous, most generous, so so brave Brother, Brother-in-law, Uncle, best friend. A day will not go by that we don't think of you our greatly loved brother Dan. You and John will always be in our hearts...Drew, Carol and family

September 23 at 9:02 AM



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LR

**Lois Rose** posted:

Although we only met a couple of years ago at a Speck Reunion, I am sorry to say goodbye. The charisma was there. My deepest sympathies to his partner and husband whom I met the same day in the Niagara region. Your Canadian cousin Lois Rose

September 22 at 5:35 PM

SM

**Susan M.** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Daniel.

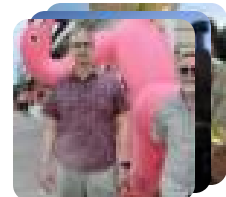


September 22 at 1:52 PM

MS

**Michael S** shared 3 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Gone too soon. Vielen Dank for the memories. (More photos at <https://www.flickr.com/photos/mvjantzen/tags/dpts>)



September 20 at 11:48 AM

DA

**Daphne** posted:

We cherish the memories we have of Dan. What an amazing person and what a remarkable life. He will be missed.

September 20 at 12:12 PM

LN

**Love Daphne Ryan Andrew Narin & Liv** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Daniel.



September 20 at 11:48 AM

LN

**Love Daphne Ryan Andrew Narin & Liv** sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Speck family.



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September 19 at 3:01 PM



- BO** **Bob Otto** March 25 at 3:09 AM  
Very sad news I had the pleasure of meaning and traveling with Dan and a group of karate practitioners in 2003. Dan was a wonderful, gentle soul. May he rest in peace.
- JK** **Jill Smith Keithly** November 24 at 1:57 AM  
I'm so sorry to see that Dan passed away. The Speck family grew up behind my house. I knew the whole family and my brothers were friends with the boys growing up. They were a large family and we were a family of 7. Jill Smith Keithly
- SR** **Sarah Rau** October 5 at 12:28 PM  
I wasn't sure how it would feel to watch the livestream, but I'm so glad I got to hear all the beautiful tributes. It made me feel closer to Dan and to be able mourn him like he deserves, but it was also so good to hear new stories and be reminded of happy memories. We will carry you with us, Dan. Lots of love to you, John, and everyone there. xoxo Sarah
- JJ** **Jennifer Jordan** October 5 at 3:42 PM  
Speaking of drinking...I'll never forget our "Night of Absinthe!" Or "Absinthe does make the heart grow fonder!"
- JJ** **Jennifer Jordan** October 5 at 3:37 PM  
John, sending you so much love and so many prayers...



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**Jennifer Jordan** October 5 at 3:22 PM

What lovely tributes to Dan! I don't know any of these people and love hearing how Dan touched their lives.



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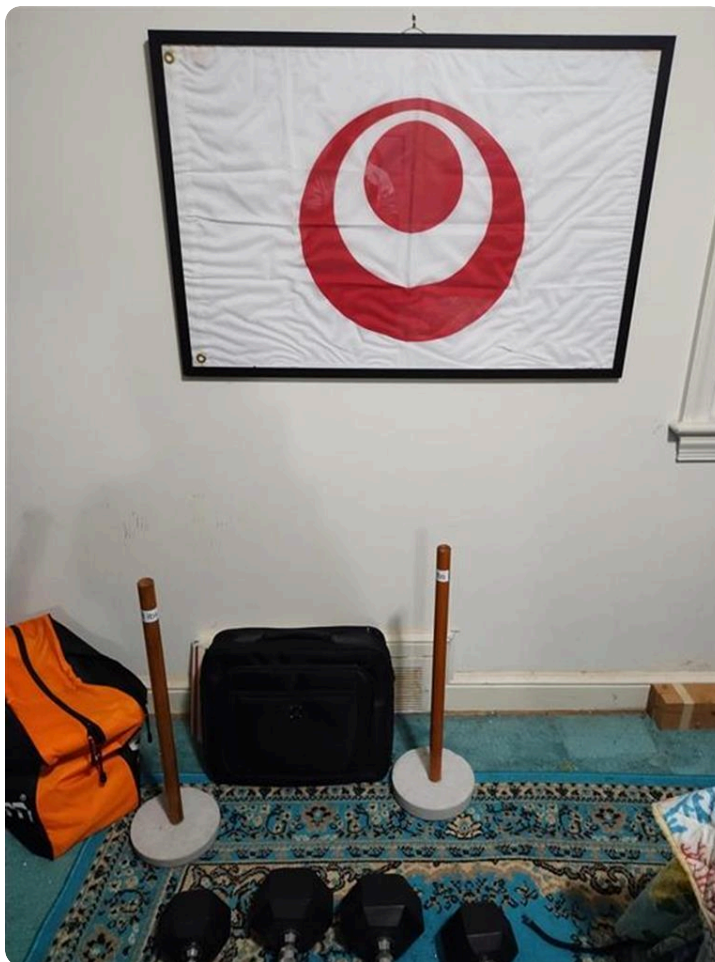
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October 6 at 5:20 PM





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Dupont Circle, 2009



Mount Pleasant, 2010



Bethany Beach, 2022



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Daniel by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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