



## Dan W. Potter

September 15, 1937 - September 19, 2020

Dan W. Potter of Hazel Park, Michigan passed away on September 19, 2020 at his home with his loving family at his side. He was born on September 15, 1937 in Bear Lake, Michigan.

Beloved husband for 60-years of Barbara J. (Gephart) Loving Father of Danny (Jill), David (Kim Lee) and Dean (Kimberly). Grandfather of Daniel, Amy, Austin, Kaitlyn, Samantha and Derrick. Great-Grandfather of Brycen, Rory and Asher.

Dan was retired from the City of Farmington Hills as the Director of Special Services.

Memorial Visitation will be held on Monday, September 28th from 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm (Vigil Service at 7:00 pm) at Hopcroft Funeral Home, 31145 John R. Road, Madison Heights, Michigan. The Memorial Mass will be held on Tuesday, September 29th beginning with Instate at 10:30 am followed by the Memorial Mass at 11:00 am at St. Mary Magdalen Church, Hazel Park, Michigan. A Memorial Luncheon will be held at Club Venetian, 29310 John R. Road, Madison Heights, Michigan on Tuesday, September 29th at 1:30 pm.

In Lieu of Flowers the family would appreciate doantions to the American Cancer Society in Dan's honor and memory.

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# Cemetery

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# Events

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## White Chapel Cemetery

621 W. Long Lake Rd  
Troy, MI, 48098

**SEP 28 Memorial Visitation** 03:00PM - 09:00PM

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Hopcroft Funeral Home-Madison Heights  
31145 John R. Road, Madison Heights, MI, US, 48071

**SEP 28 Vigil Service** 07:00PM

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Hopcroft Funeral Home-Madison Heights  
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**SEP 29 Instate** 10:30AM

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St. Mary Magdalen Church  
50 E. Annabelle, Hazel Park, MI, US

**SEP 29 Memorial Mass** 11:00AM

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St. Mary Magdalen Church  
50 E. Annabelle, Hazel Park, MI, US

# Comments

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“ I have known the Potter family for about 23 years. Dan Jr. And his wife Jill Have become a close friends in that time. Dan has been calling on me and the company I work for for that time. Dan was very close with his dad and often spoke of him. I know Dan's love for the outdoors which became his passion and livelihood was sparked and instilled by his dad. I had the pleasure of meeting and hunting with Dan sr. on a few occasions. I was impressed by his smile, his love for the outdoors. His love of people, his wisdom and zeal for life. It has been wonderful to see through my friend Dan the love and admiration he had for his father and had for his entire family. His father instilled that too. I know my friend and his family are hurting for the loss of their beloved patriarch, but he is not in pain. May the love you have for each other the Legacy your dad has left and the grace and peace of Christ sustain you. I hope their is some joy today also as you celebrate the life of a great man who has left a piece of himself with you all.

**Bill Hahn** - September 29, 2020 at 07:03 PM

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“ I met Dan through a mutual friend of ours and my high school teammate Max Burchi. Our first experience together was hunting partridge in the Deford State Game Area. Dan was always going to hunt until we dropped out. We fooled him we lasted until there was no more land to push. Dan was very active in the National Turkey Federation and loved his camp in north western Michigan. .After an absence of 35 years out of country and away from Michigan I called Dan to hunt the wile eastern turkey. It was like we had not lost any time together or memories of Max. Dans claim to fame was he called in 15 birds in a straight line down a sandy two track out of a swamp right in front of my brother Ron (Ripper) and I. We doubled up two great trophy birds and one of the top hunting experiences I have had. Dan shared his entire life history with my brother and I. He told me he had a scholarship to U. of D. to play basketball and had a great memory of playing against "jumpin Johnny Greene" of MSU. Dans health was not the best but it did not interfere with his love of his family and the outdoors. Dan you are missed and my turkey mount will always bring back our great out door experience together "UP NORTH." Donald P. Bieschke



**Donald P. Bieschke** - September 29, 2020 at 05:39 AM

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“ So sorry for your loss. Dan always treated us like family and was quick to engage on conversations of hunting and sports. He will be missed by all.  
John & Janice KLein

Janice Klein - September 28, 2020 at 10:55 AM

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“ Our deepest condolences on your loss. We always enjoyed seeing him at the Track Meets , supporting and cheering his granddaughter, Sam. Thoughts and prayers.  
Peter and Pat Toohey

Patricia A Toohey - September 28, 2020 at 10:54 AM

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“ We are so sorry for your loss. Mr. Potter was like another dad to us as well as another Grandpa to our boys! So glad they were able to experience Leek hunting with Papa Potter! The Ashe Family

Marcy Ashe - September 28, 2020 at 10:40 AM

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“ Dan was a good friend and great leader for the National Wild Turkey Federation and conservation. His contributions have had a huge ripple effect in the world of natural resources. Due to his behind the scenes activities on so many fronts, few people know the monumental contributions he made at the state and national level. He asked for little and gave so much....  
He will be missed.

Al Stewart  
Wildlife Biologist  
Upland Game Bird Specialist and Program Leader  
Michigan Department Of Natural Resources



Al Stewart - September 28, 2020 at 07:14 AM

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“ I worked with Dan for a number of years at Farmington Hills. He was always a leader and a positive influence. After his retirement he was the center of a monthly luncheon that allowed a number of retirees and employees to keep up with the friendships we had developed. I never tired of hearing of Dan's stories and his many adventures. He led a full life...he won't be forgotten. Condolences to the family and all who knew him.  
Tom Biasell

Tom Biasell - September 27, 2020 at 08:56 PM

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“ Dan was City Manager when Steve was Mayor of Hazel Park. He was a great Administrator. Dan was always a gentleman & always said the right thing. After politics we remained good friends & kept in touch by having dinner together. Our favorite was dining on Mid-East cuisine. Our prayers are with Barb & entire family.  
Steve & Bonnie Zervas

Bonnie Zervas - September 26, 2020 at 04:06 PM

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“ I love working with Dan in Farmington Hills! He was generous with his time - and was a lot of fun! I missed him when he left the city and I have thought of him often. Rest in Peace. Marie Donigan

Marie L Donigan - September 24, 2020 at 07:58 PM

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“ So sorry for your loss He was such a wonderful man Our thoughts and prayers are with you He will be greatly missed Love you all Barry and Karleen

Karleen Waggoner - September 22, 2020 at 08:57 PM

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Amy - September 22, 2020 at 05:46 PM



“ 3 files added to the album Memories Album



**Amy Potter** - September 22, 2020 at 05:44 PM

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“ Mr. Potter made a deep and meaningful impact on my life. His larger than life, literal and figurative, presence often left me in awe, sometimes feeling a little intimidated, and always anxious to spend time with him again. I loved going hunting with him and the boys and as much as I felt like it would be cool to be one of his sons, I feel equally sure that it was miserable to be one of his sons when it came time for some "Mr. Potter" style discipline. I will miss him, as will countless others who spent time with him in the woods shooting birds or sitting around a campfire listening to his stories. My deepest condolences to the entire Potter family on his passing.

**Baron Brown** - September 22, 2020 at 02:48 PM