



Daniel Patrick Costigan

December 8, 1954 - August 20, 2010

Daniel Patrick Costigan, age 55, a resident of Waterford for the past 25 years, formerly of Royal Oak, died August 20, 2010 at William Beaumont Hospital in Troy. He was born December 8, 1954 in Detroit. Mr. Costigan worked for Detroit Country Day School as the facilities manager for more than 27 years. He was the ski coach at Detroit Country Day for the past 26 years, and awarded the MHSAA "Coach of the Year" in 2006. He was also a Gold Palm Eagle Scout. He truly loved coaching and skiing. He was the beloved husband of Patricia Maxwell, whom he married March 27, 1987 at St. Vincent Catholic Church in Pontiac. Cherished son of Patricia M. and the late Robert V. Sr. Loving brother of Judith A. Douglas Kuhnlein, Robert V. Jr., James B., Paul J. Ann, Patrick G. Lisa Hoelaars, Matthew J. Richard Trenz, Kathleen M. Jeffrey Nixon, and the late Kevin M. and Peter J. Son-in-law of Norma Maxwell and the late Dick Sandy Maxwell. Proud uncle of 14 nieces and nephews and two great nieces. The visitation will be Sunday 5-8:30 p.m. and Monday 3-8:30 p.m. at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W 11 Mile Rd. 4 blks. E of Woodward, Royal Oak. Mr. Costigan will lie in state Tuesday 9:30 a.m. until the time of Mass 10 a.m. at St. Columban Catholic Church in Birmingham, with the Rev. Donald Demmer officiating. The burial will take place at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield. Memorials to the Dan Costigan Scholarship Fund, c/o Detroit Country Day School, 22305 W. 13 Mile Road, Beverly Hills, MI 48025. Share your memories at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

Tribute Wall

TS

“ Dear Patty and Family, My deepest sympathies and condolences, Dan was a great guy and will be missed by many. When I was racing I loved the courses Dan set. Sincerely Tom Salyers

Tom Salyers - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

SB

“ Patty, My heart goes out to you at this sad time. We just returned from two weeks in the UP and I regret having missed the memorial service. As a matter of fact, we spoke about you and Dan during our vacation, when the subject of living in garages before the house was built came up during dinner with friends. The context was discussion of a garage being built on a lot on our lake, and the speculation whether the owners were going to live there until the house was built. Everyone kind of chuckled until I said I knew two people who'd done just that, but for how long I'd never asked. Along with all the USSA ski week cheek darts, anyone? and MACC memories, Dan will live on for me. All my best, Stephanie

Stephanie Buttrey - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

JC

“ I am deeply saddened to learn of Dan's death several days ago. May Our Loving Lord continue to send His healing graces to Dan's wife, Patty, his Mother, Pat, his devoted extended family and his countless friends, and may God bless and comfort all who mourn his passing. May God continue to hold close to Him all whose lives Dan touched in such positive ways. And, may the angels welcome him into paradise.

Judy Cancro - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

TP

“ My deepest condolences goes out to Dan's wife, Patty and his family. Meet Dan and Bob during my years in the Skiwi Ski Club where we had fun bowling and great times skiing. My heart goes out to your family, Dan was wonderful person. Toni Domenick

Toni Pullizzi-Domenick - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

MJ

“ I knew Dan back in our Skiwi days. As nice a guy as he was a great skier. My condolences to his family and friends.

Marty Johnson - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

BM

“ Uncle Dan was the greatest uncle EVER! He put his heart into every project at hand. For my grad school graduation he made me a homeade plunger that was so detailed, with school colors painted on the handle and university golf balls at the top. I'll treasure that plunger forever!

Becky Malcolm - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

BH

“ Dan - you've always held a special place in my heart: from the many trips to Boyne and Copper to the countless wallsits during drylands. You taught me to focus so I can achieve anything. I have always and will always remember you and cherish those memories. Patty - I am deeply saddened by your loss. Dan is a great man, and he will be remembered by many. I wish we could have met up more often in the past years. Stay strong. - Ben

Ben Hoefs - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

TH

“ To Patty and the entire Costigan Family: Although I could not make it up to Michigan in time for the services, I would like to offer my deepest condolences. After six years of skiing with Dan, he held a special place in my heart, and it saddens me to hear the news. He has made such a positive impact on my life and I will keep him in my thoughts forever. I am so fortunate to have known him and will carry on his spirit by passing everything I have learned from him onto others. Stay strong Patty...my heart goes out to you.

Timo Hoefs - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

TB

“ We were shocked to hear of your loss. Please know how very sorry we are. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Tom & Kathy Brown - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ Patty, I went to Lake Orion High School with you. Years ago, I knew Danny because I was friends with Richard Eberhardt. I am sorry and shocked to hear about Danny's death. I pray that you are blessed with great memories, great family and friends to help you with your loss. May God help you through your grief. I live in South Carolina, so I will be with you in my thoughts. Take care Patty. Patty TaylorSpears

Pat Patty Taylor Spears - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ Being hired at DCDS in'03, I was pleased to find Dan in charge of Facilities. We knew each other at Dondero in R.O. 30yrs prior. Talking as co-workers and getting re-aquainted"What have you been doing the last 30yrs?", I learned he still skied, coached @ school, inspiring the kids to "do it for a lifetime". We talked Warren Miller & I found he married in his 30's as the "right one" had not come along til then. Patti, I never met you, but talking on Mon. morn w/ Dan of his wk-ends at Boyne, working on the house, or skiing the season, my condolences for the loss of your partner. DCDS, fortunate to have had such a dedicated employee. My sympathies to the great group of guys that worked for him. His "Zest" for life was in his voice. Apologize for not making the service. Gone Too Soon...I know if he could say, Dan would tell us he had a Wonderful Life! Peace, Mary Watson

Mary Watson - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ My condolences to you and your family for your loss. You are in our prayers. Dan & I graduated together in 73 from Dondero, & its sad we had not kept in touch.

Bill Saunders - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Dear Patty, Please accept my heartfelt condolences on Dan's passing. A true friend,fellow compeitor, fellow coach and everyone's definition of Mr. Nice Guy, he will be sorely missed by the skiing community, the Michigan High School Ski Coach's Association and the Michigan Alpine Competition Committee group. Deep peace of the running wave to you, Deep peace of the flowing air to you, Deep peace of the quiet earth to you, Deep peace of the shining stars to you, Deep peace of the gentle night to you, Moon and stars pour their healing light on you, Deep peace of Christ the light of the world to you, Deep peace of Christ to you.

Dave Corcoran - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Please accept our heartfelt sympathies for the your loss. We'll always remember his smile, laughter and love of family and life. May beautiful memories of him always remain alive in your hearts and souls. love Darlene Scherer and Larry Neal

Darlene Leicy Scherer - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ Pat, I am so sorry to hear of Dan's death. I am sure it is very difficult. My thoughts and prayers are with you and Dan's family.
Larry

Larry Ternan - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NW

“ Pat, I am so sorry to hear of Dan's passing. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Norma Warner - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *Pat: Such sad news. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

John Staran - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ *To Patty and the entire Costigan family--we were deeply saddened to hear of Dan's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.*

Jack & Terrie Pickering - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ *Dear Patty, Although I can not be there to share the memories I have of Danny, I am there in spirit! Danny's spirit will live on, as will the memories that you two created for Melissa and I growing up in a new family, which were truly open and meaningful. My sincerest condolences and love passed on, to where I know you're in good hands with great family and friends. I wish I could be there too.
Love, Michelle*

Michelle Cosier - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ *I had the privilege of skiing for Dan for 4 years at Country Day and remember the experience as one of the most enjoyable and rewarding of my time there. Dan always was quick with a smile no matter if we won, lost or got rained out. He obviously truly loved coaching and I will remember him as one of the most genuine people I have encountered. I feel fortunate that I was able to know him, and regret that others will not have the opportunity to learn from this wonderful man.*

Rob Mihalich - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ I send warm thoughts and kind words to Dan's family. I knew Dan for the ten years I was a part of the DCDS community. He was a wonderful man and always free with a smile, a jest or a helping hand. I called him "Dan Dan the Costigan Man" for some unknown reason, and he put up with that moniker with his characteristic grin and a wave. He seemed unflappable and his charm, kindness and helpfulness are rare. I am fortunate to have known him and grateful for the strength of character he modeled daily to parents, students, faculty and staff.

Kate Phillips - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TE

“ Patty, Our times as neighbors on Cass Lake were so memorable. Eventhough we moved to Petoskey, Dan showed such interest in Brian's skiing progress. We will miss his enthusiasm for life and skiing. Tom, Denise & Brian Erhart

Tom, Denise & Brian Erhart - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Dear Patty and Family. I am very sad to learn of Dan's passing. We have been ski racing buddies for the past ten years or so. Without a doubt, Dan was the friendliest person on the hill and always took the the time to ask about my son who he knew from high school races at Pine Knob. Dan will be missed and I am very sad but feel lucky to have known him. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

David Smith - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Dear Paul & Ann - Our heart felt condolences to you and your family for the loss of your brother. You are in our prayers. Scott & Lauren

Scott Bosley - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LE

“ Dan was always so helpful with all of my requests at DCDS from heating and cooling to helping with the DCDS Cub Scouting events. More importantly, I will miss his early morning greetings and our jokes about my skiing ability as he saw me fall down a black diamond hill at Boyne in the mid-1980s!

Linda Engler - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ Dear Patty: May the good Lord give you and Dan's family the strength and courage to make it through these terrible days and nights. I hope you find peace and some comfort with all your friends who share, in a small way, with you the loss of Dan in our lives. Good guys like Dan are too few and far between to lose one so young and vibrant in our lives. The last time Dan and I were together was in a timing shack at the bottom of Aurora this winter, he told me of this insidious itching that was tormenting him for so long and finally took a terrible toll. Dan will never be replaced but will be remember by all those who loved him. God needed a new ski team coach this winter and Dan fit the job perfectly. My prayers and thoughts are with you and Dan's family. May God Bless and Keep You Andy

Andy Schmittiel - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ Patty My prayers are going out to you. Dan will be missed by all. He was the happiest man I have ever known. No one could equal his huge smile. You two had such an amazing relationship, I have always envied that. I will especially miss the four of us having our yearly burger dinner at the Moose Jaw in Frisco. That was the highlight of our fall camp for me. All my love Kristine

Kristine Winquist - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ My husband and I were fortunate to have met Dan and Patty through Dan's sister Judy and her husband Doug, our neighbors. Dan was a terrific man and we enjoyed his company very much. May you run and not be weary. May your heart be filled with song. And may the love of God continue to give you hope and keep you strong. And may you run and not be weary. May your life be filled with joy. And may the road you travel always lead you home. Handt Hanson Dan has just gone home. He's not weary anymore.

Lyn Maylone - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ You are forever Captain Dan in our hearts. Thanks for the wonderful memories on Lake Cumberland, and for being such a positive influence in our lives. We will always remember you fondly.

Tom, Angela and Brendan - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ My deepest sympathy goes out to Dan's wife and family at this difficult time. Dan was such a friendly person who always had a smile and a kind word for everyone. I will miss seeing him at Country Day.

Maggie d'Allemand - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ I am deeply sorry for the family's loss. Dan was a very positive influence in my life as a ski coach and my first real boss. He was a caring and encouraging man, that will be missed by many.

Max Bayram - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Please extend my heartfelt wishes for serenity and strength to Patty and the rest of Dan's family & friends. Dan's genuine warmth & friendliness made my family feel welcome in MACC and encouraged us for the last 18 years. We will miss you. Janie, Jim, Hunter, Jeff

Janie Guiliani - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ Pat, I'm glad you shared your stories about your ski trips, the ski club and your husband's dedication to his profession and his students. Please know your ALA friends are thinking of you. My prayers go out to you and Dan's family.

Karen Griggs - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ Pat, I am so sorry about Dan. My heart goes out to you. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers.

Rhonda Chapman - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ Bob, I am so sorry to hear about your brother. You and my family are in my thoughts and prayers! Gaye

Gaye Horn - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ Dan lives on in my mind as the worlds best fixer. He could use his hands, his tools, and his powerfully positive mind to repair anything or anyone. The ways in which Dan spread the wealth of life was amazing. Our thoughts are with Patty and his Family and the challenges you face after being so blessed with having been around Dan for his much too short life on earth.

Dan Glas - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ We am so sorry to hear Dan's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Rob and Barb Bolton - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CN

“ Pat, I am so sorry about Dan. My heart goes out to you and I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers.

Cheryl Nelson - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ Pat, My sincerest sympathy to you and Dan's family. Please know your ALA friends are thinking of you.

Steve Wingert - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ Dan is one of the more loving men I knew. He gave me and my best friends our first real job, and I'll never forget the experiences there because it helped make me a man. He was always talking about how much he love his wife, and his nephews and nieces. When we would do unwise things like ride on the back of trucks, he would say "my nephew would NEVER do that...are you sure your going to Yale?" In reality, he loved us like his own family. I never realized until later, but he followed up on Jay, Paul, Steve and I in college and really was our biggest fans on the field and in life. Will miss you dan

Kevin Littleton - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ Dan was one of the finest persons I have ever met. He was a treasure that will be sorely missed. My prayers are with you, Pattie, and your family. I am so sorry.

Gabi Hoefs - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Dan always had a bright smile and a good word for those of us within the Country Day community. He was outgoing and friendly, always willing to lend a hand or provide an encouraging word. Our thoughts and prayers are with Dan's family. It's so hard to believe he won't be there to greet us as school begins this fall. We will miss him very much.

Jeanne Bourget - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ *Pattie, I skied with Dan in my days as a MACC competitor and our paths crossed again as high school coaches later in life. He was a wonderful person who lived life fully and gave even more to those around him.*

Bill Rhodes - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *Dan Costigan will always be "Coach Dan" to me. I'll remember him as someone quick to smile and good-naturedly roll his eyes when we'd complain about the negative-degree weather. When my family missed the news about a snow day and pulled up to the empty parking lot, there was the dedicated Coach Dan, plowing the lot and sending us back home with a laugh. He added something special to all of DCDS, and the world's a little dimmer with him gone. Thanks for everything, Coach.*

Jenny McGrath - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ *Pattie, i am so sorry. dan will be truly missed.*

Joseph Portera - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ *We will miss you on the hill good friend. My condolence to your family.*

Edward Sigmann - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GL

“ Dan was an excellent ski coach for 5 years of my life and was a wonderful person. He had the best attitude. He was always smiling and optimistic. After every conversation with him I walked away smiling. My condolences to Patty and Dan's Family.

Grant Lorimer - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ I have worked with Dan for the entire time he was at DCDS and he was just the best. I can't imagine going back to school and not seeing him and his wonderful smile. He will be missed more than you know.

Kathleen Mencotti - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ Dan was a great skiing buddy during my years at the Skiwi Ski Club and for a number of years thereafter. Always fun to ski and party with and an eternal optimist. One heck of a great person! My condolences to his family.

Peter Wilens - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ Patty, our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Danny was such a great guy and will be sorely missed. He was truly one of the nicest guys you'd ever meet and it was always a treat to see him when we were visiting Michigan.

Andy & Margaret Clissold - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ As someone lucky enough to coach skiing with Dan back in the 80s, and to know him for 20 years, I am grateful for time spent working with this special individual , but so sad to hear this news. Country Day will not be the same at all...and it's just so unfair that great people leave this world so young! Condolences to Dan's family at this difficult time.

Barbara A. Harder Becker - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

FM

“ It was a shock to hear of Dan's death. It was a pleasure to know Dan as member of the Skiwi Ski club and MACC. My condolences to Patty, Bob and Dan's family.

Fred Myers - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ We love and miss you, Dan. Thank you for all the good memories we enjoyed with you.

Jeff, Kate, Mitch and Chase - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Patty, our hearts go out to you. No words can describe the person Dan was. He touched so many of our lives in a very positive way. He will be missed.

Lindsey Osgood and Family - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GW

“ I am shocked and greatly saddened! Dan was such a kind, fun and loving person. He will be sorely missed. My sincere sympathy to Patty, Judy and all of Dan's family.

Gloria Jaracz Wolken - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ Pat, We are so sorry for your loss. Hold on to your memories, and let them guide you during this time of sadness. Love, Dennis, Sharron, Jeff and Sarah

Dennis, Sharron, Jeff and Sarah Rebant - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NM

“ Dan's positive attitude, contagious smile and passion for life served as a great influence to all those around him. I am proud to have coached with him and to have called him my friend. His influence on the student athletes, parents and fellow coaches in the MHSAA and the SEMSL has been priceless. I have to smile when ever I think of Dan...One of the great ones!

Norm McKee - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ One of the "Good Guys", Dan was well liked by many people in the Skiwi Ski Club. Got to ski one day with Dan out west, best damn skier I've ever had the pleasure of skiing with. My condolences to your family, you will be missed.

Bruce Mandel - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ With a tear in my eye, warmth in my heart and a grin on my face I will remember Dan's kindness, his beautiful smile and the laughter we shared during our high school years. The world is a better place because he was here. My heartfelt sympathy goes to his family. Remember the good times...

Candy Panther - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ Dan was a hard worker and overall great guy who will be sorely missed by all of the racers in the MACC ski race program, in addition to all of the many people whose lives that he touched in a positive manner during his all too short lifetime.

Mike Jablonski - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ To Patty my heart goes out to you. Dan was not a great but a FANTASTIC guy. Bill

Bill Perlmutter - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Dan, you will be sorely missed as a great guy, a great skier and a huckuva' hard worker.....take care.

Jim Michon - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ I work for Daniel's brother Matt, at his Chicago furniture showroom. If Daniel was as fine a person as Matt, I'm sure the world has lost a special person, someone who has touched many lives and made this place a better one. Now, may Daniel go on to an even better place...at peace with his maker. Sincere condolences to Mrs. Costigan and all the family,

Carson Doran - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Aunt Pat, Patty and cousins, Our tears are shed for all of you. Another loss to our family, a piece of our heart broken. A life taken too young and too soon. Our love, thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Love, Jerry and Maureen Baylor and family

maureen baylor - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ One of the first things Dan ever told me was that, "As long as you are straight with me, I am always willing to go to bat for you." Throughout the years I've known him, he has stayed true to his word. I'll never forget him for all of the good things he's done for myself and the myriad people who have crossed his path. He definitely deserved a better end. Rest in peace, Dan, for you may suffer no more.

Steven Williams - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ Oh GOD; why I ask did this happen. Why am I still here and alive at 69 years and Dan gone at such an early age? Always a good word from Daniel; seldom in a poor mood. It just not seem right. Dan will will be missed by everyone who knew him. Good bye friend!

lawrence Paquette - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ Before some weekends Dan used to say "have a beer for me". Today everyone is for him. Be at peace Boss.

Adam M Rozek - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ May the light of God's love bring you peace and comfort at this difficult time. Thinking of you with prayers and sympathy.

Bill & Norma Bradle - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM