



## Daniel F. Dobat

December 30, 1944 - April 24, 2015

Daniel F. Dobat, 70, a lifelong resident of Macomb County, passed away April 24, 2015 in Shelby Twp., MI. Born December 30, 1944 in Mt. Clemens, MI. Survived by his sister, Dorene (Clarence) Whitbey; sister-in-law Mary Lou Dobat; devoted nieces and nephews: Leslie Mason, Jeff (Dawn) Whitbey, Nancy (Dean) Waineo, Thomas Dobat, Lorene (Terry Williams) Whitbey, John Dobat and many loving great nieces and nephews: Marisa (Joel), Benjamin, Rebecca, Jack, Anna, Sam, Lily, Joseph, Charlie, and Grace. As well as his many loving friends and neighbors. Preceded in death by his parents A. Peter and Frances (Stewart) Dobat and his brother, Richard D. Dobat. Starting as an intern at The Cross Company, Mr. Dobat was a project engineer and chief model builder, worked on projects across the globe, earned several patents for tooling assembly, and retired from the same company following more than 40 years of service. He was an avid train, ship and truck enthusiast. A fondness that started when he helped his father, an accomplished heavy truck mechanic. He was a gifted builder/artist of model trucks, a hobby he started when he was 13. He was a member of the S. Oakland Model Railroad Club. He also served in the Army Reserves.. Visitation will be held on Monday (May 11th) from 2pm-8pm. Funeral Services will take place Tuesday (May 12) at 11:00 am at the Wm Sullivan Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Rd., Utica. Burial will take place at Utica Cemetery, next to four generations of the Dobat family. Memorials appreciated to Durand Union Station and the Historic Construction Equipment Association.



# Cemetery Details

## Utica Cemetery

46325 Shelby Road  
Utica, MI 48317

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 11. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home  
8459 Hall Road  
Utica, MI 48317  
(586) 731-2411  
utica@sullivanfh.com  
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

## Funeral Services

MAY 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

OM

“ *My heart aches for dan and his family.just found out today about his passing.my name is oscar mcbride. The last time I talked to him, he told me he was sick ,after that I would call and got no answers.so today I got on the Internet and got the sad news,I live in ftwayne ind he use to build model trucks for me.youall have my condolence, take care.*

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**Oscar mcbride** - December 29, 2018 at 05:54 PM

MF

“ *Dan was a great man and a fellow model collector. He built amazing models, and was always willing to share his knowledge and tips with younger guys like myself. My Colondences, thoughts, and prayers go out to his family. He will be Greatly missed.*

*Mike Foote*

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**Mike Foote** - May 15, 2015 at 03:21 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Daniel F. Dobat.*



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May 10, 2015 at 09:53 AM

KW

“ I have posted Dan's passing on a Model Truck and Construction forum he was a member of. As of today close to 700 people world wide have viewed the posting and 12 modelers have left comments. This is a wonderful tribute to him, and he will be greatly missed. Here is a link to the comments. Just cut and paste to your browser.

<http://forums.dhscdiecast.com/default.aspx?g=posts&t=137228>

*Ken Wheeler Rockford, IL*

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**Ken Wheeler** - May 08, 2015 at 03:17 PM

TF

“ We were so very sad to hear the news of Dan's passing. Though there were not opportunities to see our cousin as often as we would have liked, his kind spirit and sweet smile always made a deep impression. We offer sympathies to all of you in Dick's and Dorene's families. Were your Aunt Elaine still with us, I know she would especially like to be there with you all, honoring Dan, as would we. Sending love and prayers from each of us, – Blaine (Uncle Bud) West, with Charlotte, Marilyn, Kimberly, Harry and our families.

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**The West Family** - May 07, 2015 at 11:11 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Daniel F. Dobat.



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May 07, 2015 at 06:50 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Daniel F. Dobat.*



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May 02, 2015 at 10:28 AM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Daniel F. Dobat.*



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May 02, 2015 at 08:58 AM



“ *When a fellow modelling friend told me of Dan's passing just yesterday, I reflected on all the times Dan and I visited at toy shows. Dan was a true gentleman as well as a genuine person and was always someone that i looked forward to seeing in my working and collector years in the industry. Why? because Dan made you feel like someone and always took interest in who you were and what you were doing. He will be missed greatly and was one of the pioneers of the custom model world. May you rest in peace, Dan.*

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**Greg Shaboluk** - April 29, 2015 at 10:09 PM

MD

“ I will miss a great brother-in-law, our lunches with Nancy & Dean at the "Alibi", the fun items you sent that you found on the internet. You are a special man. RIP  
Mary Lou Dobat

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**Mary Lou Dobat** - April 29, 2015 at 06:52 AM

JC

“ I always had a smile on my face whenever I ran into Dan at toy shows, HCEA conventions, etc..

RIP my friend.

John Cunningham  
Cambridge, Ohio

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**John Cunningham** - April 28, 2015 at 05:55 PM

KW

“ Dan, I enjoyed your friendship and all our conversations about building model trucks and trailers. You were one of the most talented model builders I know. Rest in Peace, you will be missed.  
Ken Wheeler, Rockford, IL

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**Ken Wheeler** - April 28, 2015 at 01:12 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Daniel F. Dobat.



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April 28, 2015 at 10:34 AM



“ *Uncle Dan, thank you for always making me smile and laugh. I will miss your sense of humor. You truly are one of a kind and will always have a special place in my heart. Thank you for being there for my siblings and me as we grew. You are loved and missed,*  
*Rebecca Waideo*

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**Rebecca Waideo** - April 27, 2015 at 11:31 PM

MN

“ *Danny, what great times we all had working together at The Cross Company. Thanks for the good memories - you were, and always will be, one of my favorite people.*  
*Rest in peace,*  
*Margaret Neil*

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**Margaret Neil** - April 27, 2015 at 04:23 PM

SB

“ *Dan, Bill and I have so many good memories of you. You were truly loved. May you rest in peace.*  
  
*Sue Bloomquist*

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**Sue Bloomquist** - April 27, 2015 at 07:28 AM

SS

“ *May your family always remember how kind you were. Great memories of the good old days from The Cross Company. Rest in peace, Dan. Sharon & Ernie Simas*

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**Sharon Simas** - April 27, 2015 at 07:09 AM

PR

“ *Rest in peace, dear Dan. May God's perpetual light always shine upon you. We remember you fondly.*  
*Pat Rosso*



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**Pat Rosso** - April 27, 2015 at 06:36 AM