



Daniel I. Wells

July 26, 1962 - May 2, 2016

COLUMBIA – Daniel I. Wells, 53, died suddenly and unexpectedly on Monday afternoon, May 2, 2016, while at work in Berlin, NH.

He was born in Concord, NH on July 26, 1962, a son to Irving C. and Barbara H. (Kelsea) Wells. He was raised in Pembroke and graduated from Pembroke Academy in 1980. On his summer vacations, Dan worked for his uncle, Lawrence Kelsea, in Colebrook, on the family dairy farm. Danny moved to the north country, which he loved, in 1982.

For more than 25 years, Dan worked the farm with his uncle. Although later in life, he worked many different jobs, his passion had always been working the farm. He also took great pride and spent countless hours at his Christmas tree farm every year. Dan enjoyed woodworking and he loved to call his friends and neighbors to chat about politics and the issues of the day. He was an all-around good Samaritan who would drop whatever he was doing to help someone else. He also cherished time spent with his children and his grandson.

Dan served his community as an elected member of the Columbia school board and also on the Columbia planning board.

He leaves behind his wife and partner of 36 years, Jennifer (Ladd) Wells of

Columbia; a son, Bruce Wells of Columbia; his daughter Whitney Wells of Colebrook; his mother, Barbara Wells of Antrim, NH; a brother, Douglas Wells and wife Jane of Pembroke; his sister, Diane Nijensohn and husband Sam of Sheffield, Vt.; one grandson, Maynard Wells; very special cousins, Debbie Brooks, Janet Culver and Jimmy Kelsea; as well as numerous other nieces, nephews and cousins.

He is preceded in death by his father, Irving C. Wells, Jr., in 1992.

Calling hours were on Monday, May 9, 2016, from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home in Colebrook. A Celebration of Life to honor Danny will be held on Saturday, June 18, at 2 p.m. at the Colebrook Country Club. Danny's final resting place will be in the Keach Cemetery in Columbia.

Expressions of sympathy in Dan's memory may be made to the Two Rivers Ride for Cancer, c/o R. Mulliken, 53 Spring St., Colebrook, NH 03576.

Condolences may be offered to the family on-line by going to www.jenkinsnewman.com.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home in Colebrook.

Cemetery Details

Keach Cemetery

Keach Road
Columbia, NH

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 9. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home
103 Main Street
Colebrook, NH 03576
(603) 237-4311
info@jenkinsnewman.com

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Tribute Wall

WL

“ I remember Dan from New Hampshire College in 1982. We lived in the same housing with other transfer students. He introduced me to his friend, Tim Brooks. The three of us became good friends. So sorry to learn of his death. My prayers are with his family and friends.

Wendy Lee

Wendy Lee - October 18, 2016 at 06:01 PM

 Jennie Smith

“ Doug and family - I am truly sorry for your loss. Danny was a great person and one of the funniest guys I knew in high school. thoughts, prayers and hugs to you all. Jennie (Maguire) Smith, Pembroke NH

Jennie Smith - May 15, 2016 at 08:43 AM

RW

“ My Deepest Sympathy to the entire Wells Family. I remember Danny as a young boy. I use to babysit him, his sister and brother many years ago. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Rhonda Abbott Williams North Chesterfield VA

Rhonda Williams - May 09, 2016 at 07:09 PM

MA

“ Marycote lit a candle in memory of Daniel I. Wells



marycote - May 09, 2016 at 12:49 PM

MA

sorry to hear about your loss

marycote - May 09, 2016 at 12:50 PM

SC

“ *Barbara,*

John and I are thinking of you and yours during this difficult time.

Our deepest sympathies.

Sue and John Conklin

SUE Conklin - May 09, 2016 at 11:50 AM

JH

“ *Dear Barbara ... Ed and I send our condolences to you and your family ... we were saddened to learn of Dan's sudden passing ... you all are in our thoughts and prayers through this difficult time ... and may you find strength and peace ...*

Jane Noyes Holbrook, Lancaster, PA

Jane Noyes Holbrook - May 09, 2016 at 09:02 AM

BN

“ *My condolences to all the family of Danny. He was always welcome in my home and I will miss the visits.*

Bob Noyes - May 09, 2016 at 06:49 AM

JC

“ I am so sorry to hear of the loss of my cousin , Dan. My heart goes out to the entire family. When you would think of Dan, you would see him smiling and making everyone around him laugh. My favorite childhood memories include Dan at many Thanksgiving celebrations in Concord. All of us would have such a great time. Also, i will never forget the countless times in Colebrook when he would always take us out on the town. He valued family and it showed by him keeping in touch , even when our lives were busy and we were 6 hours away. I will always hold onto those special memories. You will be missed. Janet Brooks Culver

Janet Brooks Culver - May 07, 2016 at 03:04 PM

DB

“ Jen and Family:

*Sorry sorry for your loss, Keep all you memories alive it does help.
Debbie & Normand Boivin*



Debbie Boivin - May 07, 2016 at 06:50 AM

JF

“ From your bear buddies John & Tracy Flanagan & Billy we will miss your conversations & beers at the tree farm so sorry for your loss you will be missed

john flanagan - May 06, 2016 at 05:29 PM

WF

“ *With Deepest Sympathy The Sherman Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Daniel I. Wells.*



With Deepest Sympathy The Sherman Family - May 06, 2016
at 02:07 PM

JC

“ *Jackie Caires lit a candle in memory of Daniel I. Wells*



Jackie Caires - May 06, 2016 at 08:19 AM

ML

“ *Jen and family, Dan and I will miss Dan so much. He was like part of the family we always would expect a visit from him especially during the summer and talk about the old days of farming. He always made us laugh. He is with Albie and Lawrence now taking care of things and watching over you. All Our Love goes your way at this time of loss. He will be missed. Melony and Danny Lyons*

Melony Lyons - May 06, 2016 at 07:19 AM



“ *What a great guy. I'd go years without seeing him, then bump into him somewhere and he'd make me feel as if we were continuing the conversation we'd begun that morning. Such a loss. There must be one less room in heaven now that he's gone home.*

Dan Hicks - May 06, 2016 at 05:05 AM

RG

“ Robert & Martha (Brooks) Gadwah lit a candle in memory of Daniel I. Wells



Robert & Martha (Brooks) Gadwah - May 06, 2016 at 04:50 AM

RB

“ my deepest condolences to the Wells family. Anytime around Danny was a happy time. I always enjoyed being with him and shall miss him. To be with him was always a must when visiting Colebrook. My best to all.

Randy Brooks

Randy Brooks - May 05, 2016 at 01:35 PM

DL

“ So very sorry to hear this. Heartfelt sympathy to Jen and all his family in this very difficult time. Deb Lawton

Deb Lawton - May 05, 2016 at 11:51 AM

EK

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the family and to all of Dan's friends. Dan and I were classmates (clown mates more like it) back in High School. Always with a smile on his face, Rest in Peace Dan, When my time comes, I will see you again, so save me a seat at the lunch table..

*Eric Keeler,
PA Class of 1980*



Eric Keeler - May 05, 2016 at 09:46 AM

PF

“ Pam Sherman & Family lit a candle in memory of Daniel I. Wells



Pam Sherman & Family - May 05, 2016 at 08:07 AM

JD

“ Julie Daley lit a candle in memory of Daniel I. Wells



Julie Daley - May 05, 2016 at 07:39 AM

JD

Jen, Bruce and Whitney: My deepest, heartfelt sympathy in the sudden loss of Dan. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers for peace and comfort. Hugs. Julie

Julie Daley - May 05, 2016 at 07:41 AM

PS

Our deepest sympathy for all the Well's family in this hard time. You all are in our thoughts and prayers. Danny will always be with us. Love Pam, Tony and William Sherman

Pam Sherman - May 05, 2016 at 08:12 AM

AN

My heartfelt sympathy, Barbara. Tragedy strikes without warning when we least expect it. My sympathy to the entire family. Alice Noyes

Alice Noyes - May 12, 2016 at 02:36 PM

JN

“ *Jodi Nite lit a candle in memory of Daniel I. Wells*



Jodi Nite - May 05, 2016 at 07:39 AM

BE

“ *Jen & Family ~ Very sorry to hear about your sudden loss. Keep all the wonderful memories close to your hearts. You are all in our thoughts & prayers. With our deepest sympathy, Beth (Olmstead), Deane Emery & Family*



Beth (Olmstead) Emery - May 05, 2016 at 07:17 AM

HA

“ *So sorry for your loss. Dean and Rose Hand*

Hands - May 05, 2016 at 04:41 AM

CD

“ *Claire Duncan lit a candle in memory of Daniel I. Wells*



Claire Duncan - May 05, 2016 at 12:46 AM

MA

“ *Marycote lit a candle in memory of Daniel I. Wells*



marycote - May 04, 2016 at 08:40 PM

AR

“ *Aunt Leone And Uncle Randy lit a candle in memory of Daniel I. Wells*



Aunt Leone and Uncle Randy - May 04, 2016 at 08:22 PM

AB

Dear Jen and family, we are heartbroken to hear the tragic news about our dear nephew, Dan. Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Aunt Leone and Uncle Randy Brooks - May 04, 2016 at 09:11 PM

MG

Dear Jen and family, We were so sad to hear of Danny's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Mike and Melanie Gray.

Mary Gray - May 07, 2016 at 10:59 AM

LL

“ *So very sorry for your loss my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family*



Lisa Langley - May 04, 2016 at 08:09 PM

JC

“ Jen very sorry for you and your family. He was a good friend in my time in Colebrook. Every once in awhile I would get an email (all in caps of course) just to touch base. I will miss those! Jeff Cole

Jeff Cole - May 04, 2016 at 08:04 PM

LM

“ So sorry for your loss. Danny was a nice little boy and grew into a nice man.
He will be missed...Linda Masewic

Linda Masewic - May 04, 2016 at 07:59 PM

DB

“ Debbie Brooks lit a candle in memory of Daniel I. Wells



Debbie Brooks - May 04, 2016 at 07:57 PM

DB

Dear Jen and family, so sorry for your unimaginable loss. My sincere thoughts and prayers are with you. I am devastated and heartbroken. My precious cousin, Dan, and I had a special connection and I will always treasure our memories together. He had a wonderful sense of humor but I will mostly miss his heart of gold and our heartfelt talks. Dan will be greatly missed by his family and he will forever have a special place in my heart. I loved him dearly. Rest in peace my beloved cousin.

Debbie Brooks - May 04, 2016 at 08:12 PM

RT

So sorry to hear of your loss.

Robin Taber - May 04, 2016 at 09:00 PM

PP

“ Dan will be remembered fondly by me and may other members of the Pembroke Academy class of 1980. He was always the life of the party and ever the jokester. I enjoyed chatting with him from time to time via facebook and he was some proud of those Christmas trees! It was great seeing him at our last reunion in 2010. Jen and family my deepest condolences. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.
Pamela (Sargent) Plante

Pam Plante - May 04, 2016 at 07:28 PM

HH

“ Jen and family our deepest condolences go out to you on this sudden loss. Our prayers go out to you. I can remember when I used to try to catch rides to North Stratford when I worked down there and would meet up with Dan and crew at Pik-Qwick and chat over coffee in the morning. It was always a good time of ribbing each other.

Haven & Peggy Haynes - May 04, 2016 at 07:02 PM

JM

“ Jen & Family, We are so sorry to hear about Dan. His smile touched many. Our thoughts & prayers are with you.
Sincerely,
Julien & Deb

Julien & Deb Marquis - May 04, 2016 at 06:53 PM



“ Jen and family, I was so saddened to hear of the loss of a kind, funny, friend that I spent so much time with during our 12 years of school together. I loved hanging out with Dan because he was always so much fun. We spent time almost everyday together during what the high school called open campus. We pretty much played Whist and teased and joked with each other in our group of friends, it was the best part of the day. I am grateful that we got a chance to visit at our 30th reunion. You have my sincerest condolences. Michele (Chase) Robertson

Michele Robertson - May 04, 2016 at 06:35 PM

BC

“ Jen, Bruce, Whitney and family. We send our heartfelt sympathy to you all and will keep you all in prayer. May the Lord give you strength during these difficult days.

Bob and Pauline Charest - May 04, 2016 at 06:33 PM

CP

“ Cory Willets Haigh Phillips lit a candle in memory of Daniel I. Wells



Cory Willets Haigh Phillips - May 04, 2016 at 06:20 PM

CP

*Jen,
Bruce,
Whit
& Maynard,*

I'm SHOCKED and SADDENED to hear the news of Dan's passing !!!! I am sooooo Sorry !!!!!

Dan had just told "Troll Jackson" that he "made it" longer than his dad.... maybe so.... Now, Dan can tell his dad that !!! He has many, many stories to share w/ his dad.

*Dan WILL BE Watching Over you....
YOU ARE HIS LOVED ONES !!!!Watch for HIS signs !!!!!*

-Love you guys !!!!

Cory Willets Haigh Phillips - May 04, 2016 at 06:41 PM

CP

(((((((HUGS))))))))

Cory Willets Haigh Phillips - May 04, 2016 at 06:44 PM

RB

Condolences to you and your family.

Roger & Bonnie Brousseau - May 04, 2016 at 07:42 PM

 Vicky
Smith

“ *Jen, and family ,Eddie and I looked forward to seeing him usually in the summer, visiting on the porch , so sorry for your loss*

Vicky Smith - May 04, 2016 at 06:18 PM

JF

“ *Josh And lola Boire And Family lit a candle in memory of Daniel I. Wells*



Josh and lola Boire and family - May 04, 2016 at 05:57 PM

JF

Sure am going to miss the phone calls from him and the visits. Our sympathies to Jen, Bruce, Whitney and Maynard. Love you guys.

Josh and lola Boire and family - May 04, 2016 at 05:59 PM

BD

“ *Dan was a man of many talents and was a great visitor to my parents. he loved his family and especially his uncle lawrence but now he can tell a lot of stories up in heaven and keep a eye on all of us below. he will be miss on sims hill as he love to be at camp.RIP Dan. your friends the daleys*



barbara daley - May 04, 2016 at 05:55 PM

LV

“ *Our heartfelt sympathy to the whole family. Thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Bob and Lisa Vashaw



Lisa Vashaw - May 04, 2016 at 05:32 PM

CM

“ Jennifer: I am so very sorry for you and your family for the loss of Dan. Just know our thought and prayers are with you. Claudelle and Rob

Claudelle Meyer - May 04, 2016 at 05:26 PM

LR

“ Lynn Rancourt lit a candle in memory of Daniel I. Wells



lynn rancourt - May 04, 2016 at 05:21 PM

LR

very sorry for your loss !!! sending prayers your way !!

lynn rancourt - May 04, 2016 at 05:23 PM

TW

“ So very sorry for your loss...

Tracy Wright - May 04, 2016 at 05:14 PM

RM

“ RM lit a candle in memory of Daniel I. Wells



RM - May 04, 2016 at 04:56 PM

RM

Jen, Whitney and Bruce - Al and I are so very saddened by your loss. Jen, I remember those evenings long ago at the Colebrook House; Danny always had us laughing!
Sincerely, Rosey and Al

RM - May 04, 2016 at 05:00 PM

JP

“ *Jan And Phil lit a candle in memory of Daniel I. Wells*



Jan and Phil - May 04, 2016 at 04:44 PM

JP

Jen, Whit and Bruce - We are so sorry about your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers. If there is anything we can do, please let us know.

Jan and Phil - May 04, 2016 at 04:46 PM

JJ

“ *Jane & Jarrett lit a candle in memory of Daniel I. Wells*



Jane & Jarrett - May 04, 2016 at 04:43 PM

JD

Jennifer and family, So sorry for your loss.

Jane & Jarrett Dustin - May 04, 2016 at 04:44 PM

TT

“ Jen, Bruce, and Whitney, we were very saddened to hear of Dan's passing. He was a great person always trying to make others laugh. He well be missed by many. Our prayers and thoughts are with you all. God Bless

Tammy Thivierge - May 04, 2016 at 04:41 PM

DE

“ Jen, Bruce and Whitney, We are thinking of you during this time. Sending love and warm hugs your way.
Jeff, DeeDee & Ryleigh Rainville



DeeDee - May 04, 2016 at 04:34 PM

Tricia Ellingwood

“ Tricia Ellingwood lit a candle in memory of Daniel I. Wells



Tricia Ellingwood - May 04, 2016 at 04:29 PM

CO

“ Jen, Bruce and Whitney I'm so sorry for your loss. Dan was a great man and certainly made a huge impact on my girls, they spent many days and nights with you. I always looked forward to getting your answering machine when I called, because Dan always had something new to say for a greeting! You are all in my thoughts and prayers,



Corina - May 04, 2016 at 04:19 PM



My deepest condolences to Dan's family. Dan and I were high school classmates. He was always kind, upbeat and quick with a smile or laugh. May you find peace in knowing how many lives he has touched with his kindness and humor.

Wanda Davies - May 04, 2016 at 06:26 PM

CB

I have known Dan since he was born and enjoyed his quick wit and charm. Such a loss for us all.

Carol Berry - May 04, 2016 at 06:35 PM

CF

*Dear Jen, Bruce and family_
I am so sorry for your loss. Dan had the nicest smile and sense of humor. I will miss seeing him in the neighborhood. Please take comfort in knowing others care.*

Carolyn Foss - May 05, 2016 at 11:32 AM