



Daniel Edgar Breister

April 11, 1931 - January 6, 2021

Born April 11, 1931 Passed Peacefully January 6, 2021

He was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin to Isabelle and Paul Breister. The youngest of 5 children, David, Rosemary, John, Tommy and Danny. Attended school in Milwaukee St. Anthony of Padua Catholic grade school and Pius XI Catholic High School graduating in 1949. Dan served in the Wisconsin Air National Guard along with his brother Tommy during 1949 through 1952.

Dan joined Wisconsin Central Airlines as a station agent in Milwaukee, handling cargo and baggage in Sept 1952.

In November 1953 Dan married Janet Sara Krause who's parents lived across the street from the Breisters on Honey Creek Drive in Milwaukee. They lived in Milwaukee until he transferred to Chicago in 1956 after their first son Robert was born. Living in Glenview for a year while having a new home built in Villa Park Illinois. Where they had three more sons, Paul, James and Michael.

He remained with the airline through jobs in Chicago, with growth and name changes to North Central Airlines. While in Villa Park, Dan was always busy working around the house, building a garage himself, finishing the basement, repairing cars, teaching his sons about working and life. He even started building a sailboat in his basement workshop.

In 1966 Dan was promoted to a job at North Central Airlines headquarters to manage the training of ground agent personnel. They moved the family to West St Paul Minnesota in the summer of 1966 to a rented house while having a new home built in West St. Paul which he was able to occupy in 1967. He remained in that house through the rest of his life. Joining St. Michaels Catholic Church in West St. Paul he enrolled all four boys in the Catholic school there and remained in the parish there until it closed.

In Minnesota, the land of 10,000 lakes, he wanted to be on the water, so he finished the

sailboat, even sewing the sail out of a surplus parachute. Still working around the house, he finished the basement of the new house, repaired cars and appliances as the need arose. Again, always working with his sons as they grew. In 1971 he was able to purchase property on Lake Twenty-six in Burnett County Wisconsin. This became the next major project in his life and one of his favorite places. Clearing brush and trying to avoid damaging trees, building his own cabin, and dock, then expanding the cabin. He enjoyed as much time as he could there, sharing life with family, friends and neighbors for the rest of his life.

In June 1982, their son Michael passed away suddenly of a viral infection of the heart. This was a very tragic event in their lives. His wife Janet passed away in April 1986 of Cancer.

He was very involved in the mergers that formed Republic airlines eventually retiring as Director of Passenger Services Training in Minnesota in 1987 after 35 years with the Airlines. Just before the merger with Northwest Airlines.

On March 23, 1990 Dan married Eleanor Barr in St. Michaels Church in West St. Paul. They remained in the house on Roller Ave, where they modified the house adding on to the back to make it new. Always building or repairing things he built a workshop in the back of the garage where he spent much of his time even building a display for some stained-glass windows for the church and a cabinet for the cathedral in St. Paul. When visiting his sister Rosie in California he was always doing jobs around her house to.

Dan enjoyed fishing at his own cabin, eating his own catches and telling you how the fish were biting. He played golf with friends in the neighborhood and with his sons when they came to visit. His golfing league partners were great friends, with many rounds of golf relaxing and sharing life stories, with Bill Price, Jerry McCellistrem, Joe and Ray Marthaler. He even co-managed their neighborhood golf league for a few years. He liked watching the Twins and the Vikings, even if you called during a game.

Dan outlived all his siblings and their spouses, living a longer life than all his immediate family except his mother. Dan is survived by his wife, Eleanor, Sons and their wives; Robert and Melissa, Paul and Lynne, James and Debra, Grandchildren; Anne, Kimberly, Katheryn, Jennifer, Kevin, Jeremy, Justin and Great grandchildren; Brendan, James, Benjamin, Cameron. Stepchildren Brenda and Bob, Daniel, Grandchildren and Great grandchildren

He was very proud of all his children and his grandchildren particularly at weddings. But

also, anytime we could gather. We will always remember him as an active man, always trying to improve his surroundings and willing to help wherever he could. And for giving great hugs.

When anyone was saying goodbye and often said: "Take it easy" he always replied, "Take it any way you can get it." All that God would give him.

Private family services are being held with a memorial service at a later date.

In lieu of flowers please give memorials to Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church.

A livestream of service will available at <https://www.facebook.com/Klecatsky-Sons-Funeral-Homes-188290457910334/>

Cemetery

Resurrection Cemetery

2101 Lexington Avenue South

Mendota Heights, MN, 55120

Comments



“ Neither of us were great golfers but we sure enjoyed the game. I have many great memories of about 30 years or more of being his league partner and just playing the game. We're all gonna miss you, Dan and God Bless your soul.
Bill Price

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