



## Daniel John Mekemson

December 30, 2020

Daniel J. Mekemson, 76, passed away peacefully in his home on December 30, 2020 surrounded by his family.

Loving husband of his wife of 43 years Jaclyn Mekemson; Beloved son of the late John "Ed" and Irja Heitenan Mekemson. Devoted father of Mike (Donna), Matt (Leah), Kristen (Neil Rossman), and Andrew (Kallie). Treasured grandfather of Breanna, Morgan, Lacey, Luke, Harper, Molly, and Holland. Esteemed brother of James. Cherished cheerleader of all.

Dan worked in the mortgage business for forty-four years helping people achieve the dream of homeownership. He believed wholeheartedly that mortgages change lives. Having benefited from strong mentorship, Dan gave back in spades, developing people, careers, business and friendships. He had the ability to bring out the best in people. His leadership style was marked by quality, discipline, setting big goals and celebrating success.

An avid golfer, a food connoisseur, a voracious reader, he shared his zest for life with all he met. Above all, Dan found joy in his family. He reveled in the life he built with Jacki, enjoying his kids and grandkids thoroughly. He lived a full life, despite obstacles, and has given unconditional love, encouragement and opportunity to those around him. He will be remembered for his sense of humor, intelligence, resilience, positivity, work ethic, kindness, generosity, and

deep love. He succeeded in all measures that count - he lived a life that made a difference and he lived well. We will carry his heart in ours.

A celebration honoring Dan's life will be held on Saturday, July 31 at 11 am at Norway Lutheran Church in Wind Lake, WI.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in Dan's name can be made to the Wisconsin Parkinson Association ([wiparkinson.org](http://wiparkinson.org); 16655 W. Bluemound Road, Ste 330, Brookfield, WI 53005).

# Tribute Wall

DL

“ Thinking about Dan today, and the family. Wishing comfort and fond memories for those closest t to him. He sure had an impact on my life. Will miss my chats with him.  
*Damon Leonetti (Texas)*

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**Damon Leonetti** - July 31, 2021 at 03:30 PM

 Tara  
Mattes

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**Tara Mattes** - July 31, 2021 at 10:14 AM

DB

“ To the Mekemson Family,  
Please accept my heartfelt condolences on Dan's passing. I really enjoyed the opportunity to work with Dan. He had a great personality and was always one of the most positive people on our management team. I know that your memories will keep him close.

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**David Baumgarten** - January 15, 2021 at 01:35 PM

SF

“ Please accept my deepest sympathies for your loss. Keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Shahadah Fredericks** - January 13, 2021 at 09:29 PM

PS

“ Dear Jacki and Family.

*I was heartbroken to hear about Dan's passing. I was so thankful that Matt was able to relay to him how much he meant to me and so many of us at JFG before his passing.*

*He was truly a great leader and friend. We will miss our lunches at Mario's catching up on our lives and always talking about the mortgage business. He always believed that mortgage was the most honorable professions because we had the opportunity to help others achieve their dreams.*

*Dan helped so many of us achieve our dreams as well and coached and taught us everything he could about business and life. I will forever miss his counsel and his friendship. Paula.*

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**PAULA SCANLON** - January 07, 2021 at 11:38 AM

DE

“ Dear Jacki and family,

*So very sorry to hear of Dan's passing. When I joined Johnson Bank, Mortgage Marketing was somewhat new to me. Dan quickly welcomed me and taught me so much. He hosted outstanding Mortgage Sales meetings and inspired his team to do great things. My husband and I were new to Racine and Dan and Jacki welcomed us into their home and circle of friends. Dan also knew all the best places to eat in Milwaukee and there was usually a story to reinforce why we should give Dan's recommendation a try. Dan was the most kind, genuine, smartest Mortgage guru in the industry. He made a lasting mark wherever he went. Our sincere sympathy to Jacki and Family. Darry and Deborah Pearson*

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**Deborah** - January 05, 2021 at 09:52 PM



Christian  
Lie

“ *I started at Johnson International(now Johnson Financial Group) at the same time Dan did.*

*Dan and I became good friends and he taught me much on how to work for a large company.*

*We had many laughs together after company events.*

*His knowledge of the mortgage business was unsurpassed. The support of his staff to the rest of the company was a gold standard for the rest of us!*

*God bless my friend....Chris Lie*

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**Christian Lie** - January 04, 2021 at 03:28 PM



“ *Jackie and family,*

*My thoughts and prayers are with you. I have many fond memories of Danny, especially on the golf course, sporting events and of course hanging out with the families. I admired how he always helped others. Mecko, take care - keep hitting them straight.*

*Bill Nemeth*

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**William Nemeth** - January 01, 2021 at 02:56 PM

JJ

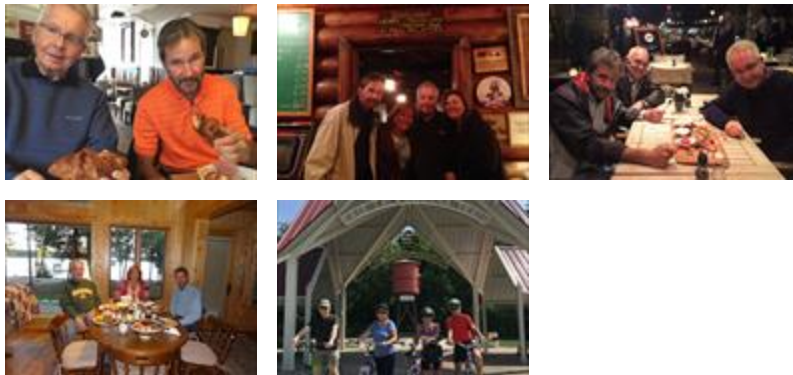
“ *What a very special & kind person - - Dan will be sorely missed by everyone he touched & loved!*

*We are so fortunate to have shared good times with Dan & Jacki at our cottages; as well as wonderful memories on a recent river cruise & visiting family in Holland.*

*Dan got us “hooked” on many things: Nueske’s brats, heavenly O&H Angel Food cookies, walleye at the Golden Pines -- not to mention ice cream, bananas & croissants.*

*Dan brought so many gifts to so many lives and he’ll be forever in our hearts!*

*With all our love, Judy & Joe*



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**Judy & Joe** - January 01, 2021 at 02:41 PM

JM

*Jacki and family: We are so saddened at the loss of our dear friend. We feel fortunate to have experienced many memorable times with Dan, you, and your family over the last 20 years. Dan was my cheerleader professionally and a mentor to Mike. We will truly miss him. Our condolences go out to you all.*

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**Julie Meyer** - January 04, 2021 at 12:03 PM

MT

“ Jackie,

*So sorry to hear about Dan. We're friends of Tom and Juli and she has shared so many wonderful stories of times with Dan filled with love and laughter. He will truly be missed by many. Please know i will keep you and your family in my prayers in the days to follow.*

*With sincere sympathy,*

*Mary Lou and Chuck Taylor*

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**Mary Taylor** - December 31, 2020 at 10:28 PM

LM

“ In January 2004 Dan and Jacki as God parents were able to attended the wedding of our daughter Casey. We were delighted to see them and have them share in our celebrations. At the rehearsal dinner, held at our home, Dan was lead astray thru a gallon jug of red wine by Casey's Grandfather. At the evening's end Dan asked if we had any "Caxi Tabs". He had enjoyed himself immensely.

*In 1979 when our family moved from Villa Park back to Canada, Dan "organized" a send off night out for Larry including a couple of Dan's associates and his father-in-law, Jacki's Dad, Walt. A great night of drinking, fine steaks, drinking, magic show at the New York Lounge and some more drinking. A truly fantastic time!*

*Dan and Jacki treated both Judy and Larry to great send off dinner, not nearly as much drinking, but still a fantastic time with great friends.*

*Dan, you were a dear friend. I often wished we lived closer, as we seemed to only get together for weddings. A dear friend who will be missed.*

*Judy and Larry Miller*

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**Larry Miller** - December 31, 2020 at 07:35 PM

SG

“ *Mekemson family,*

*Amy and I are so sorry for your loss. Please keep the faith through these difficult times as Dan is in a better place and he lives in all of our hearts.*

*Dan was a tremendous mentor who always demanded excellence. He taught our team that excellence can be achieved only when people work together with mutual respect and, in fact, love. I learned so much from Dan but the "Danism" that I remember most is when he told me that he learned everything he needed to know about life from two people. He asked me to guess who so I did and he continued to say no. The guessing game went on for some time and Dan was having a lot of fun with my guesses. Finally he said "Steve, I learned everything that I need to know about life from two people Popeye the Sailor man and Kermit the Frog." It was my turn to laugh and I said "how Dan??" Dan responded "I am who I am and that is all that I am" and then he said "It ain't easy being green"*

*I will always remember the time that I spent with Dan as he was an amazing mentor. More importantly, he was an even better man who always found a way to make me laugh.*

*He will be sorely missed. Please know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Steve and Amy Gineris** - December 31, 2020 at 04:39 PM

JA

“ *Joyce & Jeff Andringa lit a candle in memory of Daniel John Mekemson*



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**Joyce & Jeff Andringa** - December 31, 2020 at 03:39 PM

DH

*Dear Jacki and family - My sincere condolences. What a great guy Dan was. He brought so much energy and enthusiasm to Firststar Bank and Johnson Bank where I had the true pleasure of working with him. So many people today enjoy better lives because of Dan's talent. He was a great boss and real leader in the mortgage industry. Thank you Dan. TGIM and RIP*

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**Dick Hansen** - January 02, 2021 at 06:50 PM

 Tara  
Mattes

*Dear Jacki and family,  
So very sorry to hear of Dan's passing. He will be greatly missed.*

*He was a respected by so many, and was a wonderful boss and mentor to me; encouraging, pushing, and cajoling me to finish my college degree. He edited my college papers, recommended books and research topics, and was there when I walked across the stage to accept my diploma. It meant the world to me, and I will never forget it.*

*All my best to you and the family,  
Tara*

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**Tara Mattes** - July 31, 2021 at 10:11 AM