



Dan Boyer

February 18, 1970 - February 2, 2018

Dan Boyer passed away on February 2, 2018. He was 47.

Dan Boyer was born on February 18, 1970 to Edward and Betty Jane (Kelly) Boyer of Somerset, PA. After receiving his high school education in Pennsylvania, he graduated from Lebanon Valley College near Harrisburg, PA and pursued a career in teaching.

Dan spent his entire teaching career in Calvert County, Md., beginning in 1992. He taught at Southern Middle School, Patuxent High School, and finally at Huntingtown High School (HHS), where he had started in 2004. He was a full-time choral teacher but also the music director for many musical productions and student stage productions. He was the HHS Teacher of the Year in 2017.

Dan performed professionally as a tenor with Concert Artists of Baltimore since 1992; he also sang with the Baltimore Symphony Chorus until it was disbanded in 2002.

Last year, Dan added Calvert County Festival Assistant to his tasks, organizing the Calvert County All County events, the Solo & Ensemble Festivals, as well as the Band, Chorus and Orchestra festivals.

Dan was active on the Maryland Choral Educators Association Board and served as president from 2002 to 2004. On a regional level, he managed the All Eastern Chorus in 2005 and the All Eastern Ensembles in 2011. Dan was also the recipient of the 2010 Maryland Music Educator's Award for Excellence for Music Teaching.

In addition to his parents, Dan is survived by brother Mike and wife Katie, sister Paula Vinzani and husband Gabe, nephews Matthew and Benny, niece Kaleigh, his much loved dog Misha, and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. Also survived by special friends Kyle Roberts, Steve & Joanne Gallos and many other friends, godchildren and neighbors.

Preceded in death by sister, Dawn Michelle (1976) and nephew Todd Boyer (2016), grandparents and several aunts and uncles.

A visitation will be held at Lasting Tributes 814 Bestgate Rd. Annapolis, MD on Wednesday from 3pm to 7pm. A Celebration of Life will be held at Huntingtown High School 4125 N. Solomons Island Road, Huntingtown, Maryland 20639 on Thursday from 6-8 pm. Burial will be in Weller Cemetery in Somerset, PA.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Huntingtown High School, Music Department, Dan Boyer Scholarship Fund, 4125 N. Solomons Island Road, Huntingtown, MD 20639.

Cemetery

Events

Weller Cemetery

PA,

FEB Visitation 03:00PM - 07:00PM

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Lasting Tributes Cremation and Funeral Care
814 Bestgate Road, Annapolis, MD, US, 21401

FEB Celebration of Life 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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Huntingtown High School
Huntingtown, MD, US, 20639

Comments



“ We are so saddened by this loss. Dan was so inspirational to all students and parents across the county, not only those at his schools. His involvement & support for all in All county, Tri county, & All State events was unparalleled! Many he nurtured in music continue to carry his love through music. Peace & comfort to all the family & friends.

Sue Frank & Chris Odell - February 09, 2018 at 09:09 AM



“ Oh Dan, your kind heart and generous spirit will never be forgotten. I haven't known you as long as many of your friends and colleagues, but the first time I met you, you seemed like someone I'd known forever. Your handsome smile is contagious. Your love and appreciation for music is a gift that will never fade. I pray for your family and close friends.

Amanda Enloe - February 08, 2018 at 11:43 AM



“ It has been my pleasure to know Dan for the several seasons he sang with the Christ Lutheran Church choir. I remember sharing hardy hand shakes with him during the passing of the peace at Sunday and Wednesday services. We sometimes sat next to each other at the end of the service to listen to Daniel Aune's postlude and then comment on what a wonderful organist he is. I will remember Dan for the wonderful contributions he made to the choir and as a cantor for our Wednesday evening worship services. May flights of angels sing him to heaven and may perpetual light shine upon him. Peace! Jim Wilmer

Jim Wilmer - February 08, 2018 at 11:21 AM



“ Dan,

While I have known you for a number of years, our interactions were few and far between - at music conferences, festivals and honors chorus events. However, I have always found you to be positive, encouraging and uplifting. I will miss seeing you at conferences and dialoguing on the status of choral education, sharing new ideas/strategies, singing together in reading sessions and hearing your voice on the all-state prep files. More so, I know that your students, current and former, will greatly miss you and the incredible impact you made on their lives. You were an incredible man who positively effected so many people! My deepest sympathies along with prayers for comfort and understanding go out to your family and friends.

Paul Heinemann

Paul Heinemann - February 08, 2018 at 10:10 AM



“ Dan was a lovely sweet guy, always smiling, and had a wonderful voice. I knew him only from his contributions to our church choir (Christ Lutheran Inner Harbor) where will miss him dearly. Rest in peace.

Robert Anderson - February 07, 2018 at 11:15 PM



“ Mr.Boyer, B-Dawg, Chef BoyerD

This was so incredibly difficult to write, never did i think this was something i would have to think about so soon when it was just a few years ago that we were listening to rock opera in music theory and speaking Julia Childese in choir and joking about how i basically lived in a practice room my senior and you would always make your funny faces through the little window. There are so many wonderful experiences and memories that i have to cherish for a lifetime because of you, Mr.Boyer. which were accumulated over the many years of being your student. Your sheer presence in my life forced me to be a better musician and a more understanding, be able to laugh at yourself, kind of person for which i will always be grateful.

Something that Mr.Boyer always talked about in every class that i has taken with him was regardless whether you go on to pursue a career in music or not. Never stop having music be a part of your life. Because Mr.Boyer knew the true joy of music and that it is most definitely the food of love.He made you see and believe in the comradery that came from making music in numbers. There was always constant encouragement for whatever place you chose to keep music in your heart and life. Because of him Music has remained the focal point of my life and heart, and there aren't enough thanks for that.

I wish i could have even just one more conversation or hear you laugh at one of my lame opera jokes one last time.

May you rest in true ease and bliss.

- Rachel

Rachel Cole - February 07, 2018 at 11:00 PM



“ Mr. Boyer was one of my absolute favorite teachers. He was my teacher for seven years - from 6th to 12th grade.

Out of nowhere in sixth grade I developed such terror about other people hearing me sing even though I loved to do it and really enjoyed being part of a larger group. When we had to do individual vocal tests in front of the class, I would be on the verge of throwing up and tried to be as quiet as I could. This lasted until past when I graduated, but Mr. Boyer always encouraged me and made me feel confident in my abilities -- putting me in chamber choir and making me feel like I was good at what I did even though I was scared to do it. He believed in me when I had trouble believing in myself.

He was one of the best and most loving people. I made sure to visit him even after I graduated and only wish I had kept in better contact. Even though I graduated high school almost 16 years ago, I still thought about him several times a year and often tried to find news of how he was doing online.

My hope is that he knew how important he was to so many people and how many lives he changed for the better. You will truly, truly be missed and are loved by so many.

Erin Bahadur - February 07, 2018 at 10:46 PM



“ Gone too soon. Both my Daughter, Sara and Son, Travis attended Huntingtown HS with my Son now a senior. Our family sends their deepest sympathy to Mr Boyer's family. Rest In Peace Dan. Your spirit and leadership will never be forgotten. The Lehnens Family

Sherry Mcdaniel-Lehnen - February 07, 2018 at 10:12 PM



“ Mr. Boyer was my Middle School chorus teacher and he left such an impression on me. I remember it like it was yesterday. He truly was an inspiration to all students he has taught over the years. He will be forever missed! RIP- Mr. Boyer.

Crystal Gray - February 07, 2018 at 10:01 PM



“ The best teacher ever! Though my first year with him I drove him crazy! He was a great man. Such a positive personality that could bring out the best in anyone! He made me realize I had a voice! Gone way too soon.



Keisha Johnson (Berry) - February 07, 2018 at 09:15 PM



“ Peace and comfort to Dan's family and loved ones during this difficult time. The world lost a great big teddy bear and beautiful soul. Dan was my music muse, my confidant and my guaranteed smile each and every day at LVC. Keep using your gorgeous voice as you join the heavenly choir.
Diana Cook



Diana Cook - February 07, 2018 at 08:45 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dan Boyer.



February 07, 2018 at 03:11 PM



“ Dan, we will miss you! I enjoyed working with you across many years with your choirs and honor choirs, and am so saddened not to have seen you one last time for (what would have been, except for the snow...) Tri-County 2018. Your communication during that week was typical Dan: timely, upbeat, helpful. Enjoy this Better Place and we'll be there with you one day!

Paul Rardin - February 07, 2018 at 02:19 PM



“ Edward Polochick & Concert Artists Family purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Dan Boyer.



Edward Polochick & Concert Artists Family - February 07, 2018 at 02:19 PM



“ Mr. Boyer was by far the best teacher I ever had. He was 100% dedicated to his students and touched countless lives. He encouraged his students to express themselves through music and taught them not only how to do it well but to make it their own. He wanted to see all of his students succeed and not only in the classroom. His encouragement did not end when he was no longer your teacher. He had such a generous and loving heart and was a major support of my dreams to become a professional dancer. He wished me luck on audition days and rejoiced with me when I was finally offered a contract. He was a person who truly and genuinely cared about every student he taught. He has touched thousands of lives and fostered so much love for the arts in the upcoming generation. He may not be here with us anymore, but he certainly has left his mark on the world through every student he had. May he never be forgotten.

AC - February 07, 2018 at 10:59 AM



“ Several years ago I was Dan's voice teacher. He had a beautiful tenor voice and was so dedicated as a teacher. It was such a pleasure to know and work with such a fine person.

Sincerely, Mary Ruzicka

Mary Ruzicka - February 07, 2018 at 07:24 AM



“ Just thinking of Dan makes me smile. He had the ability to make a person feel better just by being there. His million-dollar smile, infectious laugh, and incredible sense of humor were the tip of the iceberg. Dan was also one of the most generous, caring and devoted people I have ever known. Those of us who knew him and loved him deeply mourn his loss. Precious memories of Dan and the love and laughter he so graciously shared will help get us through.

Patricia Quinn

Patricia Quinn - February 06, 2018 at 08:43 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dan Boyer.



February 06, 2018 at 08:33 PM



“ My daughter had the privilege and blessing learning from Mr Boyer through County Chorus. The students loved him as did my daughter! Prayers for his family and his school family especially all the students that will miss him dearly and lives he touched. Thank you Mr Boyer for all that you did to enrich our children. May you rest in peace.

Laura Nims Annan - February 06, 2018 at 06:51 PM



“ Dan was an excellent substitute soloist and organist for First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Annapolis. He will be greatly missed.
Sheryl Burman, Music Chairman

Sheryl Burman - February 06, 2018 at 01:38 PM



“ Ms. Joey Miranian - Fellow Teacher sent a virtual gift in memory of Dan Boyer



Ms. Joey Miranian - fellow teacher - February 06, 2018 at 10:15 AM



“ Dr. Curry, BOE Members, Staff & Students of CCPS purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dan Boyer.



Dr. Curry, BOE Members, Staff & Students of CCPS - February 06, 2018 at 08:06 AM



“ My deepest condolences. It was such a pleasure to know and work with Dan. The ultimate professional! May he rest in peace.

Vicky Karol



Victoria Karol - February 06, 2018 at 07:56 AM



“ Dan was such a stalwart in CABs tenor section for so long; sweet natured, musically gifted, a real mensch and wonderful colleague. When our quartet's tenor quit in a snit, threatening our hard won concerts at Princeton a few years back, Dan graciously stepped in and saved us. We wished he could have become the new tenor, but he was so committed to being the great teacher he was, that he declined. We were so lucky school was not in session!

Jason Ryan - February 05, 2018 at 11:53 PM



“ Mr. Boyer was a great teacher and mentor to so many that passed through his door. He was always ready to welcome everyone in with a smile and a new song to learn. He helped me to realize my singing potential and helped me to not be so scared in front of a crowd of people. He will be missed by all who's lives he touched. Me and my family will be praying for all of you.

Faith Tritt - February 05, 2018 at 11:07 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dan Boyer.



February 05, 2018 at 10:55 PM



“ Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dan Boyer.



February 05, 2018 at 09:59 PM



“ I was one of his students his first couple years as a teacher. He was one of those teachers you never forget.

Mike Smith - February 05, 2018 at 09:39 PM



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February 05, 2018 at 08:24 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dan Boyer.



February 05, 2018 at 08:24 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dan Boyer.



February 05, 2018 at 08:06 PM



“ Mark, Nina Kulick and Family Amityville New York purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dan Boyer.



Mark, Nina Kulick and Family Amityville New York - February 05, 2018 at 08:03 PM



“ I appreciated Mr. Boyer more than he knew. I was only in his class for one year, and he is the sole reason I achieved my goal of making it into the Maryland All-State Choir during the only year I had a chance to do so.

I was sick as a dog during my All-State audition. Coughing, sneezing, couldn't breathe, you name it. I remember feeling so guilty because Mr. Boyer had done so much work to prepare us for the required pieces, and I knew I was just going to blow it because of this freak sickness. Fast forward a few weeks, and I remember having a horrible day, spent some time in the office for a dress code infraction or something. I walked into choir class late holding up a pair of size 10 track pants around my waist, frustrated and pissed off, and the first thing he says is, "You can stop being angry now. You've made it."

There is no better angel than an angel of music. It was only for a year, but I learned more about music and vocal performance from Mr. Boyer in that year that I ever had. I'm saddened by the loss, but I am glad he now gets to forever sing in the most honored of choirs.

Jordyn Goddard - February 05, 2018 at 07:39 PM



“ Dee, Terry, Kate, Tom and Matthew Byrne purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Dan Boyer.



Dee, Terry, Kate, Tom and Matthew Byrne - February 05, 2018 at 07:35 PM



“ So sad to hear of Mr. Boyer’s passing. He was my 6th grade chorus teacher, 22 years ago at Southern Middle. When I was involved in theater at Patuxent, we worked on musicals together. He was such a friendly guy, but didn’t take any guff either. I visited him a couple times in college and he was always a blast to hang out with. Thanks for everything, Mr. Boyer. Love, Lisa

Lisa Solier (Burkman) - February 05, 2018 at 07:03 PM



“ I am so sorry to know of Dan's death. I knew him through my work as editor for Maryland Music Educators Association. His kind, sunny disposition will be greatly missed. Felicia B. Johnston

Felicia B. Johnston - February 05, 2018 at 06:56 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dan Boyer.



February 05, 2018 at 06:48 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dan Boyer.



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“ Mr. Boyer was truly an inspiration. He taught me how to be brave and sing with passion. Because of his kindness, patience, and excitement for teaching, I took as many of his classes. His willingness to work after hours with me for numerous auditions was true kindness. His bright smile every morning made coming to school a joy. His investment in his students goes far beyond their high school education. I will truly miss him. Rest in peace Dan.

Emileigh Shoemaker - February 05, 2018 at 06:21 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. We loved Dan at Christ Lutheran Church. He was a beam of light and love in our lives.
Most sincerely,
Natalie Swanson

natalie Swanson - February 05, 2018 at 06:02 PM



“ What a great guy. Dan was full of joy which drew people to him. He will be greatly missed.

A friend - February 05, 2018 at 05:50 PM



“ Dan was one of our long-time client "friends" that we knew at The Musical Source since he started teaching and we opened the store in 1993. He was fun, easy-going and I have NO doubt a great teacher/mentor/conductor to the students at Huntingtown High School. He leaves behind a tremendous legacy for all those who sang under his baton. We share in the grief that his sudden passing has brought to us all, but also share in his light and the happy memories we know anyone who knew him will always cherish.
Deborah Thurlow, Vice President
The Musical Source

Deborah Thurlow - February 05, 2018 at 05:44 PM



“ I worked with Dan for one week at a music camp. As soon as I got the news; I knew immediately who this was. This is a true testament showing just how much Dan impacted our lives. Many prayers and condolences. - Jill Beram-Liimatta



Jill Beram-Liimatta - February 05, 2018 at 05:32 PM



“ I am so heartbroken about Dan. I met Dan when he came to Southern Middle. His smile, hugs, and laughter will always be my memories of Dan. In December I always looked forward to attending the Pops Concert in Baltimore to hear the beautiful music he was a part of. When he got Misha his friends and I gave him a puppy shower. The excitement he showed was so sweet. When I lost my Mom in 2004 Dan sang “How Great Thou Art” at her service. I finished my teaching career at Huntingtown High School in 2009 along side of Dan. His friendship is something I will never forget. My thoughts and prayers are with his family. Such a beautiful soul gone too soon.

Fran Hammersla - February 05, 2018 at 05:03 PM



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“ Mr. Boyer ignited my love for singing. He would always push me to audition for honors choirs because he saw potential in me even when i didn't see it myself. he helped me rehearse for my college audition which landed me a scholarship for music therapy. When I had him for first period he would start the day out with a great big smile. I am in shock by this tragedy. The angels choir gained a beautiful addition. To Mr. Boyer, thank you for making my high school years more than bearable and for always being there for me. You truly were a gift to all who knew you. May you rest in peace.

Melynne Wisniewski - February 05, 2018 at 04:26 PM



“ I was a student at Huntingtown and was lucky enough to know Mr. Boyer through those years, but my favorite memories of Dan have been those I've made knowing him after graduation. Working with the marching hurricanes has granted me the privilege of finding myself at Dan's desk about 4 nights a week so my husband Ryan and I would leave him little messages on his notepad to tell him he was the best. The next day we would find that he ripped them out and hung them. His love for his students both past and present was incredible. He is human sunlight. We love and miss you. Alabanza Dan.



Brianna Collins - February 05, 2018 at 04:15 PM



“ What we have once enjoyed we can never lose ... all that we love deeply becomes a part of us. We love you Dan and we will cherish our memories of you and will hold you close in our hearts forever. Martha, Darren, Emily and Ethan Bamkin.



Martha Bamkin - February 05, 2018 at 03:30 PM



“ It's hard to believe he is gone. All throughout my high school years, he was the reason I was always so excited to go. He was always so cheerful and optimistic, and he made music so much fun. He cared about his students, and often would lend a shoulder if we needed one. He was the best teacher any student could ask for.

Alesha Barreca - February 05, 2018 at 03:27 PM



“ Every memory I have of Dan includes that big, wonderful, infectious grin. He brought liveliness and joy wherever he went. We knew him as a student, and we are certain that he brought every gift he possessed into his teaching. Our hearts are saddened, even after all these years. I can't imagine the heartbreak felt by his close loved ones and friends. Dan, you beautiful soul, shine on and on. The world is a better place because you were in it.
My deepest condolences,
Vicki McDowell

Vicki McDowell - February 05, 2018 at 02:51 PM