



Daniel D. Roble

August 7, 1946 - December 29, 2020

Dodgeville— Daniel D. Roble, age 74, of Dodgeville passed away Tuesday, December 29, 2020 at St. Mary's Hospital in Madison.

He was born August 7, 1946 to Norman and Fyrn Roble in Sturgeon Bay and grew up in Door County. Dan's passion for music began when he attended Sturgeon Bay High School. As a student, Dan was always playing in the band and sharing his music with everyone.

Dan attended Carroll College for his bachelor's degree in music education and moved to Dodgeville to begin his career in music education. In 1970, Dan married Kim Vincent, who was also teaching music in the Dodgeville School District. Dan continued his education at UW-Platteville to obtain his master's degree in music education. He was a member of the Kappa Delta Pi Honor Society in Education.

Mr. Roble was very compassionate and showed kindness to everyone he met. He was known for his sense of humor and ability to connect with everyone. As a teacher in the Dodgeville School District, Dan shared his love for music by teaching students for 35 years. Dan taught the Dodgeville Middle School Band, Middle School Orchestra, and High School Orchestra. A special memory included a performance of the 1812 Overture with the DMS Band that included the Dodgeville United Methodist Bell Choir and cannons. He had a successful middle school summer band program, a middle school summer jazz ensemble, a summer community orchestra and earned a national grant for technology in music education with the support and friendship of Earl Liddle at Ward-Brodt in Dodgeville. On a state level he served on the Wisconsin School Music Association music education board for three terms and regularly volunteered for music education organizations. The Robles were very fortunate to work with John and Charlene Mingst, Richard Burris, Mark Ramthun, Danelle Schmid, and Julie Harris for many years in the music department of the Dodgeville School District. Dan was proud to serve on the committee for the new Dodgeville High School auditorium.

Dan's love and music education also extended outside the Dodgeville School District. As members of the Dodgeville United Methodist Church, he and Kim were faithful members of the church choir. Dan started and served as the director of the United Methodist Church Handbell Choir.

For many years Dan was a dedicated member of the Dodgeville Kiwanis club and served as their president for two terms and managed the Kiwanis Concession Stand at Governor Dodge State Park for several summers. Dan Roble's German Band provided a yearly performance for the Kiwanis Chicken BBQ. His German Band would develop into a group of musicians who were dedicated to bringing joy and music to many throughout southwest Wisconsin.

In retirement Dan was privileged to serve the community as a pharmacy technician at the Hometown/Corner Drug Pharmacy for sixteen years. He often enjoyed the coffee club, Red Room and Cobblestone breakfasts, his lunch bunch at Bob's BBQ and Dinos, and good times with his friends and family.

Dan loved music and his life centered on sharing his love of music. In addition to his passion in music education, he was an active participant in the Lancaster City Band, Platteville City Band, Mineral Point City Band, Potosi City Band, Mt. Horeb City Band, and any local groups that needed a tenor saxophonist. For many years he and John Mingst worked to present the Symphony of the Hills at Governor Dodge State Park. He sang in the Iowa County Scenic Sounds and with church choirs in the Dodgeville area. Most recently, Dan was able to perform alongside his son Matthew in the Hal Edwards Orchestra on summer nights at Devil's Lake State Park and at the annual Wisconsin Dells High School Big Band Dance.

Dan was always interested in Jeopardy, crosswords, reading, and exploring technology. Dan enjoyed traveling to various destinations with his family and friends. His most memorable vacations included traveling with Kim on the Wisconsin State University at Platteville Wind Ensemble European Tour and later with his son Chris and Lancaster City Band to Heiden, Germany. He always looked forward to spending precious time with his wife, children and grandchildren.

Dan was preceded in death by his parents, Norman and Fyrn Roble, his sister Hazel Krowas, and many more special family members that were a part of his life.

He is survived by his wife Kim of 50 years; his sons, Christopher (Angela) Roble in Green Bay and Matthew Roble in Wisconsin Dells; his grandchildren Allison and Emma; his

sister-in-law Ruth Currier and niece Missy (Tim) Piper and families in Burnsville, Minnesota, brother-in-law Herb Krowas in Sturgeon Bay and nephews Chad (Darcy) Krowas and family in Kimberly, and John (Nina) Krowas and family in San Francisco, California; cousins Bev (Bill) Wages and family in Sturgeon Bay, Dallas (Helen) Croft and family in Fennimore, Gene Cliff and family in Dubuque, Iowa and Sally (Charles) Aurit in Mineral Point and family.

Special thanks to Dr. Peter Mullin, the doctors, nurses, and staff of Upland Hills Health, the doctors, nurses, and staff at Saint Mary's Hospital, the staff at Ingleside Communities, and the staff of SSM HomeHealth for taking such good care of Dan. A huge thank you to all the prayers from Dan's friends and families. He truly appreciated and loved all of you.

Due to COVID-19 concerns, the family will be having a private service and burial. A celebration of life will be held at a later date in the Dodgeville community.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be sent to the Dodgeville School District music department and the Dodgeville United Methodist Church music department. Please specify In Memory of Daniel Roble.

Cemetery Details

East Side Cemetery

601 E. Division Street
Dodgeville, WI

Tribute Wall



“ *Daniel D. Roble*

November 15, 2022 at 06:49 AM



“ *We were heartbroken to learn of Dan's passing. Dan's love of music, education and community was surpassed only by his love of his family and friends. He enriched so many lives through his passion for music and music education, and he touched so many others with his love, compassion and friendship. We are sure that Dan will live on through the music he so freely and generously shared with his students, his church and the community - this was his gift and his legacy. Where a group of musicians gathered, you could be sure Dan was either leading them, or playing/singing among them. His immense talent, easy going nature, quick smile and sense of humor will be greatly missed.*

Much love, and our sincerest condolences to Kim, Matt, Chris & Family. We know the grief from this loss is heavy.

Play on, Dan, and thanks for the music & your friendship.

*With Love & Gratitude,
The Lasceski Family*



Diane Lasceski - February 26, 2021 at 10:56 PM

MA

“ *Though I was never in band, I sang alongside him in the Iowa County Scenic Sounds for many years and he played in the pit orchestra while I was on stage for the many high school musicals I was part of. It's obvious he was always "The Music Man" and his joy of music enriched the lives of thousands upon thousands of people. Rest in piece, Mr. Roble.*



Mark Ahrens, Dodgeville High - Class of '87

Mark Ahrens - January 21, 2021 at 12:17 PM

JT

“ *Though all of our teachers influence our lives in profound ways, as a professional musician I am particularly indebted to Mr. Roble! He was my middle school band director, and orchestra director from 6th grade all the way to graduation. He taught me the violin and the bassoon, I played alongside him in the pit orchestra for musicals, I sang with him in Scenic Sounds, and he even gave me my first coaching as a conductor (an interest that wouldn't be reawakened until more than a decade later). Most importantly, though, his leadership of the orchestra and band was foundational to my own work as an educator. He was quick to offer encouragement, but just as ready to really challenge each of his students to strive to fully realize his/her potential.*

I have had a satisfying musical career teaching, performing, and composing, and it's due in no small part to the influence of my earliest music teachers, like Mr. Roble. My current university orchestra students will attest to the fact that when they distractedly noodle on their instruments during rehearsal, I regularly remind them: "You know what my middle school orchestra director used to say. 'Practice on your own time!'"

Mrs. Roble, Matt, and Chris, I know that your hearts ache more deeply, because you have lost a husband and dad. I hope, though, that you find comfort knowing that you are not alone in your grief, as an entire community that has lost a true Mensch mourns with you. My wife and I will keep you in our prayers during this time. Mr. Roble's legacy continues to live on in the thousands of lives he touched.

-Jacob Tews

Jacob Tews - January 14, 2021 at 10:18 AM

JK

“ I remember Dan Roble as a man with a twinkle in his eyes and a warm and caring smile. Under his leadership music became much more than learning notes. Music became a way to develop personal confidence; to grow by taking risks; to develop the skills of cooperation; and to develop a sense of community. All students were respected and encouraged to do their best. Dan Roble took group after group of inexperienced students and turned them into musicians. The concerts were tributes to his patience, his commitment to his students and his love of teaching. He will be remembered as a Master Teacher of Music!

Jane Hammatt Kavaloski

jane H Kavaloski - January 05, 2021 at 05:13 PM

KF

“ *Kim & Family,*

We were saddened to hear about Dan's passing. He was a kind soul and a leader in Dodgeville. Although I only knew him for a few years, it was evident that he cared deeply for the community, was an amazing music teacher, and was passionate about his band. I heard he and his band play several times as I passed out food for Kiwani's chicken BBQ. He will be greatly missed by the community and always remembered by his friends, family and all the students he positively impacted. We will be making a donation to the Dodgeville Music Department in his memory. Try to find strength in remembering the good times and the legacy Dan left behind. Thoughts and prayers during this difficult time!

Kym Fritz-Pluym and Evan Pluym

Kym Fritz-Pluym - January 04, 2021 at 02:10 PM



“ *Dear Kim and family,*

It was a great pleasure for me to have worked with Dan at the pharmacy! Always so kind and compassionate along with a smile and positive attitude. Then he retired and became a member of the coffee club that met at the soda fountain counter. We were still able to his smile and kind words! Our deepest sympathies to your family! Tara Frank

Tara Frank - January 02, 2021 at 07:49 PM

TE

“ Dear Kim, Chris, Angela and Matt -

We send you our deepest sympathy in the loss of Dan. We know you will greatly miss him, but the entire Dodgeville community will miss him, too. His legacy of helping young people through his teaching, his church and his participation in Kiwanis would be hard for anyone to match. We are so thankful he taught our sons Nate and Matt. Terry enjoyed serving with him in Kiwanis and playing with him in the Christmas band at church. Dan's work on the Auditorium and Gymnasium fundraising committee and the success of that committee leaves another lasting legacy. Attached is a picture of three giants in Dodgeville music (John Mingst, Earl Liddle and Dan Roble) who provided music at our wedding over 41 years ago. How lucky were we?

Terry and Penny Edwards



Terry and Penny Edwards - January 02, 2021 at 05:11 PM

MB

Lucky indeed!!!! What a wonderful photo!

marcia gevelinger bastian - January 03, 2021 at 01:52 PM

MR

Love this photo!!

Mark Ramthun - January 05, 2021 at 04:11 PM

JT

What a great photo, and a precious memory!

Jacob Tews - January 14, 2021 at 09:55 AM

RS

“ Dear Kim, Chris, Matt and family; My memories of Dan go back to the time when he was working on his Master's Degree at Platteville. We shared a common love of the Saxophone, soon found each other and had a great time playing Saxophone duets in the tiny practice rooms of Old Main. They include our Wind Ensemble tour of Europe, with all its great memories, in the summer of 1971, (I can't believe it's going to be 50 years ago!), and working as colleagues in music education in the Southwest Wisconsin Conference. Dan's commitment to his community and his students is a model for anyone pursuing a career in music education! It's so rare these days to spend one's entire in one place. I'll always remember his infectious sense of humor and smile. Rest in peace my friend - maybe we'll be able to play some more duets some day !

Rob Shepherd

Robert F Shepherd - January 02, 2021 at 12:48 PM

VS

“ *Kim and Family,*

It saddens me to hear of Dan's passing. He created such a family environment in orchestra. His ability to stay positive and encouraging was great (and anyone that hears early string players knows the patience that must have taken!). One of my favorite memories was playing for the senior citizens. How fun for us that he arranged for the whole orchestra to perform at the senior center. It didn't surprise me that he continued to entertain others through music after retirement. Listening to the music at the chicken barbecue was always a treat. Your family brought music to my daily life. I thought of you, Kim, as I was playing Christmas songs on the piano - thank you for the piano lessons and letting me know the family side of the Robles.

*My sincere condolences,
Vicki Olsen Spellman*

Vicki O Spellman - January 02, 2021 at 11:08 AM

JM

“ *Dan was always quick with a smile and a joke. He was a longtime member and leader of our Kiwanis club and will be sorely missed. Our club especially appreciated Dan and his German band at our annual chicken barbecue. Our sincerest sympathy to Kim and the entire Roble family.*

Jim Massey - January 01, 2021 at 06:33 PM

SM

“ I am saddened to hear of Mr.Roble’s passing. He was one of the most positive people I have ever met, and his passion for music (and for teaching it to kids like me!) was unparalleled. He brought so many YEARS of enjoyment of music to all of us, and poured his life into his students. Whenever I pick up my violin, I always think of Mr. Roble and all he did and taught. So many memories growing up - orchestra practice, playing in the pit for every musical, concerts, Barbershop Singing, Symphony of the Hills (always loved the 1812 Overture at the 4th of July!), the German Band playing at the Chicken Barbeque.... I continue to treasure them forever. I just want to say to Kim, Christopher, and Matthew - Thank You for ‘loaning’ your Husband and Father out to all of us kids for all those years - God blessed all of us so much through him. I pray for the Peace and Comfort of the Lord Jesus Christ for all of you in your loss.

Blessings,

Scott Samuelson, MD

Fort Collins, CO

Scott J. Samuelson, MD - January 01, 2021 at 04:03 PM

PD

“ Dan was a great friend and mentor as I started my own career in Music Education fresh out of college. He touched more lives than I can count through his teaching and his devotion to serving our entire area in a variety of ways. Dan’s presence will be missed by people from all walks of life and our prayers will be with the Roble family as they walk through all that lies ahead.

Phil & Cindy DeKok - January 01, 2021 at 12:15 PM

MB

“ I’m so very sorry to learn of the loss of Dan, such a very kind and generous man. Although he was never my teacher, he surely demonstrated kindness and interest whenever we would cross paths. Many learned so much from him and he will be missed very much. My condolences to all of his family and friends.

Marcia Gevelinger Bastian

marcia gevelinger bastian - December 31, 2020 at 08:29 PM

JW

“ So very saddened at the loss of our sweet coffee-sipping, music and life-discussing, dear, dear friend. He never missed telling the kids how much he enjoyed their music performances. My heart goes out to the family. Dan will be missed very much.

Julie Witter-Jewell - December 31, 2020 at 10:46 AM



“ Dan was an enormous influence on so many. We will always remember his impact and carry fond memories. Sending our deepest condolences to the Roble family.

Nathan and Cassie Edwards

Nathan Edwards - December 31, 2020 at 10:24 AM



“ Shortly after we moved to Dodgeville, we moved into a house just up the street from the Robles. They took us under their wing and made us part of the school and music community. I remember attending many wonderful concerts and many wonderful after-concert gatherings at the Roble house. Dan made a great Tom and Jerry and cherry bounce!

Dan welcomed me into the German Band and we played many great shows together, from christening decks to playing with the Symphony of the Hills.

Now Dan and John and Earl are playing great music together in Heaven!

From the other tributes here, it is profoundly clear that Dan had a tremendously positive impact on so many people. He was truly God's gift to his students, his colleagues, and the community. While we are saddened at his passing, we rejoice in having known him.

Our condolences to Kim and Matt and Chris and the entire Roble family. May God grant to all of you His strength, His comfort, and His peace.

Terry and Donna Ludkey

Terry Ludkey - December 31, 2020 at 10:18 AM



“ Kim and family, I am so sorry to learn about Dan's death. All of you certainly put up a gallant fight in the past months. Rely on your good memories to get you through this. Grief is hard work, so no matter what feelings you happen to have on any given day let them be accepted and be kind to yourself. You have my prayers and sympathy.

Sue White

Susan White - December 31, 2020 at 10:04 AM

RJ

“ *I never was in band but he loved what he did and cared deeply for the ones he loved!!*

Randall Jewell - December 31, 2020 at 09:35 AM

SG

“ *Mrs. R, My deepest condolences to you and your family. I have fond memories of both of you and your love of music. Stephanie Schroeder Goshorn*

Stephanie Schroeder Goshorn - December 31, 2020 at 12:44 AM



“ *Thinking of you and your family. I have many warm musical memories of the Robles.*

Kathy Davies Ottow

Kate Ottow - December 30, 2020 at 11:07 PM

KK

“ *Dear Kim, Matt, and Chris,
Dan was instrumental in encouraging me to pursue music as my career. I often think of wisdom that he shared both when I was a student and when I started teaching. I feel very blessed to have grown up in Dodgeville and to have experienced all of the exceptional music teachers! I felt valued, inspired, encouraged, and had a lot of fun on top of all of that! Band was where some of my best friendships were made- the band marathons, being a student director, chair challenges, learning great music...also I seem to remember Dan giving a lot of Algebra help as well as band lessons! He will be greatly missed!
Sending you love and prayers and deepest sympathy-
Kathy (Roberts) Kellen*

Kathy Kellen - December 30, 2020 at 10:39 PM

AT

“ *Kim and family,*

He meant so much to so many! You could always tell he was a man of great faith and that he carried the joy and peace of Christ within him. My heart is heavy knowing how much he will be missed, but he is surely at home amidst the choirs of angels.

Anica Taggatz

Anica Taggatz - December 30, 2020 at 08:05 PM

SC

“ *Kim and family,
I am so sorry to hear about Dan's passing. He will be missed. I pray that God will give you all the comfort to make it through each and every day. May He give you the peace that surpasses all understanding.*
Sandy Cliff

Sandy Cliff - December 30, 2020 at 06:27 PM

SW

“ *Our entire family joins in sending our warmest prayers and deepest condolences to the entire Roble family. Dan was a true blessing to the Dodgeville music community and the students that benefitted from his humor and warmth. Arch had a special relationship with him at the "Rooster Club" and shared many stories. It is so sad that Covid ended that get together. Please know that many share in your loss and will remember him with much fondness. His memory will carry on through his many students and others who knew him. Our deepest sympathy to all of you!*

Sharon and Arch Wimer - December 30, 2020 at 06:09 PM

EO

“ *Our deepest condolences to the Roble family. Mr. Roble was a wonderful teacher. His music classes were so important to us. He always provided a safe, creative space for his students and we appreciated him immensely for his kindness and nurturing.*
Sending prayers and warmest wishes to the Roble family for peace.
Sincerely,
Karen Hansen and Erika Ostern

erika ostern - December 30, 2020 at 03:39 PM

SW

“ *Kim, Chris and Matt,
We are so sorry to hear about Dan's passing. We send comforting thoughts to you as he will be so missed. Duane and Joan Wilcox, Jeff and Sharon Wilcox*

Sharon Wilcox - December 30, 2020 at 03:37 PM



“ *Mrs. Roble and Family,
So sorry for your loss. Dan was great band and orchestra teacher.*

- Ann (Schutte) Dunn

Ann Dunn - December 30, 2020 at 03:26 PM

JG

“ Kim, Chris and Matt - Matt & I are thinking of you & so sorry for your loss. I will always have fond memories of Mr Roble. I like to think he and Dad are having a good time catching up.
Julie Gehl❤️



Julie Gehl - December 30, 2020 at 12:46 PM

RJ

“ My condolences to the Robles family. Mr. Robles made middle school band such a great experience. He had a positive affect on many young lives including mine.

-Ron Dentinger Jr.

Ron Dentinger Jr. - December 30, 2020 at 11:27 AM

KK

“ Mrs. Roble and family,
I'm saddened to hear the news of Mr. Roble's passing. I didn't know him that well although I still remember the time when I was in summer school going into i think either 2nd or 3rd grade and he was my home room teacher. He would always joke around and even one time was like I bet you I can knock down this wall using only my hand and we were all like that's impossible thinking he meant like destroying the wall. But all he did was simply used his fist and "knocked" down the wall. That's really my only memory I have with him and again even though I didn't know him all that much he definitely left quite a great legacy behind. All of you guys are in mine and my family's prayers. And our deepest condolences, Kylie (Ky), Kaleb, Don Kreul, and Wendy Nipple.

Kylie Kreul - December 30, 2020 at 11:25 AM

D(

“ Dear Kim, Chris, and Matt:

My deepest condolences to you all! Mr. Roble was such a huge part of my music life. He encouraged me to play oboe in the middle school band when I hadn't even thought about it as I was already in the orchestra. He invested so much into my learning different instruments, even when he thought I was crazy for trying "just one more." I will never forget how he worked diligently with me my senior year to play an extremely hard violin solo and I ended up at State. His encouragement, as well as his sense of humor, have shaped so many who were fortunate to have him as a teacher. I am forever grateful that he was in my life. Rest in Peace Mr. Roble - you are greatly missed!

Debbie Morgan (Gleisner)

Debbie Morgan (Gleisner) - December 30, 2020 at 10:56 AM

JM

“ I choose to share this picture, because I don't know what I would have become if it wasn't for Mr. Roble. I feel like I am who I was meant to be because of his kind yet firm nurturing of me in orchestra, choir and band. He taught me about practicing by keeping me after school and banishing me to a practice room with my double bass and a stack of music for talking back in rehearsal (or some other stupid junior high mistake I made). I think that was the first time I ever really practiced for more than 10-15 minutes- and the time passed so fast he had to kick me out when it was time for him to go home.

I remember when I joined the junior high band as a bass player, he stuck a pair of cymbals in my hand when we went to go marching- I'm pretty sure that one of the first few times I crashed them together they stuck and wouldn't come apart. I was completely embarrassed, but he didn't make a big deal, came over right away, fixed the problem eventually (they were pretty darn stuck) and he taught me how to do it right so it wouldn't happen again (never did, I was a quick learner).

And high school orchestra was so much fun, we worked hard, we went places, met other students and teachers/conductors/musicians. We might have been from a small town, but he and the Dodgeville music team opened a world of opportunities for us all.

I could go on and hope to share in person someday, but I just wanted to share one last thought of how darn funny Mr. Roble was, he could defuse the tension in the room with a quick look or one liner. At concerts, he could always get the audience to chuckle a bit. I'll always remember his lovely smile and kind words. He lives with me everyday at school when I'm teaching my own students. I strive to be as good to them as he was to me. Thank you and blessings to your family.



Joe Mish - December 30, 2020 at 10:12 AM

JD

Perfect and beautiful accolade of a teacher who absolutely made a positive difference in thousands of children's lives.

Joann Dentinger - December 30, 2020 at 10:38 AM

LG

“ I have so many fond memories from orchestra. He was the kindest, sweetest person with a great sense of humor, and even thirty years later I still think of him as one of my favorite teachers ever! He touched my life and the lives of so many people. My heart goes out to you at this time.

Lori Gottschalk - December 30, 2020 at 10:10 AM

JP

“ Our deepest sympathies to the Roble family. Dan's legacy is far reaching for many generations to come. His life touched so many. We are so grateful that God graced us with him during our season in Dodgeville. We feel blessed by many memories of his gifts: musicianship, (so many ensembles, but our family so loved the German Band performances at the Cuba City nursing home); teaching, (so many years of investing in the future...special memory of the 1812 Overture?? and special permission to shoot live rounds!); leading (so many patient years of grace filled directing of the DUMC bell choir) Sense of humor and wit (endless smiles, laughter, punchlines and quick comebacks); never-ending support of all things arts (his continued involvement and cheerleading of so many) and his abundant love and pride of his family! Dan will be missed. May a lifetime of memories bring peace and comfort. Know that there are many who are surrounding you in thought and prayers as you celebrate a life well lived. Alan and Julie Piper, Maggie and Drew

Julie Piper - December 30, 2020 at 10:01 AM

SM

“ Dear Kim, Chris and Matt,
Our deepest sympathy on the loss of Dan. He was an absolutely wonderful person. Getting to know him through middle school band when our children Pete and Katie participated, and during cross country when Chris and Matt ran with our boys was a privilege. Such a kind and gentle soul who will be greatly missed. Dan touched so many people's lives. Sending much love and many prayers during this difficult time.

Den and Sue McGraw

Sue McGraw - December 30, 2020 at 09:54 AM

LW

“ Dear Kim, Chris and Matt,

I am so saddened by the loss of this incredible man. I have lifelong memories of sharing music with him and your family. It all started in the 4th grade with piano lessons with Kim and 5th grade to the clarinet with Dan. It continued into the middle school and high school adding in the cello. After college, coming back to Dodgeville to play with the German band and with the high school musicals. He was always so helpful and caring. So many wonderful memories! Thank you for sharing Dan with so many people during his lifetime. He will be deeply missed and remembered for so much. Love and prayers to you all. Leta

Leta Willie - December 30, 2020 at 09:14 AM

TB

“ Getting to know Dan was a sincere joy and honor. I really cannot put into words how much his kindness, support and enthusiasm for music and teaching impacted me during my time in Dodgeville. I will never forget all of the times he would come play in our musical orchestra pits and how he always hoped he wouldn't need to play the electronic winds! He would give me a smirk and wink every time I told him we would need those extra tones :) Being a calming presences in the Festival Headquarters for Solo/Ensemble and Large Group and a loud cheerleader for our students and the music program - Dan was always involved and excited about what all were doing.

Our sincere condolences during this time.

~Tamra (Novinska), Jeff and Clara Bickel



Tamra Bickel - December 29, 2020 at 11:31 PM