



Dr. Daniel Edward Stanczak

October 17, 1948 - August 2, 2025

Dr. Daniel Edward Stanczak, 76, of Iron Mountain, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, August 2, 2025 en route to Green Bay.

Dan was born on October 17, 1948, son of the late Henry and Margaret (Larson) Stanczak in Braddock, PA, but grew up in Houston, Texas. Dan served 10 years in the United States Army, later obtaining his PhD in neuropsychology as well as a master's degree in music. He worked as a clinical neuropsychologist until his retirement in 2011. He married the love of his life and soulmate, Elizabeth Hunt, on September 11, 1991 In Lake Tahoe, NV and they enjoyed 33 years of marriage while raising 6 wonderful children together. After many years in Texas, Dan and Elizabeth relocated to Iron Mountain, MI

Dan was an exceptional man, having helped others reach success in the field of neuropsychology as a professor or adjunct faculty in multiple universities; Trinity University, Saint Mary's University, California School of Professional Psychology, and Our Lady of the Lake University. He wrote many professional papers, conducted and completed many research projects, supervised and participated in the writing of many dissertations while, most impressively, he wrote a paper with one of the founding fathers of modern neuropsychology, Ralph Reitan. Dan developed tests that were extensions of instruments used

to perform neuropsychological evaluations. He was a brilliant man! He was a respected member within the field of neuropsychology. In fact, he was loved by many while liked by all.

He enjoyed composing music and writing political satire. While his plans to publish his work were left unfinished, he did get recognition from the Army Band for his musical efforts, as well as recognition from the University of Houston concert band. He could do almost anything. He was everything to his wife.

Left to cherish his memory are his loving wife, Elizabeth; son, Karl Stanczak; daughters, Heather Chavez and Astrid Stanczak; step-son, Timothy Dixon; step-daughters, Kimberly Dixon and Lisa Thomas; brother, Drake (Lori) Stanczak; sister, Donna (Bruce) Crawford as well as numerous other family members and special friends.

In addition to his parents, Henry and Margaret; Dan was preceded in death by his two beloved brothers, David Stanczak and Dennis Stanczak.

Visitation will be held from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM on Friday, August 8 at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home. A memorial service with full military honors will follow at 5:00. Rev. James Danielson will officiate.

Condolences to the family of Dr. Daniel Edward Stanczak may be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain with the arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 8. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home
901 Carpenter Avenue
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Memorial Service

AUG 8. 5:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Every time I encountered Dan, his smile, sense of humor, wit, and warmth were front-and-center, with his affinity for reflection and deep consideration waiting just underneath. A rare breed, he will be missed.*

Patrick Richardson - August 06, 2025 at 03:10 PM

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“ *I've known Dan and Elizabeth for 10 years. Dan was kind, generous, and loving especially towards Elizabeth. He was also sarcastic and a smart ass, but I loved every part of his personality. I will cherish every memory. He will be missed.*

Karol and Lee Hendrickson

Karol Hendrickson - August 05, 2025 at 04:34 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dr. Daniel Edward Stanczak.*

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