



Danny John "DJ" Slechta

January 25, 1954 - June 1, 2020

Danny John Slechta, 66, of McPherson, KS, passed away at 4:25 p.m., Monday, June 1st, 2020 while in the company of family members, at Tammy Walker Cancer Center, Salina, Ks.

Danny was born in Ellsworth, Kansas on January 25, 1954, a son of Evelyn Marie (Schultz) and Richard John Slechta.

Danny attended the Ellsworth Elementary School, Ellsworth, Kansas, McPherson Junior High and graduated from McPherson High School, McPherson, Kansas in 1972. He later attended Hutchinson Community College, Hutchinson, Kansas.

He was Baptized in the Immanuel Lutheran Church, Ellsworth, Kansas and was Confirmed in the Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, McPherson, Kansas.

Through the years Danny worked as a concrete foreman for R.K. Miller Construction, spent many years establishing, managing, playing, writing, booking, did the art work on posters, playing base, later lead guitar for many bands like Tequila Jam, Maniax, and Locomotive, and was production supervisor for M.C.D.S. for many years until his retired in 2017.

Danny enjoyed music, his boys, his pets, his grandchildren, fishing, camping, was very talented artistically making many projects, painting, drawing, and spending time with his family.

Danny J. Slechta was united in marriage to Susan Kay "Sue" Anderson on July 27, 1973 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in McPherson, Kansas. The young couple established their first home together in Hutchinson. In 1974 the couple moved to McPherson. This union was blessed with the birth of three sons, John Scott, Tharon Daniel, and Daryl Lee.

He is survived by his loving and devoted wife of over 46 years, Sue Slechta, of

McPherson, Kansas; his sons Scott Slechta and his wife Kristi, of McPherson, Kansas, Tharon Slechta, of Wichita, Kansas, and Daryl Slechta, of McPherson, Kansas; his sisters, Richkie Slechta, of Topeka, Kansas, Patricia "Pat" Schafer and her husband Danny, of McPherson, Kansas, and Carol Thach, of Holyrood, Kansas; his favorite granddaughters, Tiffany Slechta and Tabitha Slechta; several nieces and nephews, other relatives and a host of friends.

Danny was preceded in death by his parents.

A Celebration of life time will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Danny Slechta Memorial Fund and they can be sent to Glidden-Ediger Funeral Home; 222 West Euclid St., McPherson, Ks. 67460.

Comments



“ This is July 14th and I just learned about this Sue I am so sorry are you and the boys please let me know when something happens with Danny I had a lot of fun work he was such a cut up cutting his hair in the office we get busted by Tony the office supervisor good memories he was a crazy guy he'll be missed terribly I'm so sorry

Brenda Allenbach - July 14, 2020 at 11:50 PM



“ Found out June 17th of Danny's passing.
Disbelief has now worn off. I think of when starting out playing guitar and before playing in any bands of my own, Danny was kind enough to let me tag along to many of Tequila Jam's early rehearsals (at Brownie's house on Hayes St.) and local gigs in the area.
I remember helping set up at one gig in particular when he said he needed to change strings on his guitar at some point before the show. I offered to do that for him and was surprised when he accepted. That goes to show how laid back Danny always was. Not many musicians would be so trusting in someone, especially a kid like me, to work on his equipment. My Prayers go to Sue and the Slechta Family.
Douglas Fallis

Douglas Fallis - June 19, 2020 at 06:36 PM



“ So sorry to hear about Danny. Lot of fun back in Tequila Jam days, and I also worked as a temp at MCDS while Danny was still there. My thoughts and prayers are w all of you. May God comfort your hearts.
Louie Potts Peterson :0)



Louie Potts Peterson - June 18, 2020 at 12:01 PM



“ I can remember long summer nights hanging around at the park .Keith Crow Randy savage. A great summer Peace be with you.

Doug Schoen

Douglas Schoen - June 10, 2020 at 12:59 AM



“ I had the privilege and pleasure of playing rhythm guitar for Danny with Tequila Jam and Maniax. My absolute favorite memory of Danny other than our gigs was working with him at "The Ice Man". I believe it was 1985 Halloween day we delivered ice in Hutchinson. Boss and I dressed as prostitutes and Danny was our pimp. Had never (& still haven't) seen so many people laugh in an 8 hr time! Danny was blessed with an awesome sense of humor which I know rubbed off on me. Too many great memories to list. Thank you Danny!!! God be with you Sue and family!

Curt Clark - June 06, 2020 at 05:27 PM



“ Danny, bless his heart, was my hero when I asked the most difficult task of him, to play "Knocking on Heaven's Door" for me at my son's funeral back in '93. He had gotten to know him and I know it about broke Danny's heart. God bless you and God Speed my friend

Teri Serrault Hultgren - June 04, 2020 at 12:27 PM



“ I'm so sorry to hear of Danny's passing. Sue please accept my condolences to you and your family on behalf of me and mine.
Dennis and Janice Craven

Dennis Craven - June 02, 2020 at 07:10 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Danny John "DJ" Slechta.



June 02, 2020 at 04:21 PM



“ So very saddened to hear of Danny's passing. So many great memories of him back in the Tequila Jam days. His critiques of my bass playing made me a better musician. For that I have always been so grateful. Hopefully he and Bob will have some gigs lined up by the time I join them. Sue and family, you are in my thoughts. Stay strong. Godspeed Danny

Keith Hanson

Keith Hanson - June 02, 2020 at 12:17 PM



“ Peaceful walk after a fresh snow in the middle of the night sometime in junior high. Earl, Danny and I must have been the only people awake. The only tracks in the snow were ours. I pray that Danny and his family find the peace we experienced that night.

Keith Crow - June 02, 2020 at 10:29 AM



“ Danny, was with me during a very difficult time in my life, he was a friend that was there when I was lost. He will be missed. I pray for peace for Danny's family and friends.

J Dennis Clark - June 02, 2020 at 10:11 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers go out to you as you mourn the loss of Danny.



Brooke Olson - June 02, 2020 at 09:10 AM



“ Always looking out for the cats.. coming up with fun, new, creative ideas, making funny pictures.. such a good guy and tough ol bird.

jessica schadel - June 02, 2020 at 08:08 AM



“ Many memories of Danny while I was
Growing up....my parents and them were so close like family. My prayers are with
you all. Love you Sue and boys

Amy Williams - June 01, 2020 at 11:35 PM