



Daniel J. Ochs Sr.

September 2, 1961 - April 20, 2024

Daniel James Ochs, Sr., 62, of Lucinda passed away peacefully at his home surrounded by his family on Saturday, April 20, 2024 following a courageous battle with cancer. Born in Oil City on September 2, 1961, he was the son of the late Carl and Delene (Fesenmyer) Ochs.

Dan graduated from North Clarion High School and started his career at PennDOT shortly after. He worked his way up to Foreman, earning recognition by the governor with the Star of Excellence Award. He retired after 35 years of service to the State. Dan enjoyed all things outdoors, especially mowing, gardening, fishing, boating, snowmobiling, and splitting wood. He and his family moved to his father-in-law's farm in 2008 where he enjoyed planting corn, making hay and going for buggy rides. He also loved to take his little companion, Skippy, around the farm on rounds to check the crops. Dan's final mark on the farm was a new house for the family to continue to make memories in.

Dan is survived by his loving wife of 35 years, Susan (Keister) Ochs, and children, Daniel Ochs, Jr. (Misty) of Fayetteville, NC, Anthony Ochs (Brandy) of Clarion, Joshua Ochs of Harrisville, Miranda Ochs of Erie, and Katelynne Trudgen (Jake) of Lickingville. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Zoe, Ian, Joslynn, Jolene, Logan, Alisa, Toni and Willard. He was proud of his children's accomplishments, but his greatest joy in life was seeing the grandbabies laugh, play and grow. He also enjoyed the company of Winston, his four-legged companion, following Skippy's passing.

He is further survived by his siblings, Carl Ochs (Carolyn) of Fischer, TX, Jeffrey Ochs (Cindy) of Springfield, VA, Keith Ochs of Ashburn, VA, Frederick Ochs of Lucinda, Theresa Young (Jerome) of Butler, Michelle Hughes (Butch) of Leeper and Andrew Ochs (Brenda) of Lucinda and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Dan was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Michael Ochs, his father-in-law, Gary Keister and mother-in-law, Reba "Louise" (Clawson) Bayle. The Robert V. Burns Funeral Home in Clarion is handling the arrangements. Per Dan's wishes, a Celebration of Life will be held at his home in Lucinda on Saturday, April 27, 2024 starting at 2 p.m. Family and friends are invited to share Dan's favorite meal, chicken on the spit, as well as favorite memories, with the family.

The family would like to thank the nurses that cared for Dan at the Clarion Cancer Center and through the Clarion Forest VNA. He always looked forward to giving them a hard time during their visits. The family also encourages all to speak with their doctors regarding the need for colorectal cancer screening.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made in Dan's honor to the Clarion Forest VNA, 271 Perkins Road, Clarion, PA 16214 or to the Clarion Cancer Center, 150 Doctors Lane, Suite 1, Clarion, PA 16214.

Tribute Wall

VD

“ Fred, Michelle and family. You are all in our prayers and thoughts. If you need anything please let us know.

Veronica Dehner - April 26, 2024 at 10:02 AM

LR

“ Sue, and family, I am so very sorry for your loss. I thought the world of Dan. We had so many fun times at work. He will be missed. My prayers and deepest sympathy is with you all at this very difficult time.

Linda Ross - April 25, 2024 at 02:46 PM

BH

“ Bill and I are sorry for your loss.

Becky Hollis - April 23, 2024 at 08:49 PM

FW

“ From Mike & Dawn Williams planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Daniel J. Ochs Sr..

From Mike & Dawn Williams - April 23, 2024 at 05:10 PM

FW

“ From Mike & Dawn Williams purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Daniel J. Ochs Sr..



From Mike & Dawn Williams - April 23, 2024 at 05:10 PM

JW

“ Susan and family, Have many good memories of Dan from high school days and all the running around we did. There are a few that can't be mentioned, but I'm sure the the statue of limitations have ran out...Prayers to all. Rest in peace my Ole friend. Jerry Wolbert

Jerry Wolbert - April 23, 2024 at 04:23 PM

CS

So sorry for your loss. Christine (Lander) Snyder.

christine (Lander) Snyder - November 12, 2025 at 09:09 PM

SB

“ To Dan's Family: My deepest sympathies to all of you. Dan was such a nice man. He always had a smile that made you feel he was glad to see you. I'm sure you all have great stories to tell about him. May he rest in peace.

Susie Beary - April 23, 2024 at 03:04 PM

RW

“ Sorry for your loss. Dan was a good friend back in our school years and running around days, he was always fun , many memories were made.

Ron Weaver - April 23, 2024 at 01:40 PM

KI

“ Kayla Zoe lan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Daniel J. Ochs Sr..

Kayla Zoe lan - April 23, 2024 at 10:09 AM

KI

“ Kayla Zoe Ian purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Daniel J. Ochs Sr..



Kayla Zoe Ian - April 23, 2024 at 10:09 AM

RK

“ Rodney K. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Daniel J. Ochs Sr..

Rodney K. - April 23, 2024 at 09:52 AM

LS

“ To the Dan J Ochs, Sr Family: I send my sympathy to you, in learning of Dan's passing. He was a very good neighbor to me. He was always willing to help me when I asked for assistance when he was in good health. He always had a smile and used kind words and had a big wave whenever we met or passed by. I shall never forget him. RIP, Dan. To Sue and all I send my love.

Linda Steiner-Mander - April 23, 2024 at 09:27 AM

BO

“ I worked with Dan he was a great guy. Prayers for his family at this difficult time.

Bill Olinger - April 23, 2024 at 08:29 AM

TH

“ To Dan s wife , children and family, I worked with Dan 17 yrs, he was always a super nice guy with humor that you “ just never knew what he was gonna say”this saddens me to hear his passing and many prayers to his whole family RIP Dan 🙏

tracy himes - April 22, 2024 at 11:02 PM

DK

“ Our condolences to the Ochs and the Keister Families

DeAnna Kline/Todd Kline - April 22, 2024 at 04:43 PM

JG

“ I sure wished he would have been home the day we combined the corn maybe could have given him a ride That would have been great Joey Griebel

Joseph Griebel - April 22, 2024 at 03:17 PM