



Danny Thomas Eckert

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Danny Eckert was born on August 29, 1959 in San Antonio, TX to Marjorie Eckert and the late Charles Eckert. He grew up in a large family with two brothers, Chuck and Bob, and six sisters, Cathy Schneider, Peggy Miller, Jean Keen, Nancy Menger, Donna Fields and Tricia Guevarra . The family adventures of watching his Dad play baseball, picnics in the park, and travels to Stonewall, Texas molded his love for sports, friends, and the outdoors.

He attended St. Luke's Catholic School until the sixth grade. Danny's energy and passion for sports led him to make a transfer to Pat Neff Middle School. His high school years were spent at O.W. Holmes High School where he played quarterback on the Junior Varsity and Varsity teams. In 1976, Danny led the Huskies to their first and Northside I.S.D.'s first district football championship.

He united in marriage with his high school sweetheart, Karen Trojcak, on October 23, 1982. They welcomed their daughter, Jennifer, on December 11, 1982 and their son, Nathan, on February 23, 1988. He was so proud of his children and all their accomplishments. During their 34 years of marriage they had many special times, but the most memorable were at the family cottage in

Stonewall, the deer lease in Pipe Creek, Texas, and Bash at the Beach trips. He made these outings into explorations of special and unique things that make up the history and charm of the area.

Just about every weekend he gathered with his wife, children, their spouses, and granddaughters for family time where he enjoyed cooking his famous barbeque. It didn't matter what type of meat was on the grill when he was done it would just melt in your mouth.

Danny was blessed with a fighting spirit and a determination to overcome. At the age of 45, he was diagnosed with colon cancer. Even up to the end before he entered hospice care, he was determined to continue his fight against this disease. The surgeries and treatments would have tested the spirit of any individual.

He is survived by his wife, children, their spouses Joey Navarro and Krystal Eckert, his granddaughters Khloe and Maddison Navarro and expectant grandson Travis Eckert; as well as his mother, brothers, sisters, and their spouses along with numerous nieces and nephews.

The family will be forever grateful to Dr. Blair Jackson, Dr. Drew Rasco and Dr. Ronald Drengler for giving him a fighting chance to live beyond the initial diagnosis. A special thank you is also being extended to the nurses at the START Center for their care and compassion. Enough words cannot be expressed to thank Heart to Heart Hospice for their invaluable service and care during Danny's final hours.

In lieu of flowers, charitable contributions can be made to the William Ludwikowski Memorial Scholarship Foundation, 17318 Fountain Mist, San Antonio, Texas 78248.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **28**. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

St. Luke Catholic Church
4603 Manitou Drive
San Antonio, TX 78228

Rosary

NOV **28**. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Mass

NOV **29**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Interment

NOV **29** (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels and Cemetery Dominion
20900 IH 10 W
San Antonio, TX 78257
(210) 698-5252
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Tribute Wall

CF

“ Karen you and the family are in my prayers that the Lord our father help you in this time of sorrow. Cyndi (Perez) Favella.

Cynthia Perez Favella - November 30, 2016 at 11:24 AM

JF

“ So many great memories hanging out with Dan drinking beer, playing washers, BBQing... at the beach and backyard parties. I will miss his infectious, or at least, loud laugh! He was always fun to talk with and be around at family gatherings. Hugs to the Eckert Family!! Love from Joe and the Colorado Fields Family.

Joe Fields - November 29, 2016 at 09:17 PM

RN

“ I was the sports editor at *The Gavel*, the student newspaper at Holmes High, and I remember the night the Huskies won the district title. I came into the locker room and Danny was so happy. He hugged me as if I were a member of the team. A wonderful guy who will be missed. -- Rob Nikolewski

Rob Nikolewski - November 29, 2016 at 11:16 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Danny Thomas Eckert.



November 28, 2016 at 06:47 PM

CS

“ Karen, Jennifer, and Nathan,
Our sincere condolences to all of you. Danny fought the good fight like a real Husky! It was such an honor to have known him and his family. May God give you the strength to continue life as Danny would have wanted. Blessings to all of you.
Al and Corinne Saldaña

Corinne Saldana - November 28, 2016 at 05:43 PM

FM

“ I want to express my sincere condolences to the Eckert Family for the loss of Danny. I am one of the lucky people to be a survivor of rectal cancer and I can attest to the fact that it isn't an easy road to travel. I have known the Eckert family for many years and had met Danny on a few occasions. My thoughts and prayers go out to all the family, especially Mrs. Eckert.

Fred Meyer - November 28, 2016 at 04:44 PM

FA

“ I want to express our most sincere condolences to the Eckert family. Danny was always a great person. He was always eager to do his best as a quiet leader, humble in his action, but aggressive in his actions, to be the best he could be. Regardless of what you asked of him, he would look you in the eye with a determined look and say "yes sir". Danny was always a winner. He has fought the good fight and now is ready to meet Bill inside of those pearly gates--no further pain and suffering. I knew Danny to be a good leader, as our QB, and a great person. He had the respect and love of every teammate. May the Lord Bless each family member and give you strength and peace in knowing that Danny is now at a place where there is no further pain and suffering.

Frank & Sharon Arnold

Frank Arnold - November 27, 2016 at 02:20 PM

FS

“ *Frank and the Memory of Sophie!.... purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Danny Thomas Eckert.*



Frank and the Memory of Sophie!.... - November 27, 2016 at 12:31 PM

BH

“ *Danny was my friend, brother, quarterback and hero. He was the toughest competitor I've ever known. I love him and miss him already.*

Bobby Joe Harlow - November 27, 2016 at 08:45 AM

JF

“ *Joe Schiller and Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Danny Thomas Eckert.*



Joe Schiller and Family - November 26, 2016 at 05:13 PM



“ *A Devoted Heart Casket Insert was purchased for the family of Danny Thomas Eckert.*



November 24, 2016 at 08:30 PM

JN

“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



Joey Navarro - November 23, 2016 at 06:01 PM

RF

“ Rick Brown & Jeff Franz purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Danny Thomas Eckert.



Rick Brown & Jeff Franz - November 23, 2016 at 10:45 AM