



Daniel R. Dillman

August 15, 1971 - September 2, 2023

Daniel R. Dillman was born on August 15, 1971, in Tulsa, Oklahoma to David Keith Dillman and Pauline “Polly” Ellen (Mitts) Dillman. He passed from this life at his home in Owasso, Oklahoma on Saturday, September 2, 2023, at the age of 52 years. Daniel was raised and educated in Skiatook, Oklahoma and graduated with the Skiatook High School Class of 1989. After high school he went on a basketball scholarship to John Brown University in Siloam Springs, Arkansas where he played for the NAIA National Championship team while earning his bachelor’s degree in education. Daniel later earned his master’s degree in administration while teaching and coaching with Skiatook Public Schools. He worked as a teacher and a coach in Vinita, Oklahoma and Picher, Oklahoma before spending the majority of his working career in Skiatook for over 19 years. In Skiatook Daniel coached girls basketball, boys basketball, tennis, soccer and softball, and won the 2001 State Softball Championship. After leaving Skiatook, he worked a brief stint for DHS. Daniel had most recently been teaching at Collinsville Public Schools, where he worked as a bus driver, sixth grade math teacher, and oversaw the in-school suspension classes. In his spare time, he enjoyed playing basketball, watching college football, coaching, working out, but most of he loved spending time with his family. He is survived by;

His Loving Partner for the Past 17 years;

Jennifer Marrs

Son;

Derek Dillman and wife Bethany
2 Grandchildren;
Emmett and Paisley Dillman
Siblings;
David Paul Dillman and wife Tiffany
Dustin Dillman and wife Lynette
Rebecca Dillman
Parents;
David Keith and Pauline Dillman
Nieces and nephews:
Ashlee Driskell
Karlee Dillman
Perry Dillman
Keith Wayne Dillman
Marshall Elden Dillman
Great niece
Felicity Akin
Loyal companion;
Chubbs

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Dr. and Mrs Paul Elden Mitts Lonnie and Flossiella Williams, and his cousin, Mickey Graves.

A memorial service will be held 3:30 p.m. on Monday, September 11, 2023, at First Church in Owasso. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in Daniel's memory to the Daniel R. Dillman Memorial Fund (a scholarship fund for young athletes), C/o RCB Bank, P.O. Box 250, Skiatook, OK 74070. Arrangements and services were entrusted to Mowery Funeral Service in Owasso.

Tribute Wall

RI

“ He was bus 9s bus drive for a long time, always kind to myself and siblings. Rest in peace Mr dillman



Riley - September 26, 2023 at 11:40 PM

SS

“ There are so many memories to share: From the many Bundy intermural games, to the 3 on 3 tournament in Chicago, to many other extracurricular activity memories that are so vivid and clear as though there were just the other day. All of these seem clear but so minimal and unimportant as I think about life and the celebration of eternal life in Heaven.

This earth is temporary and such a short time compared to eternity. I am so thankful for our friendship over the years and look forward to seeing you again one day!

Scott Stalcup - September 10, 2023 at 08:18 PM

GG

“ I have such great memories of Daniel, although we rarely talked until he became ill, I always felt a connection to him because of the years of basketball we played together. Like all of my teammates there is always a special life long connection because of the blood, sweat, and tears you shed together over the years from grade school through high school. Daniel loved basketball like no other and especially playing for Coach Baker. To Coach Baker I say THANK YOU! My memories of Daniel are those of joy. A guy that worked hard everyday to become better, a guy that always put the team first, a guy that loved his teammates, a guy that didn't look for self glorification but was there to grind every day so we could be successful as a team. Daniel was always a joy to be around and no matter how things were going, he had a smile on his face. Our senior year Daniel was the MVP of our basketball team and today we celebrate how he was an MVP of life. After he became sick with cancer, I loved texting with him, and watching his post on Facebook. His love for the game, his love for North Carolina basketball, his love for OU football was never a question. He was never afraid to speak his mind on those subjects. You could see his competitive spirit in his Facebook comments. We saw that same competitive spirit in his fight for life over the last few years. There are two things I loved the most about our conversations and his post. 1. His love for his grandson. He was one proud grandpa and who could blame him! There was no doubt that little boy was a Dillman, one of the cutest kids I have ever seen....and to see him play with him brought such joy to my heart. 2. His faith in Christ, win or lose in this battle he knew he was a child of God, our Lord and Savior, and so on this day we celebrate not only his life on earth but his eternal life with his grandparents and with our Lord. Daniel, you impacted this world far more than you ever realized and You are loved and forever missed my brother...until we meet again. Gary Gardner

gary gardner - September 09, 2023 at 05:34 AM

MR

“ I first met Coach my freshman year, he was my math teacher. The only math class that I really got. I remember I was intimidated at first because he's this big guy, projects his voice like a coach does but through the class, getting to know him, he became one of my absolute favorites. Though I didn't have him in class again, he was coaching when I was a manager for the basketball team. A lot of practices, bus rides, the team feeling like a family and Coach Dillman very much like the papa bear. He was one of our senior advisors and that year he was a staple in my life. A mentor. One of my most vivid memories with him was at our graduation. After the caps were thrown and people were hugging and celebrating, he came up to me in the crowd and it was one of those moments you never forget. Celebratory and encouraging. Life tends to scatter people after High School. But Coach came back supporting me big when my son was diagnosed with Leukemia. Always praying and cheering for him as he was in the midst of his own battle. There is so many little things and you realize later that they were significant in building who you are. Coach was so good at those. I'm so grateful I knew him and blessed he was in my life. Sending so much love to his family and loved ones.

Maegan Rygiel - September 06, 2023 at 06:37 PM

RB

“ Never missed a practice, always was a tremendous worker and super teammate 🏀🏀 going to miss our talks about the Sooners and solving all the problems in today's world!! DD was a special person and always had my respect as a player to his coach!! The world has lost a special person!!!

Ron Baker - September 06, 2023 at 05:32 PM