



## Daniel R. Easton

August 5, 2014 - August 5, 2014

Daniel R. "Dan" Easton, 36, of Dallas, TX, Formerly Kearney, died Tuesday, August 5, 2014 at his home in Dallas.

Mass of Christian Burial will be Monday, August 11, 2014 at 10:30 a.m. at St. James Catholic Church in Kearney. Father Joe Hannappel, Father Art Faesser and Father Jonathan Sorensen will officiate. Burial will follow in the Plainview Cemetery near Maxwell, NE at 2:30 p.m. Visitation will be Sunday, August 10, 2014 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. with a vigil wake service at 6:00 p.m. all at the church. A memorial fund has been established in Daniel's name, care of the family. Visit [www.hlmkfuneral.com](http://www.hlmkfuneral.com) to leave a tribute or message of condolence. Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services in Kearney are in charge of arrangements.

Daniel was born August 12, 1977 in Kearney to Robert and Maureen (David) Easton.

As a child, Dan was active in many sports and earned the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts. He attended Kearney Catholic High School, graduating in 1996. He then attended UNK and played on the football team all four years.

After graduating with his degree in Telecommunications, he moved to Dallas, TX and started a job with the company that is now Verizon Business, being recruited directly out of college. He just recently celebrated his 14th year with the company as a Senior Engineer. Dan was a key member of a specialized planning group for long-distance transport, specifically ultra long haul equipment.

He loved Nebraska football and the Denver Broncos, as well as all sports and continued playing into adulthood. He especially loved his job.

In 2009 Dan married Shannon Carter and to this union a daughter, Hailey, was born. Dan also became a step-father to a son, Collin.

Survivors include his daughter Hailey of Dallas, TX; father, Robert Easton and his wife Marie of Kearney; sisters, Amy Schroder and her husband Bill of Funk, NE, and Susie Oligmueller and husband Jon of Hickman, NE, 3 nephews, 3 nieces; grandmother, Marilyn David of Arvada, CO and many extended family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Mikki Easton; grandfather, Thomas David; grandparents, Merlyn and Robert Easton; aunt, Janet Sessum and brother-in-law, Mathew Henriksen.

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Daniel R. Easton*

January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ *We never had a chance to meet. I wish I could have met you. I only pray your family finds comfort in your absence knowing again they will meet you in heaven. (Family)God bless your children and family as you endure this season of sorrow. We pray Father's hand on your hearts, knowing how heavy they must be. We love you from this distance that separates us, but we know you are in God's loving care and provision. Rest in His arms. Rob and Brenda Burns - Boston, GA*

**Rob Burns** - August 27, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dan started at Worldcom soon after I did in the late 90's but I didn't really get to know him until I came back in 2007 when he became my team lead. He was always willing to help out, very patient and if he didn't immediately know the answer, he knew who to ask. Great guy, great to work with, I only wish I had been able to get to know him better.  
Rest in Peace*

**David Clinkenbeard** - August 21, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Prayers for all the family and friends who knew and loved Dan. May the memories of the great times shared with him help to ease the pain and loss in time.*

**LISA SHELL** - August 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the family of such a wonderful person. Dan was a great person to work with whether in the office or on one of our projects outside the office.

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**Lawrence Dagate** - August 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Dan was a great person to work with. He will be missed at work everyday. My deepest condolences to the Easton family, Dan will always be in our hearts.

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**Madhavi Seelam** - August 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Prayers and fond memories are what we have to remember our dearly departed. May the love of family and friends comfort you during these difficult days, my most heartfelt condolences.

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**Maria Fox** - August 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ Dan was a great person and a skilled engineer. His eagerness to learn different approaches to solve problems, and the sincere desire he had to doing things the "right way," made him truly great to work with. By coincidence, we'd often arrive at the office around the same time and take the long walk together from our shady parking spots into the building. I'll miss the lite banter along the walk that helped the day get going. My deepest condolences to his family and friends on this great loss.

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**Jude Ognibene** - August 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“First, I want to offer my sincerest condolences to his family and closest friends.

*I knew Dan since our college days, and increasingly so as we undertook our final couple years at UNK. Having the same major and graduation year, we shared almost all of the same classes. We often had group or team activities and projects, and I always wanted to be on his team, because he was nice, dependable, easy going, and fun. However, when it was time to do the job, he wasn't someone you had to sit around and wait on, which I'm sure carried over to his professional career. I recall a trip we took while in college to telecom professionals convention in Chicago, and we sat in meetings all day listening to industry leaders give technical presentations that were a bit over our heads for the time, but we'd sit next to each other and try not to laugh because we were a little out of our element, but we'd try to soak as much information in as possible. The best part of the trip however, was when we got to hit the town together every evening, and we took full advantage.*

*When it came time for interviews and to decide where we wanted to work, we were both on a mission to Texas. I'll never forget how excited and relieved he was when it was official. We had offers in hand, and had visions to learn fast, and advance quickly to the top! It was easy to dream big at that point.*

*Although we were hired in very different sections of the company, we kept in touch, and our paths began to merge closer and closer over the years, until the last couple, where I would work with him directly, and I was relieved to have a knowledgeable friend "on the inside". He was ALWAYS happy to answer a question I had about what he was working on, and how it related to my projects. I had always hoped to eventually work along side Dan on the same team again, just like our college days. He was definitely my "go to guy" and he will be sorely missed not only a professional level, but a personal one.*

*Every time I would run into him on campus or at work he always had a smile, and no matter how busy, he would stop to talk, laugh and just see how things were going, and he genuinely seemed to care.*

*We lost a great guy in Dan, and I have always considered him a friend, and I will miss him.*

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**Jason Jernigan** - August 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LE

“ *So many great memories to cherish forever. Glad Darcy always had her camera to capture so many of them! You'll be missed dearly, but with me at every Red Dirt concert & as Micky & the Motorcars sang it... Don't be sad that's it over - just be glad it happened at all... Love ya friend*

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**Leah Eppenbach** - August 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ *Dan was more than a friend to the Munson family, he was "Uncle Dan"... From Kearney to Dallas, Huskers games to Pearl Jam concerts, I'll always remember the good times we had. Thank you for being a great friend to my big brother. Rest in Peace Dan*

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**Drew Munson** - August 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ *Such incredibly sad news. Our deepest condolences to Dan's family. He was such a funny man and always seemed to know how to light up the room. He will certainly be missed. Our thoughts and prayers will be with Dan's family.*

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**Jeff & Abbi Riley** - August 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PR

“ *Such great memories of Dan and his huge heart. I'm proud to have known such a genuinely good guy. He will surely live on through all of us fortunate enough to have crossed his path. All my best.*

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**Phil Radliff** - August 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ *Rest in peace.*

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**Dave Munson** - August 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *Dan lived with Bry and Jen for several years---to me, it was just like another member of the family lived there. Our friend is in a better place, but will be greatly missed. RIP, Dan..Jean & Marty Munson*

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**Marty Munson** - August 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ *I am deeply saddened by this event, and my thoughts and prayers are with Dan's family. Being one of Dan's teachers, I will always remember him as a very respectful, polite, considerate, kind, and caring young man. His absence is a loss to our world.*

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**Daryl Wolken** - August 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ *Dan , you were a good friend and genuinely great guy to everyone you crossed paths with. You will be missed by many. Until we meet again my friend...  
Our thoughts and prayers go out to your family.*

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**Chad Wallin** - August 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ I first met Dan as a fresh-faced kid out of college, ready to take on the world. I was immediately struck by his work ethic and eagerness to learn. We worked together over the years on many projects and he was always a true professional and a great engineer. But more importantly, he was just a wonderful person – always so kind and respectful. Always eager to help a co-worker or friend, no matter how busy he was. Dan left his mark on all of us. He will be missed but never forgotten.

*My sincere condolences to the Easton family. We all lost a great young man, but he'll live on in our hearts forever.*

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**Mary Barylski** - August 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ This is truly a sad time. Dan will be sorely missed.

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**Daniel Peterson** - August 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Dan will be missed dearly. He was a great friend and coworker. He will be in my thoughts and prayers often.

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**Bryan Braymen** - August 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ Dan was the go to guy for me when I was planning transmission in the SE. Very helpful and had a way of finding a solution for my builds.

*Thanks for everything Dan and we will definitely miss you.*

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**Taebum Kim** - August 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Dan, you will be sorely missed. You were a great co-worker and a pleasure to work with. Thank-you for always helping me when I needed it. I pray peace for your family in this difficult time.

Jason Gosser - August 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ Dan though you left us in a very tragic and sad way. I find comfort in knowing you are with loved ones. Celebrating your home coming and Birthday in Heaven. And if I know your mom she is with you and has a camera strapped around her neck so we won't miss a thing. Until we meet again, Aunt Konnie

Konnie Easton Britton - August 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Dan was a genuinely good man, and he will be dearly missed.

James Lee - August 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Dan was a great guy! He will be missed in my prayers will go up.

Josh Langdon - August 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ Dan was a good man and a colleague that will be very much missed.

Paul Pritchett - August 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ Bob, Amy, Suzie, Hailey and family. Words can't explain how much Dan meant to me. He was like the brother I never had and one of my very best friends. I'm going to miss our weekly phone calls and non stop reminiscing. Thanks for sharing him with me for the past 24 years.

*Love, Mike Weides*

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**Mike Weides** - August 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Dan was a wonderful guy. Just a real good person in every way. He called me daily to bounce ideas. We had a great time sharing thoughts, professional or otherwise. I miss Dan dearly!

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**Darryl Wilson** - August 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Thoughts and prayers to Don't family. Dan was a wonder person and will be truly missed by all.

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**Randy Smith** - August 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ This is a really sad time for all of us here at work; Dan was a super nice guy and great person to work with. I knew Dan since 1999 and I never heard any negative comment from him or toward him. He was truly a professional and awesome person and he will be sorely missed.

*Our Deepest condolences to the Easton family, Dan will always be in our hearts...*

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**Tarek Khoncarly (TK)** - August 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TX

“ *Tiejun Xia has sent this Expressions of Sympathy card.*

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**Tiejun Xia** - August 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ *Words cannot express the respect I had for Dan as a friend and co-worker. Dan and I started with Worldcom fresh out of college and formed a quick friendship as we shared many things in common. You will be sorely missed my friend. We've lost a great man way too soon.*

*To Dan's family,  
My deepest condolences. You should be extremely proud for raising such a wonderful person.*

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**Luke Soroka** - August 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ *While I didn't know Dan on a personal level, I did know him on a professional level. He was my go to guy for questions about the Verizon network. His job was very demanding but he always took the time to answer questions. He always made himself available to coworkers. I know his cubicle was probably the cleanest on the floor (very little clutter). I believe that is because he had information committed to memory. Very sharp guy. He will be missed greatly.*

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**Brent Myers** - August 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *Dan you will be missed. You were one of the nicest person I've ever met.*

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**jerry floyd** - August 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ Dan was always an excellent professional and great neighbor. I will miss our conversations.

*I will keep Dan and his family in my prayers.*

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**Daniel Perez** - August 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to the friends and family of Dan. Dan helped recruit me out of college to work at what is now Verizon and he will surely be missed.

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**Jay and Heather Borgmann** - August 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ Dan, you were a genuine person. Very kind and always polite and smiling. Loved being a teammate of yours with the Lopers.

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**KC Lathrop** - August 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ Dan touched many people and Im just glad to have known him. He will be missed.

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**Rob Durland** - August 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Dan was truly a great guy and teammate! I always talked to him about work over the phone from Silver Spring, MD until we finally met in Feb. Dan was warm and willing to show us around. He was a person everyone knew and highly respected. He will truly be missed and my heart and prayers are with his family.

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**Maisha Saldivia** - August 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ Dear Easton Family,

We are so very sorry for your loss. Please know that you are in our prayers.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

Mike and Pam Smith

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**Pam Smith (Carrie's sister)** - August 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ My thoughts and prayers are with Dan's family. I was Dan's high school English teacher and knew him as a kind, polite, and caring young man. He will be missed.

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**Bonnie Brown** - August 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ You will be missed.

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**Keith Heinemann** - August 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Dan was a true professional. From everything I have read he was even a better person away from work. Dan will be missed. RIP Dan.

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**Mike Ballard** - August 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM

EJ

“ I was extremely fortunate to have met Dan, he was a great coworker but an even better friend. You will be missed but not forgotten.

*My condolences to his entire family.*

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**Ernest Rojas Jr** - August 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JY

“ Dan was such a great person and I was fortunate enough to call him a friend in college. He always would take the time to catch up - even if it had been forever since we last talked. My condolences go out to his family and cherish all the great memories.

*Jill Young*

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**Jill (Buss) Young** - August 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ Dan(the man) you have always been so very special to all the members of your family, our love for you runs deep. I am very proud to call you my nephew and will love you always and forever.

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**ronda carpenter** - August 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Bob, Amy and Susie-I still can't find the words to adequately express my profound sorrow for your family. Dan was one of the best people I've been blessed enough to know and our family was fortunate enough to get to love him too. Our most sincere condolences.

*Bryan, Jen, Trevor and Jake Munson*

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**Jen Munson** - August 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Goodbyes are not forever. Goodbyes are not the end. They simply mean I'll miss you until we meet again.

*"Unknown Author"*

*I'm still at a loss for words and saddened with this heavy heart. I'll always have wonderful memories of the years I was truly blessed to have a man like you in my personal and professional life.*

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**Joey K** - August 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ It was an honor to have met Dan and enjoy his company. The Husker family lost a great one.

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**Bob Van Horn** - August 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ Dan is a great guy and will be missed dearly. I loved hearing his laugh at the office and especially loved seeing dan turn beet red when he was frustrated with something that was said that didn't make any sense at all. In those moments Dan would just tighten his lips, fold his arms and take a deep breath. It may not sound humorous to you reading this but you had to be there to understand why it was comical. We played golf on numerous occasions and I always wore Texas Tech gear because I knew he would wear Nebraska. It was always a topic starter or just a friendly debate by some outsiders viewing our discussions.

*Dan you will be missed. My condolences to the entire family. You all raised a good man.*

*Kyle Hemmer*

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**Kyle Hemmer** - August 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PE

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to Dan's family. I will remember Dan for the kind and quiet spirit that I knew at work, and I will never forget that one day a few years ago when Dan turned into a stand-up comedian for about 10 minutes (as he made me laugh so hard my eyes started watering) as he told me the story about a trip to Lubbock he had just taken.

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**Phil Edwards** - August 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to his father, sisters, family, friends and co-workers. We are extremely saddened by his passing. He was an incredibly intelligent telecom professional, a compassionate father and -- to a man -- one of the guys you always wanted to hand out with. Please let us know if there is anything that we can do through this difficult time.

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**Bryan and Jennifer Munson** - August 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ We are very sorry for the loss of Dan. Our thoughts & prayers are with you.

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**Kevin & Margaret Weides** - August 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM