



## John M. Daniel

August 17, 1946 - May 24, 2014

John M. Daniel, 77, of Germantown, TN, passed away on May 24, 2024. To celebrate John's life we will gather at the Davidson Pavilion at Lichterman Nature Center on his birthday, August 17, 2024, from 6:00p.m. until 9:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Episcopal Relief and Development (<https://support.episcopalrelief.org/> ).

John was born on August 17, 1946 in Weirton, West Virginia the son of John and Margaret (Bethune)Daniel. Tales of his youth involve playing with toy soldiers, reading voraciously, riding bikes with his cousin, and being an Order of the Arrow Scout. He said he could've been a park ranger or a sanitation worker that got to ride on the back of the truck, but he decided to pursue the world of science beyond his chemistry set in the attic.

Amidst his working in a cooperative education program with DuPont, undergraduate studies, and ROTC program at Tennessee Tech, John went on a blind date with biologist and educator, Victoria Seney. She blinded him with science, and they were married four months later on July 27, 1968. While John completed his Masters of Chemical Engineering at Virginia Tech, the two filled their lives with camping, fishing, playing games, traveling, and spending quality time with family and friends.

Work transfers took the couple to several cities until they moved with their two young daughters, Audrey and Maggie, to Germantown, TN in 1985. There they decided to stay. John and Vicki maintained season passes to at least two local theaters, the zoo, the botanical gardens, and the art museum. The family

enjoyed almost all of the music festivals and fairs that the Memphis area had to offer. John liked to see and do.

He also liked to sit and see. Watching the sunset on the Mississippi, the river flow past a pub in Ireland, street performers in Key West, or his grandchildren running on the zoo playground equally provided him with immense pleasure. John lived a generous and caring life. He joined the Girl Scouts for his daughters; served as Acolyte Master, breakfast cook, and vestry member for St. George's Episcopal Church; was the first Den Leader for both of his grandsons; picked up trash wherever he was; composted before composting was cool; and always had time to read stories, ride bikes to take a family picnic, smoke some BBQ, share the funny papers, sing a song, or build a fire with those he loved. He did seek to serve Christ in all human beings and helped many people he would never meet. The Memphis Tigers football and basketball teams have one less loyal fan informing everyone of their current stats.

John retired after more than forty years in chemical engineering. He was a member of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers and was very proud to participate in a local Fun with Science team which traveled to different schools sharing the wonders of chemistry.

Those who will miss John most include his wife, Vicki; daughters- Audrey Camp and her husband Brad of Oxford, MS and Margaret Schaumleffel and her husband Jeff of Germantown, TN; sisters- Mary Beth Brann and her husband Doug and Margaret Miller and her husband Dave; brother- Hugh Daniel and his wife Karen; many cousins, nieces, and nephews; and beloved grandchildren Evelyn Camp, John (Jack) Schaumleffel, and Samuel Schaumleffel.

John was preceded in death by his parents. "In sorrow we must go, but not in despair. Behold! We are not bound for ever to the circles of the world, and beyond them is more than memory." (J.R.R. Tolkien)