



Daniel Craig Masten

June 3, 1951 - October 14, 2022

Daniel Craig Masten, 71, passed away in Nashville, Tennessee the morning of October 14, 2022. Born in Greencastle on June 3, 1951 to the late Donus E. and Dorothy A. Masten, Dan was a 1969 graduate of Greencastle High School. While at GHS, he was initiated into the National Honor Society, and served as a delegate to Hoosier Boy's State.

A scholastically gifted high achiever, he attended Wabash College, graduating in 1973 Magna Cum Laude, and was honored with the Phi Beta Kappa distinction. While at Wabash he was a member of the John Van Sycle Society, a group with roots at the University of Chicago, where members routinely attended symposia with the likes of Milton Friedman, Benjamin Rogge, and George J. Stigler. He was also selected in the summer of 1972 to page for Congressman John Myers in Washington, D.C. A proud member of the Sigma Chi Fraternity, one of his greatest joys was gathering with his fraternity brothers for Homecoming or Monon Bell weekend. These men became his friends for life.

Upon graduation from Wabash, Dan attended Vanderbilt University School of Law, receiving his Juris Doctor in 1979. He entered private practice in a Nashville partnership, and built many life-long relationships with colleagues and clients. He was licensed in Tennessee, Indiana, and Alabama, and was admitted before the Supreme Courts of all three states. At the time of his passing, he was serving as Chief Magistrate in the Davidson County (Tennessee) court system.

Dan is survived by brothers David and Tom, sister Julie, nephew Greg Masten, niece Stefanie Masten, companion/fiancée Nancy Claire Mark, and his former spouse and always friend, Mildred Plant Masten.

Dan loved his family, Sigma Chi, his fraternity Brothers, Wabash College (particularly the football program) and his friends and brothers in the Fellowship. Particular thanks in that regard go to Jay Dickerson who played a major role in his life post-November 8, 1990. A Celebration of Life is being planned to be held in Greencastle, Indiana that will coincide with the Monon Bell game November 12, which will have a twelfth man rooting the Little Giants on to victory from what we Sigma Chi's call Chapter Eternal.

Additional Celebrations of Life will be held at Phillips-Robinson Funeral Home in Nashville, on December 3, from 1pm-3pm.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

DEC 3. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Phillips-Robinson Funeral Home - Nashville Chapel

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Tribute Wall

 John Cannon

“ Dan and I attended a Who concert in Nashville in 2015. We immediately bonded over our love of the bass guitar! He was so engaging in sharing all his stories of seeing the band. He even shared some pictures of his classic basses. We corresponded until his death. What a sweet man.

John Cannon - September 11, 2023 at 09:50 PM

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“ Dan and I were briefly roommates in 1974-75. He was super bright and engaging. He introduced me to the music of Norman Blake and a few bars in Music City as well. So sorry to hear of his death.

Paul Cleary - January 13, 2023 at 12:12 PM

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“ Tom Nelson lit a candle in memory of Daniel Craig Masten



Tom Nelson - December 22, 2022 at 01:42 PM

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“ I was very sorry to learn of Dan's passing. We served together in Davidson County's Night Court. He was always very pleasant to work with. My deepest sympathy to his friends and family. Tom Nelson, Fargo, ND.

Tom Nelson - December 22, 2022 at 01:41 PM



“ *Simply a good man* ”

Michael Collins - December 01, 2022 at 10:19 AM