



## Daniel Scott Kells

November 26, 1962 - February 10, 2016

Daniel Scott Kells, passed away on Wednesday, February 10th 2016, at age 53. He fought a courageous battle with cancer for nearly seven years. He was born in Phoenix, Arizona on November 26th, 1962. Dan spent most of his childhood in Prescott, Arizona and moved to the Valley after marrying his wife in 1984.

He is survived, loved and missed by his wife Vicky, two sons Michael (Brittany) and Jason (Courtney), father Bill (Sharon), mother Nancy (Ray), two brothers Bill (Susan), Steve (Kim), two grandchildren Charleigh (3) and Cason (2) and many other loving relatives.

Dan began his battle with a rare soft tissue sarcoma cancer in 2009. Through the many years of his battle, he continued to be strong, faithful and maintain a positive outlook on life. He inspired all that met him with his courage and strength.

Dan joined the Tempe Police Department in 1985 where he spent the majority of his career in the Traffic Bureau as a motorcycle officer, motor training instructor, and accident reconstructionist. He proudly served the department and community for 28 years until his retirement in 2013.

His faith was strong and the love he demonstrated to family, friends and strangers was unconditional. He will always be remembered for his magnetic personality, sense of humor, quick wit and his genuine willingness to help others. He loved spending time with his family and friends sitting around a campfire, hunting, camping, dirt bike riding and trips up north to the woods.

A memorial service will be held at Crossroads Nazarene, 2950 West Ray Road, Chandler, Arizona on Saturday, February 20th 2016 at 10:30am. A reception will follow.

In lieu of flowers the family would greatly appreciate donations to the 100 Club of Arizona 5033 N 19th Ave #123, Phoenix, AZ 85015 (100club.org).

# Previous Events

## Service

FEB **20**. 10:00 AM (MT)

Legacy Funeral Home - Chandler  
1374 N. Arizona Ave.  
Chandler, AZ 85225  
(480) 963-6200  
[info@azlegacyfuneralhome.com](mailto:info@azlegacyfuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall

WT

“ I am so sorry to hear about Dan. I wish Bob and I would have been in better contact with you two over the last year. I wanted you to know how happy I was to meet Dan when I did a few years ago. He gave me strength and hope while he was fighting his own battle. You are such a strong woman and I am also happy to have met you. I know it's been several months since Dan passed, but I will never forget him and will always keep you in my prayers.

*Wendi Tufts*

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**wendi tufts** - July 02, 2016 at 02:41 PM

TL

“ Dear Vicky and family,  
So sorry to hear about your husband Dan. You and your family will be in our prayers! May God give you and your family the strength to go through this difficult time and the days ahead! Love, Teresa (Howe) Luther and Jimmy Luther.

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**Teresa Luther** - February 27, 2016 at 04:37 AM

JS

“ Dearest Kells Family ~ I am so sorry for your loss! I was there at the beginning of the Vicky and Dan love story and it has ended way too soon! My prayers are with you all and I am quite sure your life will never be the same on this earth. We will look forward to seeing him again in Heaven! Much Love to you all!! Jane Lelicoff Silvernale

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**Jane Silvernale** - February 24, 2016 at 11:47 AM

RV

“ your son went to school with my boys and were good friends, Having also lost a son to this dreaded disease had to be one of the hardest things we as parents have to go through. My deepest condolences go out to you and your family . May God give you the strength to get through this very difficult time . God bless you all . keeping your family in prayer.  
Vicente Family



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Rose Vicente - February 20, 2016 at 05:59 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Daniel Scott Kells.



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February 20, 2016 at 01:26 AM

RG

“ Hey Dan!! Well, tomorrow all these great people who LOVE you will be gathering to say "see you soon"! We know you gave your life to CHRIST and are now waiting on us to follow your path to see the face of GOD. I MISS YOU BROTHER and can't imagine the JOY that day will bring... To you, Your family, and us... All who love and miss you!! I'd say GOD BLESS YOU DAN KELLS but the blessing is mine in having you as a friend!!! Love you brother!!!!

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Rick and Ione Garcia - February 19, 2016 at 09:57 PM

LH

“ *Dan Kells, you are a truly beautiful person and you will be missed. May you rest in peace. Prayers for your wife, kids and grandkids as they struggle through these hard times.*

*Latasha Hampton*

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**Latasha Hampton** - February 19, 2016 at 07:10 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Daniel Scott Kells.*



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February 19, 2016 at 12:18 PM

KC

“ *Kells! You will be missed! You were the grumpiest, meanest looking motorcycle cop I ever met. You were one of my favorite patients!! Over time, the mean looking guy would smile and joke with me, only after I convinced you I knew what I was doing. Always loved seeing you and Vickie at the hospital, not because I wanted to see you guys there...just because you were great people. :( I'll never forget how you went and got the tattoo of your granddaughter's name on your arm and asked me, "Do you think Dr. Wascher will be mad?" Hahaha, hell yeah!*

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**Kris Nelson RN CTCA** - February 16, 2016 at 02:24 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy to the Kells family on your loss. As a former co-worker, you were a true asset to the Tempe Police Dept. I enjoyed your stories of living in Prescott and one in particular about the myth of the two elderly ladies that live up in Crown King. Heaven has gained a true hero.*

*Ron Hertzog TPD (Retired)*

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**Ron Hertzog** - February 16, 2016 at 02:07 PM

RS

“ *Dan, you were one of the best childhood friend a person could have. I have great memories of our visits to Wickenburg & Prescott growing up. You were always fun to be around and we ( the Pais kids) always looked forward to visiting with you and your family. Prayers to your family. Til we meet in heaven.*

*Robyn (Pais) Simpson*

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**Robyn Simpson** - February 15, 2016 at 08:34 PM

EB

“ *From the CLASS of 1982 - Dan you will be greatly missed!!!... Truly a hero in our hearts!! Blessings to the Kells family!!*

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**Ellen Blair** - February 15, 2016 at 07:01 PM

MA

“ *Our deepest sympathy is extended to Vicky and family in this time of loss of your precious loved one. Our thoughts and prayers are with all the family, Mike and Melba Albrecht.*

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**Mike and Melba Albrecht** - February 14, 2016 at 07:18 PM

CL

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Chris Lane  
(Tom's sister)*

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**Chris Lane** - February 14, 2016 at 02:36 PM

MO

“ *My deepest sympathies to the entire family. I was a dispatcher for TPD when Dan was a new officer. He was well respected by his peers, citizens and all of us in Communications. Dan was a kind, generous man and a great officer. He was always proud of his service, as he should be. I know he is now in a position to watch over his family and his fellow officers. May God bless each of you.*

*Sincerely  
Margo Ogram*

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**Margo Ogram** - February 14, 2016 at 01:49 PM

JJ

“ *At Courtney and Jason's wedding, Dan and I were standing together and most of us groomsmen and bridesmaids were drinking a bit to calm our nerves before walking down the aisle. He asked me to pour him a shot into his glass and I asked him if he should be drinking and his response is something I'll never forget. He told me, "This cancer might take my life, but it won't take away me having fun with the people I love most." And with that we said cheers and took the shot together. He was a true inspiration on how we need to view the things that try to bring us down and for that I am eternally grateful. I'm so glad I got to meet you Dan.*

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**Janessa Jaramillo** - February 13, 2016 at 09:16 PM