



Derek Dignan

November 16, 1985 - April 16, 2016

Derek Steven Dignan died unexpectedly April 16, 2016 after a long battle with addiction and was called home to God.

Derek was the loving son of Steven and Sherry Dignan, brother of Nicholas and Nathan and Noelle, grandson to Richard and Vel Bleau and Donal and Helen Dignan; nephew of Rick and Ronda Bleau, Brian and Rene' Snook, Colleen and Dana Marek, Don and Susan Dignan, Elaine and Jim Ferguson, Chuck and Sheila Dignan, Claire and John McGarry, Kerry and Kurt Duprez, 33 cousins.

Derek was born in Lowell, Massachusetts, moved to Nashua, NH and then lived in Hudson, New Hampshire. Derek was a graduate of Alvirne High School and was the first ever captain of the 1st Alvirne High School Hockey Team, attended Plymouth State University, NH. During his youth, Derek was passionate about playing hockey and football and created life long friendships. He had a tremendous support system of family and friends. Derek was recently living in a Sober House where he made great strides in his battle and reestablished his love and trust in God, it was the closest to God Derek has ever been and he was proud to say it.

We believe in our hearts that this was the time God chose to call him home to end his struggles and be at peace forever. Everyone that encountered Derek

was blessed by his kind, caring and gentle heart. Derek had hoped to help others and wanted to open a Sober House in his future. He will forever be remembered as our gift from God who was taken too soon.

Visiting Hours will be held on Thursday April 21st from 5-8pm at the DUMONT-SULLIVAN FUNERAL HOME, 50 FERRY ST., HUDSON, NH with a funeral mass being celebrated at St. John XXIII Parish at St. John the Evangelist Church, 27 Library St., Hudson the following morning beginning at 10am. All To Meet At Church. In lieu of flowers donations may be sent to The Derek Dignan Scholarship Fund, 8 Appleton Rd., Windham, New Hampshire 03087.

Previous Events

MASS AT CHURCH

APR **22**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Blessed John the XXIII Parish at St. John the Evangelist Church
27 Library St.
Hudson, NH

Tribute Wall



“ *Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Homes & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Derek Dignan*



Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Homes - April 22, 2016 at 12:28 PM



“ *Derek Dignan*

October 06, 2023 at 08:13 AM



“ *Derek Dignan*

September 27, 2023 at 04:05 AM



“ *Jenn Whitehouse lit a candle in memory of Derek Dignan*



Jenn Whitehouse - May 19, 2016 at 04:23 AM

Jenn
Whitehouse

“ My deepest sympathy & warmest condolences go out to Steve, Sherry, Nick, Nathan, Noelle & the entire family. I'm at a lose for words over how I'm feeling, so I'll just say... I keep having this picture of Derek being home with you all smiling & laughing enjoying a nice sunny day on the back porch by the pool. I miss watching movies in the basement laying with Derek & Tali in our bed! Tali loved to cuddle with Derek & watch cartoons. They were so cute together, I loved watching them be so happy. This is how I'm going to remember Derek a happy, loving, caring, genuine & incredibly inspirering man! That's how he deserves to be remembered, not for what he struggled with. I hope that everyone can grab ahold of a great memory they had with him & remember him like that. Because he deserves NOTHING less. Derek was my one true love & I will forever love & miss him with all my heart. I'm not whole without him. A part of me died right along with you Derek, but I'll be sending you my love now thru eternity. Until we meet again~ Te Amo me Amore



Jenn Whitehouse - May 19, 2016 at 03:55 AM

LE

“ Our deepest sympathys on the loss of your son/brother. Derek was such a kind hearted person I'm glad we got the chance to know him and share time together, he would do anything for anyone!! He will be greatly missed rip



larissa and eric - May 08, 2016 at 08:08 AM

BH

“ Great kid, only knew him for four months. We both had our struggles in life and this just breaks my heart. Always had a smile, give you the shirt off his back. Its a moment when your typing when you want to say so much but Ill leave it at "you will be missed bro". You left to early and i know your now standing beside god smiling. All the prayers to his family.
BEN

Benjamin Harding - April 28, 2016 at 12:31 AM

CS

“ So very sorry Steve and family. Hoping you can find strength within yourselves by sharing your wonderful memories of Derek.

Cindy & George Surette - April 24, 2016 at 04:59 PM

PL

“ Nick and family, please accept our sincere condolences at the loss of Derek.
Paul and Laurie Libitz.

Paul Libitz - April 22, 2016 at 09:53 AM

BG

“ Steve and Family,
I am so sorry for your loss.
Brian Gaffney

Brian Gaffney - April 22, 2016 at 09:32 AM



“ *Fruits and Blooms Basket was purchased for the family of Derek Dignan.*



April 22, 2016 at 08:16 AM



“ *Please accept my heartfelt condolences Sherri, words cannot begin to express the sadness you are feeling right now, but I am here for you and I am praying for you and your family to get through hard time.*



God bless you and your family.

Robyn Varga

robyn varga - April 21, 2016 at 05:13 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Derek Dignan.*



April 21, 2016 at 11:29 AM

SJ

“ We were so blessed to have Derek with us and to get to know what a beautiful person he was. Our hearts are broken. Derek was such a joy to be around. He had a thirst for God and was reading his bible every day. He wanted to live a better life free from the darkness of his addiction and was willing to do whatever it took. Derek was excited to share his love for God. He was compassionate and was always there for his new sober family.

*"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted."
Matthew 5:4
Sue and Billy*

Sue and Billy Jordan - April 21, 2016 at 08:14 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Derek Dignan.



April 21, 2016 at 06:10 AM

SM

“ Steve,

My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family,

Steve and Nicholeen McDonough

Steve McDonough - April 21, 2016 at 02:05 AM

TH

“ *The Croce Family (Steve, Sarita, Mickey, Phil, and Hannah) purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Derek Dignan.*



The Croce Family (Steve, Sarita, Mickey, Phil, and Hannah) -
April 20, 2016 at 10:10 PM

TM

“ *To the Dignon family
I am so saddened to hear of your loss. I briefly remember him when he played football with my son Tony. I can't even imagine the heartache and struggles for all of you, including Derek. As a grieving mom myself my heartbreaks just knowing theirs another family saying goodbye to their child and the journey you'll face. Just trust God to give you strength during these times.
I'm so so sorry for your loss
Tony Gs mom*

Tony Gs mom - April 20, 2016 at 08:55 PM

TA

“ *We are truly saddened to hear of your loss and would like to express our sincere condolences. We can only imagine how difficult this must be for the family. We hope that you find courage and strength to bear this irreparable loss.
The Trowbridge- Osgood Family*

taylor - April 20, 2016 at 08:24 PM

KE

“ My heartfelt sympathy goes out to the entire Dignan family. Please know that I will pray for Derek and your entire family. I am so very sorry for your grievous loss Steve and Sherry. Kevin.Cameron , ’

Kevin.Cameron - April 20, 2016 at 08:16 PM

TA

“ derek james you are the most kind hearted loving person i have ever met i miss you more than words explain you were my best friend you have such a light about you, everyone wanted to be around you because you lit up the whole room i will never forget our memories and the times we shared i love you and will always keep your spirit alive Love Taylor Osgood and family

taylor - April 20, 2016 at 08:01 PM



Jenn Whitehouse

You should be ashamed Taylor & btw it's Derek Steven Dignan!

Jenn Whitehouse - May 19, 2016 at 04:29 AM

AF

“ Dear Sherri and family, my thoughts and prayers go out to each of you at this most difficult time. Please know I am here if you need any things. With blessings, Annie Finn-Waddell



Annie Finn-Waddell - April 20, 2016 at 07:39 PM



“ *To the Dignan family,
My deepest condolences on the loss of your
son/brother Derek.
While the loss of a loved one is never easy, it
is the hardest when they are taken too soon.
May your memories of Derek and the love of family and friends give you
strength and peace in the days ahead.*



*God Bless,
Shelly B*

Shelly Beaucage - April 20, 2016 at 03:06 PM



*Sherry and family,
My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. I pray
that peace and love surround you in the days ahead.
Karen Tierney*

Karen Tierney - April 21, 2016 at 05:39 AM

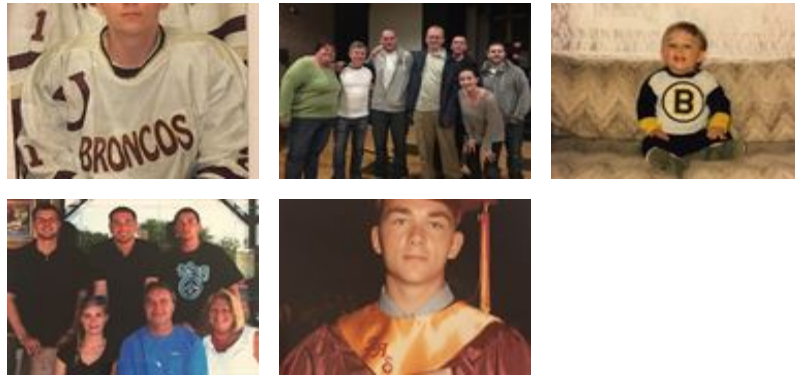


“ *My deepest sympathies...I am so sorry for your loss.*

Missy Pinard - April 20, 2016 at 02:47 PM



“ 23 files added to the album Life Tributes



Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Homes - April 20, 2016 at 02:14 PM

RC

“ Sherry, I am so sorry for your loss.

Robin Carrigg - April 20, 2016 at 01:45 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Derek Dignan.



April 20, 2016 at 01:36 PM

LH

“ Lee Hoch lit a candle in memory of Derek Dignan



lee hoch - April 20, 2016 at 12:27 PM



My heart goes out to the Dignan family...

lee hoch - April 20, 2016 at 12:28 PM



My deepest and heartfelt sympathies to the Dignan Family xox

Denise Paradise - April 20, 2016 at 01:21 PM

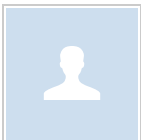


“ *I always remember Derek as the big brother and saw him teasing Nick but was right there if he needed anything. He was quiet and humble. I always has special fondness for Derek as a person.*

To the Dignan family, my heart breaks for you. He was so close to beating the evil addiction and I know missing him is unbelievable. But I agree with you, God took his angel home to be at peace with him. I will do anything I can to help honor Derek with his sober house, I will be an honored.

*Love to you all,
Kathy Nolan*

Kathy & Rich Nolan - April 20, 2016 at 10:14 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Derek Dignan.*



April 19, 2016 at 08:42 PM

TF

“ To the Dignan family.

Words can not express the heartache we feel for you and your family. We hope you allow the love around you to help ease your pain. To many lives taken from this disease. Rest in peace Derek. The Jacques Family.



The Jacques Family - April 19, 2016 at 08:38 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Derek Dignan.



April 19, 2016 at 08:19 PM

Tiana
Lyn

“ I have so many great memories with Derek... He was such a light-hearted, funny and caring person. My heart goes out to his family and friends for the terrible loss they have suffered. My condolences are with you all ❤️

Tiana Lyn - April 19, 2016 at 06:05 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Derek Dignan.



April 19, 2016 at 05:44 PM

PE

“ Our deepest condolences, we will keep your family in our prayers.
- Peggy Wunder-Moritz and family
St Charles, MO



Peggy - April 19, 2016 at 04:48 PM

MI

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the Dignan family during this difficult time. We have wonderful memories of Derek as a family friend, babysitter and employee. We enjoyed him visiting us in OBX and sharing our love for the beach. We will always remember him telling us to "keep your chin up" despite his own struggles. He was kind and compassionate and will be forever missed and loved.

Rest in peace, Derek

The Ida family

Mary Ann Ida - April 19, 2016 at 02:28 PM

HN

“ Hugs from Narnie purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Derek Dignan.



Hugs from Narnie - April 19, 2016 at 01:51 PM

RC

“ Ron Visser & Stellar Industries Corp. purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Derek Dignan.



Ron Visser & Stellar Industries Corp. - April 19, 2016 at 01:43 PM

ME

“ To the Dignan Family, we are deeply sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you in this difficult time.



Rest in easy Derek..

Meaghan & James

Meaghan - April 19, 2016 at 01:01 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Derek Dignan.



April 19, 2016 at 10:13 AM