

Herman "Herm" Daniel Danielson

December 3, 1925 - August 25, 2011

Herm passed away on August 25, 2011 at the age of 85. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Wednesday, August 31, 2011 at the First Presbyterian Church, 1042 W. Ivy, Moses Lake, Washington. Interment will follow at Guarding Angels Cemetery, Moses Lake. He was born on December 3, 1925 to Oscar and Edla Danielson. His parents were Swedish immigrants who homesteaded west of Othello, Washington on Crab Creek. There were six sons and one daughter.

He is survived by his wife, Peggy; sons, Michael (Patty) and Kenneth (Lyndia); daughters, Janice and Karen Gering (Ron); stepson, Johnny Mays (Lisa); brothers Luke (Fran) and Robert (June); grandchildren, Amanda Garretson, Ivy Watson, Christopher Danielson, Jeffrey Danielson, Steven Danielson, Anthony Rosa, Tellina Wild, Lyndsey Mays; great-grandchildren, Kyler and Gabriel Garretson, Tyler and Macquinzi Marlar; Emily and Dylan Peterson; as well as many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Herm was preceded in death by his mother and father; three brothers, Walter, George and Larry; and one sister, Elsie Evans.

Our music man began his career at a very early age. He started on the harmonica and worked up from there with whatever was available and he never met an instrument that he couldn't play. During his school years he played with local bands and continued after graduating from High School at 16. He finally decided to combine his love for playing and music with a career in teaching and attended Central Washington College. His first teaching

position was in Thorpe, Washington and then he started in Moses Lake in 1958 where he remained for 25 years retiring in 1982. After retirement he continued to play in the Many Sounds of Nine, give private lessons and started instrumental music programs in the Seventh Day Adventist Christian School and the Moses Lake Christian School.

He was very active in the First Presbyterian Church, directing their choir for 25 years. There were many Sundays that he would get home from a gig with the "Many Sounds of Nine" just in time to change into a suit and go to the church to direct the choir.

The Senior Centers became an outlet for his musical talents in his later years. His band played every Thursday night for ballroom dancing at the Moses Lake Senior Center. He also played with a band at the Pasco Senior Center on Wednesday and Saturday evenings and two Sundays a month for an afternoon tea dance at the Eagles in Pasco.

His illness prevented him from playing in public over the last year and a half but he continued to listen to music and play his instruments for his enjoyment.

Previous Events

Service

AUG 31. 11:00 AM (PT)

Moses Lake Presbyterian Church
1142 W. Ivy
Moses Lake, WA

Tribute Wall



“ Thank you Mr. D for making me the best flutist I could be :) You instilled in me a lifelong love of all different kinds of music. As teenagers we tried you and tested you to your limits, and yet you persevered to make us a tight unit. Thank you for the best of memories...##imported-begin##Kimberly Miller Softich##imported-end##

September 15, 2011 at 05:26 PM



“ Kenny and Family,
I am sorry to hear of the passing of your father. He is very dear to me and I have thought about him many times over the years. I know the loss of a parent and am praying that you will have peace for he was truly a man who I know is conducting the choirs of the angels now. Love to you, hope to see you sometime in the future.

Jeff and Sharon Zornes
25 Snow Meadow Lane
Stafford, VA 22554

540-720-1604##imported-begin##Sharon ##imported-end##

September 06, 2011 at 08:52 PM



“ *Kenny and Family,*

I am sorry to hear of the passing of your father. He is very dear to me and I have thought about him many times over the years. I know the loss of a parent and am praying that you will have peace for he was truly a man who I know is conducting the choirs of the angels now. Love to you, hope to see you sometime in the future.

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540-720-1604###imported-begin##Sharon "Rogers"

Zornes###imported-end##

September 06, 2011 at 08:51 PM



“ I first met Herm in 1969 when I became the bass player in the Many Sounds Of Nine. I think the first gig I played with the band was at the Moose lodge in Quincy. We had a little time before we had to begin playing so I sat at the bar to wait, and Herm came and sat down and joined me and chatted with me and made me feel welcome as the new band member. The next 12 years with the band were some of the best years of my life, and my place in the band was right beside Herm on all of the gigs. He was an amazingly talented musician and I feel very fortunate to have played hundreds of gigs with him.

In 1972 when Steve and Betty Laughery died in that flash flood, the band had a gig that very night in Richland. We got thru' the gig somehow without Steve and at the conclusion all of us took a vote as to whether to keep the band going. It was unanimous to keep performing and we designated Herm as the new leader and band manager, which he graciously accepted and led the band for the next 15-plus years until the Many Sounds Of Nine disbanded in the early 1990's. Herm's legacy with his teaching and influence with countless students, and with his professional musical life, shall continue on indefinitely. And every year since I left the band in 1981 we have always received a Christmas card from Herm and Peg. Such great people. Sue & I send our condolences to all of your family members. Rest in Peace Herm. You did it, and you did it well!##imported-begin##Kyle Pugh##imported-end##

September 02, 2011 at 12:57 AM



“ I had the great pleasure and honor to work with Herm in the early 80's as a teacher at Lakeview. He would come to our classrooms pushing his cart then sharing his passion for music with students and classroom teachers alike. I remember his smile and patience with people and the pure joy he had with music.

He was a wonderful gentleman, teacher and musician. I am a better person and teacher for having known him.

Rest in peace, Herm, and my deepest condolences to his family.

Pete Doumit###imported-begin##Pete Doumit###imported-end##

September 01, 2011 at 03:57 PM



“ So sad to hear of Mr. Danielson's passing. He was truly a class act and was such a dear man. He had a way about him that helped us all be better people.###imported-begin##Amy Johnson###imported-end##

September 01, 2011 at 03:24 PM



“ My condolences and prayers of healing to the family and friends of Herm Danielson. His wisdom, warmth and incredible talent as teacher and musician will be greatly missed. My Love, Marty Zyskowski###imported-begin##Marty Zyskowski###imported-end##

September 01, 2011 at 01:57 PM



“ Peggy, I was surprised to see Herm's obituary in the paper as we had been out of town. I always enjoyed Herm's easygoing and friendly personality. We hope you have many wonderful memories and know that he is at peace. Sincerely, Keith & Terry Baldwin.##imported-begin##Keith Baldwin##imported-end##

September 01, 2011 at 12:02 PM



“ I'm saddened to hear of Herm's passing. I only spent a short time in Moses Lake. It was long enough to realize what a fine person, gentleman and musician he was. He always was available to me if I needed any help. Rest in peace my friend.##imported-begin##Jack Sherman##imported-end##

September 01, 2011 at 02:44 AM



“ my condolence to all the family. you were lucky to have a talanted & wonderful person in your lives.##imported-begin##Mary Talcott##imported-end##

August 31, 2011 at 09:47 PM



“ Ken (and family), just heard of Herm's passing. I always held him in the highest esteem, both musically, and as a man. I wish I had more opportunity to play music with him, it was always such a joy.

My sincerest condolences,
Terry##imported-begin##Terry Wambsgans##imported-end##

August 31, 2011 at 07:04 PM



“ Peggy and Family,

Whether our association has been as neighbors, hospital associates, school events or just friends, we have been blessed to know you. Herm was modest and kind in all he did. He touched people in many ways. His love for music will be missed, he shared it with all of us.

JoAn###imported-begin##JoAn Daniels-Brown Forsyth##imported-end##

August 31, 2011 at 02:41 PM



“ *"Mr. Danielson" was a big influence for me in music. I started playing the guitar and flute only after having him as a music teacher in grade school....wow so long ago! We have lost a GREAT musician and mentor. He gave me my first lessons as well and taught me one of my most memorable songs from grade school - it allowed me to memorize the US States in alphabetical order! Thank you for being that influence - I lead the Youth Band in our church and play various instruments....thank you and may you rest in God's peace. Amen.###imported-begin##Raquel Fike (Rodriguez)##imported-end##*

August 31, 2011 at 02:04 PM



“ *Mr. Danielson was my band teacher at Chief Moses Junior High in the early sixties. I loved hearing him play himself during class. I will always remember him.###imported-begin##Sandy fuller##imported-end##*

August 31, 2011 at 01:17 PM



“ Dear Danielson Family,

Just a note to let you know we are thinking about you. Herm was a wonderful man and a great mentor and his positive supportive approach gave me a love for music that I cherish to this day. He and Mr. Fenske worked to allow me to sit in as a percussionist with "The Many Sounds of Nine" on a few occasions and it was a thrill of a lifetime for me. Please know that he will be dearly missed by many former students who will forever have fond memories.

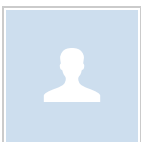
Dean Sonnenberg###imported-begin##Dean
Sonnenberg###imported-end##

August 31, 2011 at 12:47 PM



“ Peggy and family, our sympathy for your loss. It is so very hard to lose a husband and father. Our thoughts are with you at this time. If there is anything we can do, please just ask.###imported-begin##Colleen Zimmer/Cheryl Baker###imported-end##

August 31, 2011 at 10:38 AM



“ I was very sorry to hear about Mr. Danielsons passing. He was a great music teacher and a wonderful man. Prayers go out to all of the family.###imported-begin##Lori Barnes###imported-end##

August 31, 2011 at 10:04 AM



“ I am hurt and saddened at the loss of Mr.D, he was there for my 3 years of choir @ cheif moses and become a good teacher and friend. He had an awesome band on thursday nites and really knew his music and people he was around. I agree with all of others how much he touched our lives. To the family: you have lost a loving and caring person, may you rest in peace knowing all is well with him. Sorry I cant be there tomorrow but I will remember the times with him and pray for your healings. God bless You all.##imported-begin##wilma villaire ##imported-end##

August 31, 2011 at 12:40 AM



“ I'm extremely sorry to learn of Herms' passing. I enjoyed working professionally with him in the MANY SOUNDS OF NINE. He was an excellent musician, a fine showman and a really nice, honest man. I'm glad I had the chance to know him.

My thoughts and prayers are with his family.##imported-begin##Bruce Pennell##imported-end##

August 30, 2011 at 08:09 PM



“ I am truly sorry for your family's loss. Mr danielson was my first flute instructor. I was given a gift from and he taught me how to love my flute! He was a spectacular person and many of us were blessed by him and his gift. Thank you!##imported-begin##Christina Johnson##imported-end##

August 30, 2011 at 06:36 PM



“ Ken and Family,

Sorry to hear of your loss. Herm's contribution to music and all that knew him is legendary. My deepest symapathy.

Tom##imported-begin##Tom Schager##imported-end##

August 30, 2011 at 03:45 PM



“ Kenny and Family,

My thoughts and prayers are with you. There are so many memories we share growing up in Moses Lake. Now our parents are passing on. I will certainly cherish the memories. I hope that you find peace during this time and joy in celebrating your dad's life.

Cheryl##imported-begin##Cheryl Cunnington ##imported-end##

August 30, 2011 at 03:35 PM



“ Mike, Jan & Karen, I am so sorry for the loss of your beloved father. He was a very inspirational man and has long been my all-time favorite music teacher. I owe much of my musicianship to him. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this difficult time.##imported-begin##Abe Shelby##imported-end##

August 30, 2011 at 02:59 PM



“ I was blessed to have had Herm as my music teacher and later to have him perform at my wedding. He has been close to my heart for all the musical gifts he has shared enriching not just my life but that of countless others. My parents were friends with him and his family for years until they moved away. His talent will be greatly missed but heaven has gained a joyous talent for their choir.##imported-begin##Marlene (Hinman) Rashford##imported-end##

August 30, 2011 at 02:12 PM



“ May God bless you Mr. Danielson. Your rest is much deserved!! as a devoted teach to a bunch of misfit students you had a more positive effect on our lives than you could have ever known. I will miss you and my love, respect for you lives on . thank you Herm, play a sweet song for God when you see him. he will love it as we did. cliff smith - former student 1973-1975##imported-begin##clifford smith##imported-end##

August 30, 2011 at 01:58 PM



“ Where does one start to offer a tribute to someone like Mr. Dannielson? A consummate musician, a wonderful educator, a patient caring man who should have killed most of us rather than put up with us for all those years. I wish every student in their formative years had a "Mr. Danielson" - their lives would be changed for the better.##imported-begin##David Hunt##imported-end##

August 30, 2011 at 01:41 PM



“ *To a Great man and a friend
we will miss dearly your kindness, for all of the years of teaching us
to play, and for the times I was privileged to play beside you. A man
of musical excellence, thank you for sharing your knowledge with
me.*##imported-begin##Scott Ruffin##imported-end##

August 30, 2011 at 01:31 PM



“ *On behalf of the Local #105 American Federation of Musicians,
Spokane, WA please accept the condolences of our membership on
your loss.*

*Vice President Keith J. Milligan##imported-begin##Keith
Milligan##imported-end##*

August 30, 2011 at 11:36 AM



“ To all of Herman Danielson's Family and Friends,

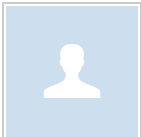
*I'm so sorry to hear of the passing of "Herm."
He was a great musician and a kind compassionate man. I worked
with the Many
Sounds of Nine for a summer or two back
around 1981-82. Those were some of my
earliest professional engagements in music.
Herm and Luke taught me a lot about what
a drummer needs to do to play a professional
music job, while not forgetting the necessity
of putting on a good show. I will never forget
those times.*

Thanks for the good times, Herm,

Rick Westrick

*Spokane, Washington##imported-begin##Rick Westrick##imported-
end##*

August 30, 2011 at 11:02 AM



“ Dear Danielson family,,,,,,What a great person,,,,,He will truly be
missed by us.....It was always great to go to the Senior dances and
dance to his band.....When we would come back to town and
attendethe dance he would always play our favorite song(White
Sportcoat),,,,,We know he is in a better place. Love to all of you.
Chuck and Alice Millspaugh##imported-begin##Chuck
Millspaugh##imported-end##

August 30, 2011 at 01:56 AM



“ Wonderful memories of a favorite band director who shared with me his wonderful love of music and encouraged me in a lifelong love of music. He will be missed. I am so glad got to say "goodbye" last spring when i was in Moses Lake.##imported-begin##Connie Whitley Stenhoff and Barbara WHitley##imported-end##

August 29, 2011 at 11:49 PM



“ I am very sad to hear of the passing of Herm. I first met him at Ellensburg's CWCE in 1954. We enjoyed many classes together and developed a friendship that lasted to this day. During those early years, our children grew up together and many memories and pictures still exist in our family. Upon graduation in 1958, I moved my family to Spokane. Distance kept us apart fraternally but our connection stayed by phone or correspondence. Those times have passed all too quickly and my wife, my family and I will miss him very much. With kindest Regards to his family, Sincerely, Bill Thomas##imported-begin##Bill Thomas##imported-end##

August 29, 2011 at 11:28 PM



“ He made me believe I could be the first female Benny Goodman .. LOL ... I loved playing the clarinet and learning music.. I wasn't able to continue with the instrument but he gave me a love of music, classical to rock .. that has enriched my life.. I will always remember his kind ways.. and sense of humor and ..how his talent amazed me .. I had never met someone who played so many instruments till I met him .. and sang to boot ! The Many Sounds of Nine made Moses Lake very proud .. they were known nationally and played on the Dick Clark radio show .. and for and with some really famous folks... I am grateful I got to hear them.. and now he joins some fellow band members.. in their eternal band in heaven I'm sure.. but in his life he made a difference.... he was a good man .###imported-begin###Connie Cummins###imported-end###

August 29, 2011 at 01:54 PM



“ My first band teacher. RIP, Mr. Danielseon###imported-begin###Stephen Austin###imported-end###

August 29, 2011 at 01:38 PM



“ My first ever music teacher back in 1977. You are sorely missed, Sir. I am sure that there are SO MANY people that would say the exact same thing. Certainly on the behalf of so many of my fellow classmates from back in that day, I sincerely wish your family well in this time grief. We have all so sincerely loved you and respected you, Sir###imported-begin###R.T. (Roger) Williams###imported-end###

August 29, 2011 at 12:30 PM



“ Thank you for teaching many of us Moses Lake Brave students musical instruments. You are misses. Former flute student##imported-begin##NikieAnn (Mandelas) Smith##imported-end##

August 29, 2011 at 09:46 AM



“ Herm was a great man, kind, patient and caring. He was a wonderful, versatile musician: who else could finish a novelty piece in which he played every instrument in the band by capping it off with "Saints" on the garden hose?!
When he called me in 1976 to sub on bass with the band at the Tacoma Elks, it was the beginning of 10 mostly wonderful years with the Sounds of Nine and a valued friendship and musical participation with this great guy. In Tacoma, I needed a job, and Herm steered me to one in Warden. There were times in the next 9 years when I was not sure that he had done me a favor! He and Luke and another guy and I made up the Columbia Brass quartet, which was just one of the many things in which Herm participated in the surprisingly musical community of Moses Lake and in Othello, also.
I am so glad that we had the Many Sounds of Nine reunion in 2008 and I got to make music once again with Herm. I know he will be in heaven, and if they need him in the choir, he'll sing, and if they need him in the band, he'll play whatever they need.
We all lost a great man.##imported-begin##Randy Dary##imported-end##

August 28, 2011 at 02:08 PM



“ Dear Danielson Family. I was saddened hearing of Herm's passing. He was an outstanding teacher, dear friend and a musical influence to this community. His saxophone accompaniment at the First Pres Church will be greatly missed. Just think of the music being played in heaven now that he has been reunited with some of the original Many Sounds of Nine. My thoughts and prayers go out to all of you!
Jess Kilpatrick###imported-begin###Jess Kilpatrick###imported-end##

August 27, 2011 at 01:08 PM



“ To the family of Herman Danielson, I am sorry for your loss. Mr. Danielson was my Junior High School Choir teacher. He was a wonderful teacher. He cared so much for his students and it showed. He is now with my father who passed away on August 8th and who I miss so much. Please take care, Lori###imported-begin###Lori Warnick###imported-end##

August 26, 2011 at 08:37 PM



“ To the Family of Mr Danielson..He was a great man..As if you did not know.My first recall of him was when i was in Garden Heights school and I remember walking thru the halls hearing his band teachings. Then again in college in 1999 (many years later) I had the privilage of being a band student at Big Bend and Mr Danielson used to come Jam with us using his guitar and piano skills to accompany us as a favor to our Band / Choir teacher Your family was blessed to have him as a husband/father/grandfather And most of all the Patriarc of your family. Please rest assure that he was an inspiration to everyone who came in contact with him.God is watching over him now and will put you in his arms of comfort as you wait for your reunion some day..Good bye to a wonderful man###imported-begin###Sue Hodges###imported-end##

August 25, 2011 at 05:20 PM



“ Blessings go out to the family during this time of loss. Mr. Danielson was a great supporter of my music career and was always there for me in school. Later in life, I was able to play with him in many performances. I was able to connect recently with Jerry McManus, another positive influence in my life, and he told me Herm was not doing well. He brought music from his heart when he played or sang. I will cherish wonderful memories of this teacher and friend. Bless you all!

Bonnie##imported-begin##Gene & Bonnie Polhamus##imported-end##

August 25, 2011 at 01:37 PM



“ Well.. I should have proofread before posting. Sorry for the typos. But i always tried to memorize the music.. didn't even learn to read music until Mr. Danielson's choir. I hope to see you all on Facebook.##imported-begin##David Miles Oman##imported-end##

August 25, 2011 at 11:51 AM



“ Please indulge me. I know this will be LONG.. Dear Danielson, his family and friends.. It is hard to imagine the course my life would taken had it not been for Mr. Danielson's positive influence. Mike and I were the same age and played in the orchestra together. I really admired his musical ability that he undoubtedly inherited from his parents. Davey Stevens, Dale Lybbert, Randy Barrus and I told Mr. Gauche' , Our orchestra teacher, tthat we were going to the practice rooms. But what we really planned was tearing around through the halls of Chief Mo... nothing really negative but just messin around. The others didn't get caught but Mr. Danielson saw me and called me over to his side. He mentioned NOTHING about me skipping class but said:"David, I want YOU in my choir. Two days later I snuck past Mrs. Adriance and was in the hall during the wrong time for me. Herman saw me again.. and this time said: "David, wouldn't you rather come in an check-out my choir than get in trouble for being in the hall?" I stammered in my high soprano voice a "Yeah, I. I. I. guess." "Follow me, David".. "I have JUST THE PLACE for you." "We are just finishing warming up." I was positioned right between the sopranos and altos and in the middle above the basses and tenors. He pulled out a beautiful and lively religious selection and they started to sing in four parts." Morgan Hansen was my closest neighbor my age and was sitting tall in the bass section. He, Jesse Kilpatrick, Lance Englund and had just formed our neighborhood rock-group, One Flight Up. Morgan had the biggest smile on his face and winked at me; and when the "select choir" began to sing it dumbfounded me. i was so filled with the rich harmony and the united sound of my classmates that tears came to my eyes. I was IN! Thanks Mr. Danielson for persisting in your work, practicing your profession, encouraging me, reaching into my heart and being an influence for good in the lives of countless students and community members. I love you and yours. While I can't be at the service I will celebrate with my fiancée', Alice, by us sitting at her piano and singing one of the songs you, Mr. Danielson, taught me. "Didn't my Lord Deliver Daniel." may i add that being a professional performer takes the dogged determination and support of the entire family so... thanks so much to you, Mrs.

Danielson, and too their kids.. my classmates. I owe all of you for so much good in my life. Love to you and yours, David Miles Oman##imported-begin##David Miles Oman##imported-end##

August 25, 2011 at 11:44 AM



“ *Moses Lake lost a wonderful man today. Not only did Herm have a kind, gentle way, he helped many people through his musical talent. There wasn't an instrument he couldn't play. He will be greatly missed and we are sad he is gone, but we rejoice in knowing he has gone home to the Lord and is now playing in His band.##imported-begin##Jerry and Ronda Kayser##imported-end##*

August 25, 2011 at 11:10 AM