



## Danny Dunn

May 3, 1952 - August 14, 2019

Danny David Dunn, age 67, of Boone passed away on Wednesday, August 14, 2019 at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center.

Born May 3, 1952 in Akron, Ohio, Danny was the son of Gloria Neal Dunn and the late Harold Edgar Dunn. Danny owned and operated his own construction company. He enjoyed using his vivid imagination to make his vision a reality.

His first love was racing. He started bracket racing at the age of 16. He worked his way all the way up to the top fuel division. Danny took it another step further when he decided to own and operate the Wilkesboro Raceway Park.

After a long life of racing cars, he decided to retire and enjoy all of the beauty of the mountains in Boone.

Danny developed a love of flying. He enjoyed it so much that he built his own airstrip and hangar at his home. He would fly almost every day. In addition to his father, Danny was preceded in death by a sister, Deborah Bradley.

In addition to his mother, he is also survived by two daughters, Tracy Dunn Mulkey (husband Jason) and Trina Dawn Dunn; two grandchildren, Luke Mulkey and Madison Dunn; his ex-wife, Ramona Helsley Dunn; his nephews, Danny Bradley (wife Danielle) and Toby Bradley; a niece, Lisa Helton (husband Todd); he is also survived by numerous other relatives.

A memorial service honoring Danny will take place on Saturday, August 24, 2019 at 6:00 PM at his home. Please contact a family member for further information. Please dress casual, bring a chair, this a CELEBRATION OF LIFE!

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Ebenezer Christian Children's Home at P.O. Box 2777, North Wilkesboro, NC 28659.

Online condolences can be sent to the family at [www.evansfuneralservice.com](http://www.evansfuneralservice.com).

Evans Funeral Service and Crematory of Lenoir is serving the Dunn family.

# Comments

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“ We were saddened to learn of Danny's passing, he was a great friend growing up. Gloria, my heart aches for you and your family. We also did not know about Debbie.

Thinking of you,  
Brenda and Dee Hilty

**Dee Peters** - October 01 at 04:38 PM

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“ I would like to send a few words of encouragement to the family. My name is Jonathan Sloan. I was in second grade the first and only time I met Danny. At the time I believe the age of 8 or so. I was friends of the family, and was attending a birthday party. I remember Danny had a smile that lighted up a room. I remember that to this day, and today I am 40 years old. Danny took me to this big door, and opened the door. This was the first time I seen a real race car other than on TV. Danny was instantly a celebrity in my eyes. I was only a kid. This is my short story, however it goes to show we only need to meet someone one time to have a lasting impression. To the family, I send my deepest regards. May God continue to strengthen the family now and in the years to come. Rest easy Danny your race is finished.

Sincerely, Minister Jonathan Sloan  
Resurrection Church Hickory

**Minister Jonathan Sloan** - September 20 at 09:14 AM

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“ Danny was and still is a blessing to have known. I first met him at Lowes and became a friend that visited him often in Lenoir and later in Wilks. He never had a harsh word to say. I wish we all could be that way. His life was always full of adventure. His greatest is ahead of him. He will be missed.

Keith Nordan

**Keith Nordan** - August 26 at 04:12 PM

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“ Danny and his family were our neighbors next door growing up in Kingman. My sister graduated high school with him. He was always such a nice guy and fun. So grateful I got to see him at our 35th class reunion. Little did I know that would be the last time I saw him. R.I.P. Danny. You touched the lives of everyone you encountered. You will be missed. I will see you again one day.



**Cathy** - August 24 at 02:20 AM

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“ Prayers for the family and friends from Ida, Kim Hall and family

**Kim Hall** - August 22 at 07:43 AM

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“ Longtime friend and longtime next door neighbor in hudson for many years.. went to school with trina and tracy.. we lost the best.. until we all meet again RIP Danny

**Tracy Eldreth** - August 20 at 03:20 PM

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“ My Man Dan..... Danny & I go back 51 years. Where we met roaming the halls of MCUHS (AKA Lee Williams High School- formerly Kingman High). By our sophomore year we became best friends, and because Danny was a "bit" older then the rest of us, he had a drivers license and a car The Falcon! We would all pile into the car every day and go to lunch the Dairy Queen. We remained very good friends after HS and I was best man at his wedding... certainly an HONOR. After Danny moved we talked often about the "old days" school, football team (where in the huddle I think we spent more time laughing and joking around then listening to the plays) and life in general. Throughout the years we stayed in touch and Danny would come out west several times. I went through a personal loss a year ago and it was Danny that said some comforting words that help me get through a very difficult time. The last time I talked to Danny was a week before he passed. And like always we joked, reminisced, and solved a world problem or two. But it was how we ended our conversation that was different then the other conversations. The first and last time in 51 years I ever said to Danny I love you my brother from another and he said it back. We expressed to one another what we felt for 51 years. The Good Lord was at work. Danny my friend and brother from another rest in peace.  
Tony

**Tony Giustina** - August 20 at 01:12 PM

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“ Margaret Sigmon sent a virtual gift in memory of Danny Dunn



Margaret Sigmon - August 20 at 05:27 AM

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“ Danny was a fun guy in high school! Always positive. I pray his family peace!

Cynthia Scott Roer - August 19 at 07:05 PM

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“ Glad to have known Danny through a friend/ex crew (Randall Angela) of his Top Fuel team.

Danny was supposed to attend an event on the island of Aruba with his Top Fuel dragster, but couldn't make it.

He did manage to get a friend of his to replace him and also an Alcohol Funny Car and Nostalgia car.

Whilst on the island he was of gr8 help to us for our drag race event and promotion. We let him use our Harley to drive around the island and he sure did have a gr8 time. Sure will miss him.

Your friends from Aruba (Tito)

Tito Tromp - August 19 at 02:27 PM

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“ If Hardin Road (aka Hot Hollar once you get on the gravel) had a competition for Best Neighbor, hands down the winner every year would've been Danny Dunn.

We all knew who Danny was after we got handmade postcard invitations to his house for a 4th of July celebration - bring some food and beer kind of thing. What I did not expect was a professional fireworks show that he put on just for the neighbors.

Yep, we ALL knew who Danny was after that. We continued to get to know Danny when he would come over with his tractor (lemme tell you, he loved to play with that tractor lol) and spread out newly dumped gravel in our driveway as if he had a magic tractor wand -- seriously, it was impressive watching him do that so perfectly.

Again and again we got to know him when he would plow ours and several neighbors' driveways with DEEP snowfall, and lemme tell you that man only asked

for a few dollars to help cover the gas.

Danny set a high bar for what "Neighborly" means around here. Hot Hollar residents all have some impossibly big shoes to fill and I hope we can step up in his honor. You can change the world by focusing on your own back yard ya know - focus your efforts and love on your community and great things WILL happen. We lost a great man yesterday, and my heart goes out to his family for the terrible pain they must be in right now. The Hollar ain't gonna be the same.

This pic is Danny's very own "Tow Mater" and antique gas pump that he put in the side yard that everyone could see as they drove by. He did it earlier this year and we fell in love with it.



**Tanna & Micah Greathouse** - August 19 at 11:48 AM

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“ Danny gave me a job when I was 13 at the dragstrip. I did anything he needed done. I'll never forget the time i told him possums were getting stuck in the trash cans. I asked for shotgun and instead he gave me,a mop handle with a screw in the end and told me to stab them. I found out later that was a fools errand because he was laughing at me as the possums were chasing me. By the way I didnt kill a single possum with his stick. You will be missed by so many Danny. Flying with the angels now my friend.

**Adam Breese** - August 19 at 02:09 AM

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“ I went to high school with Danny and his sister Debbie. We got in touch again when he sponsored a local street racing event during my 40th Class Reunion. I shared my love for car racing with him. Later on I heard that he had bought a race strip and owned several cars, plus raced them too. Rest in Peace Danny. My thoughts and prayers go out to your family and other friends.  
Jan Ripper-Morehead

**Jan Ripper-Morehead** - August 19 at 01:47 AM



“ Sincere condolences to Danny's family & friends. Many in Kingman AZ share in your sorrow.

**Sonja Claw** - August 19 at 11:35 AM

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“ Teresa McDonald sent a virtual gift in memory of Danny Dunn



Teresa McDonald - August 18 at 06:13 PM

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“ I remember watching Danny race he was always so nice when we went through the pits. Always smiling and telling what was going with the car. It was in his blood. The when he opened raceway park we went to race there until we couldn't any more. He will be missed. Prayers for the family.



julie dill - August 18 at 03:51 PM

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“ Danny was a good man.my daddy use to race at Hudson dragstrip and that's where I met Danny.I was only a kid but enjoyed drag racing and still do.

Tammy Mangum Coffey - August 17 at 06:46 PM

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“ We were so sorry to hear of Danny's passing. He built our Victorian gazebo and fence in the early 1990's. He was such a gifted builder and kind spirit. It was a pleasure to work with his sweet mom for many years at Whitnel School. Our prayers are with the family. Dale and Debora Richey

Dale Richey - August 17 at 06:17 PM

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“ they just didn't come any better then the dunnters R I P my friend you will be missed prayers for mona and the girls and the family gary powell aka the hoggters

gary powell - August 17 at 03:52 PM



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**george allen** - August 17 at 11:46 AM

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“ 4 files added to the album Memories Album



**Diane Littrup** - August 17 at 09:06 AM

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“ One of our best friends—Danny you have always been like family, so hard to believe you have left us. You will be missed so much. Prayers for your family. Love Always and Forever, we will see you again, God promises this to all His children.

**Debbie Cloer** - August 17 at 05:29 AM



“ I met Danny Dunn in Kingman Az along with Mona his ex while he was building his house. We had some good times then and thanks to Facebook were able to reconnect . May you rest in peace and we will see you again in Heaven we love you

**Shirley schoenherr Carey** - August 17 at 09:37 PM



“ My deepest sympathy to the Dunn Family  
Danny was a fun free spirited man that loved his family  
We enjoyed visiting him when we stayed at our home on Hardin Road  
Debbie would ride one of the horses to his house and enjoy a beer  
We loved his fireworks and great food and company  
RIP Danny

**Jo weaver** - August 18 at 08:23 AM

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“ My husband and I knew Danny from decades ago. My husband helped him on some race cars, we watched him race and asked him to build our first house. Our children and his spent many hours playing together. Her will be missed here but was welcomed joyously in Heaven. Condolences to the family and friends who will love without him in theirs lives.

**Jennifer and Jim Nichols** - August 16 at 10:57 PM

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“ This is so heartbreaking. My condolences to the Dunn family. Heaven is gaining a caring, kind hearted, and loyal independent spirit. We are losing a great friend.

**Stephanie** - August 16 at 09:49 PM

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“ Elaine Booth lit a candle in memory of Danny Dunn



**Elaine Booth** - August 16 at 08:43 PM

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“ Danny and I meant when he was 18 and I was 14...we share the same last name. My family traveled to Kingman, Arizona where we first meant, Danny rode his Harley up to Oregon to see me a few times....we stayed in contact for 50 years. Danny text me 5 hours before the crash... He was a good friend, it's hard to even imagine my life without him, he's just always been there.

I'm thankful Danny had accepted Christ long ago, thankful I will see him again.

Maybe Danny's tragic death will bring many to Jesus, realizing time is short and we have to be ready.

Prayers go out for Danny's Precious Mama, Tracy, Trina and the grandchildren...

**Diane Dunn-Weigel**

**Diane Dunn-Weigel** - August 16 at 08:41 PM

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“ I’ve only know Danny for a few years but he was a wonderful friend. He always let me hang out with all his friends and neighbors that I learned to love and he kept me in stitches when we were not arguing about something I thought he shouldn’t have said. I guess my best memory is once when we stopped for gas after visiting Joe and Cindy he was pitching a fit, which he could definitely do... first cussing the gas pump and then started kicking it. We were riding in his corvette so I crawled out and ask him what seemed to be the problem he answered, “ the\*\*\*\*\* thing won’t work”. I said Danny the key pad is over here and then he told me what a smart \*\*\* I was. I laughed the rest of the way home and he stayed mad at me for quite a while. But he was always very kind and good to me. He even let me fly some and I’ll never forget him.

**Dinah Cuthbertson** - August 16 at 06:49 PM

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“ It will be hard to forget someone who gave you all so much to remember. My prayers are with you all in this time of sorrow.

**Penni Padgett** - August 16 at 06:36 PM

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“ You were our best friend DD. Who will we now play cards with? Our weekly ritual will not be the same without you. Bet your next project will be teaching the angels how to play HAND AND FOOT! Oh yeah...the angels will be sure to let you win. You are now at peace and we will never forget your humor and kindness. Save a seat at the table for us.  
Erik and Diane Littrup

**Erik and Diane** - August 16 at 06:06 PM

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“ When we owned the North Wilkesboro Dragway back in early 80s which later became Wilkesboro Dragway I met Danny and Harold he had the old front engine dragster back then. He could outrun the body cars and so he mounted a little flag staff on his dragster so they didn't have a problem seeing him coming. That was Danny my friend!

**Leroy Dancy** - August 16 at 05:54 PM

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“ A few years ago I was staying with Danny and Mona. Going through a rough time and Danny took me for a ride on his motorcycle. We talked and laughed and he told me that he thought I was going to be happy when I got through the rough part. He was right. Thank you for giving me a great moment in the midst of my pain. You could always bring a smile. Rest well till we meet again.



Joy - August 16 at 04:59 PM

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“ Our sincerest condolences to your entire family. Times like this the only thing we can say after how sorry for your loss is we are here, we hold you in our thoughts and prayers  
Sending love  
Al and Robyn McCully



Robyn McCully - August 16 at 04:54 PM

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“ There are no words. Danny was a special guy. Always smiling. To say he will be missed is an understatement. Rest In Peace sweet man.

Elaine Johnson - August 16 at 04:33 PM

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“ Jerry Smith lit a candle in memory of Danny Dunn



**Jerry Smith** - August 16 at 04:18 PM



“ My condolences to the Dunn Family.

**Jerry** - August 16 at 04:21 PM



“ Dexter and I were introduced to Danny by our Wilkes County friends Diane and Eric Littrup and Cindy and Joe Efferson. Special memories include going to a race at the Wilkesboro Dragway and a wonderful July 4th Celebration at his Boone country home. Danny was truly remarkable to me. He was a wonderful "gentle"man with a great smile and sense of humor whose passion was racing and flying but he also took time to serve on the Ebenezer Children's Home Board of Directors. Several of us Wilkes County friends are making contributions in Danny's memory to this wonderful organization. Its comforting to know that Danny is now flying with the Angels -  
Peggy, Dexter and Meredith Hayes

**Peggy, Dexter and Meredith Hayes** - August 19 at 06:37 AM