



Daniel John Leyes

July 12, 1970 - December 24, 2025

Daniel John Leyes died on the evening of December 24th, 2025, at the age of 55, after a long struggle with cancer. He died at home with family by his side. Born in July 1970, Daniel grew up in Southern Oregon as the oldest of three children. He knew early in life that he wanted to pursue a career in EMS. He volunteered for the Applegate Valley and Jackson County Fire Districts from 1988 to 1990. In 1989, Daniel married his best friend, Leanna Dodd. They were both 19. The two moved to Bend in 1990, and Daniel began volunteering for the Bend Fire Department. After working briefly for Redmond Fire, he was hired at the Bend Fire Department as a firefighter-paramedic in 1995, and was a founding member of the rescue team. Daniel was proud to serve as a deputized medic with the Bend Police Department CERT (Central Oregon Emergency Response Team) for fourteen years. Daniel also enjoyed working as a licensed general contractor, specializing in concrete work. He retired due to illness in 2021.

Daniel was the loving father of two children, and a man of strong faith in Jesus Christ. He was an avid gardener and baker, and loved to can his own produce. He liked to build, sew, kayak, and go camping. Daniel was a man who valued integrity, generosity, service, hard work, and had an indomitable spirit.

Daniel was preceded in death by his son Zachary Leyes, who sadly died at

age 17. Daniel is survived by his parents, John and Mary Leyes, his sister Anna (Leyes) Butler, his brother Jeffrey Leyes, his wife Leanna Leyes, his daughter Abigail (Leyes) Young, and many family and friends who miss him dearly.

In lieu of flowers or gifts, Daniel would have valued donations to Compassion International, or to Bend Fire's Community Assistance Program— or you could just help your neighbor in his memory. Memorials will be by private invitation only.

Niswonger-Reynolds Funeral Home of Bend was honored to serve the family.

Tribute Wall

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“ Growing up in Southern Oregon Daniel and I shared plenty of jokes about Californians, so you can imagine the roasting I got when he learned I was getting married and moving to the San Francisco Bay Area. As a wedding gift, he gave me a bailout bag fully stocked with enough food, water, shelter and medical supplies to easily last a month. In addition he included a compass, road map of CA and OR and note that said, "In case of emergency, or if you ever decide he's not the one, just give me a call." He knew Rob was a great guy, and loved to tease me, but there's nothing quite like knowing you have brothers who would walk, drive, bike, kayak or rappel to the ends of the earth to help you if they had to. Love you, Big Bro. You will be missed. <3 Annie

Anna Leyes Butler - December 30, 2025 at 11:24 PM

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“ Our parents never had much skill or ability to accomplish construction or repairs to their home. Each and every time I recall him visiting my parent's house he would spend dawn to dark working on their house. Roofing, porch or stair building, making a picnic table from scratch. He said very little and never bragged in my hearing. He was a strong example of many things that I believe a man should be. We're going miss you Dan. Save a spot in your mansion for me to visit!
Dusty

Dustin Dodd - December 29, 2025 at 04:10 PM

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“ I love you forever and I miss you so much D! Hug Zack for me ❤️



Leanna Leyes - December 29, 2025 at 03:18 PM