



## Danny Lawrence Sollom

September 27, 1949 - December 31, 2023

Danny Lawrence Sollom fought a valiant battle against cancer, but the disease ultimately won, and Danny left us on December 31, 2023. Dan had a charismatic and magnetic personality and was the epitome of a class act. He leaves a legacy of family, friends, and community who love and miss him deeply.

Dan was born on September 27, 1949, in Grand Folks, North Dakota. His family moved to Duluth, MN, in the early 1960s. He graduated from Duluth Cathedral High School in 1967 and then attended Brown Institute of Broadcasting in Minneapolis, MN. In 1969, he started his illustrious radio career as a DJ in Kalispell, MT. In 1972, he moved to Grand Forks, ND, to work at KRAD radio, and from there he went to KNOX radio. Dan's buoyant personality, smooth voice, and interpersonal connections brought him not only lucrative work in broadcasting, but it also brought him the love of his life, Denese Olson. They were married on October 5, 1974, in Grand Forks and their journey of love, laughter, mutual respect, and diverse experiences began. They moved to Montana, where Dan worked in radio for 8 years and where their daughter, Kaley Elizabeth, was born. Dan's career took the family to many different places, and he was always amazed at Denese's resilience and willingness to go wherever the next journey would take them. That journey eventually brought Dan and a very pregnant Denese to Wenatchee on Apple Blossom weekend in May of 1984, where Dan began as the General

Manager for KYSN Country. Their son, Brady Lukas Montana, was born a few weeks later, on June 9th. KYSN's first show aired on July 31, and you may remember Dan's very popular show "Sollom in the Morning." Dan often took a motorcycle pilgrimage to the homeland (North Dakota) during his tenure with KYSN, taking his listeners with him along the way. The family then moved to California for a brief time, until Dan was offered ownership interest in Wenatchee's KXA as a startup station. In 2003, he chose to make a major career change, and left broadcasting to begin a successful motivational consulting business. Dan retired in 2015.

Dan had many interests, but his most passionate were motorcycling and golf. He and Denese covered many miles touring the United States on their BMW, meeting new people, and spending time with fellow motorcycle enthusiasts, who became lifelong friends.

When he decided to hang up his motorcycle "hat," Dan fully immersed himself in his passion for golf. He spent numerous hours on the course enjoying the game, the outdoors, and his golfing companions. Dan shared many of his experiences in his golfing column in the Wenatchee World called "Swing Away."

Dan truly loved the Wenatchee community and volunteered in many ways. One of his favorites was directing traffic and parade entries at Triangle Park for the annual Apple Blossom Festival Grand Parade. He was an incredible "Papa" to his grandsons, dad to his kids, husband to his wife, and a wonderful friend and community member.

He was preceded in death by his father, Nordland "Whitey" Sollom, his mother, June Elizabeth Larsen, and sister, Mari Sollom.

He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Denese Sollom, daughter Kaley

Sollom, son Brady Sollom, brothers Kirby Sollom and Clifford Morrison, and grandsons Joshua Lawrence Sollom and Hejduke Fankhouser.

In lieu of flowers, Dan's family would appreciate a donation to the American Cancer Society.

This is Dan Sollom signing off...you make it a great day!

Swing away Dan. You are loved.

Memorial/Celebration of Life Details:

Date: July 16, 2024

Location: Highlander Golf Resort, 2920 8th Street SE, East Wenatchee, WA 98802

Memorial: 10:30 - 11:15 a.m.

Memorial golf event: 12:00 p.m. (invitation only – for more information contact Greg McEwen at [gmacwins@gmail.com](mailto:gmacwins@gmail.com)).

· Celebration of Life: 5:00 p.m. - a casual social gathering to celebrate Dan's life will follow the golf event. This will be no-host for beverages and food, but Highlander will have items available for purchase. Please come even if you are not golfing!

Any changes and additional details will be provided here closer to July 16.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUL **16**. 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM (PT)

Highlander Golf Resort  
2920 8th St SE  
East Wenatchee, WA 98802

# Tribute Wall

MC

“ We remember all the wonderful times we had in Missoula - swimming up the Blackfoot, musical evenings in Missoula homes, darts, camping at Rock Creek, Lake Como, Glacier Park and just miss those wonderful times!

We moved to Lincoln Nebraska to be with our oldest daughter and husband and their twin granddaughters and our youngest daughter, all here in Lincoln.

We send you our energy to keep your spark and love of life with your family.

We have 3 recordings of you singing with Mike that we can email to you if you would like. Not sure how to get them to you but we have them for you.



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**Mike and Jan Cronin** - October 19, 2024 at 04:17 PM

DC

“ Denise, Kaley, Brady and families.

Dan left his mark in the hearts of many in the Wenatchee Valley. May his memories live on in your hearts and keep you till you are reunited in eternity.

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**Doug & Linda Countryman** - March 31, 2024 at 03:31 PM

NJ

“ When I think of Dan I think of a "class act." He was the most thoughtful, kind, caring and simply a wonderful man. We live next door to Dan and Denese and what a blessing. There are no better neighbors than that, always there if you need them. One of my memories of Dan is looking out the window on a snowy day, he would be all bundled up and pushing his snow blower clearing our driveway. We never asked him and he did this countless times and insisted he wanted to do it. (Secretly I think he kind of liked the task!) And in the summertime, I would see him come and go from his home, almost always on his way to his beloved golf outings. I envied his zest for life and his easy way of living. He always had a smile and a very special twinkle in his eyes. I would often hear laughter and chatter from over the fence as he and Denese spent time together on their patio enjoying the weather and each other. A beautiful couple, very obviously in deep love for each other. Danny, you are so missed and I thank God for bringing you into our lives and for the privilege of knowing you.



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**Norma and Rashid Jamsheed** - March 31, 2024 at 09:42 AM

ST

“ 1 file added to the album Danny Sollom



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**Stacy** - March 28, 2024 at 01:15 PM



“ He once told me *"When you're having fun, you're number one"* His words of wisdom I will never forget. Catch you on the flip side old friend!

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**Dave Wright** - January 25, 2024 at 03:13 AM

PN

“ I was stunned to see the news of Dans passing. What a loss! As I look back, I still find myself chuckling over some of the fun on-air antics that Dan and Gary provided to us all during their long run in Wenatchee Radio. So fun, so giving, always a smile for ya! Rest assured, Dans in good hands now. My thoughts and prayers are with Denise and family. Peter Nolen

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**Peter Nolen** - January 17, 2024 at 09:19 PM

CH

“ So sorry to see the mention in the GF Herald of Dan's passing. We were neighbors on 8th Ave in the 70's. My sons, Dave & Dean, loved his sports car. My sympathy to the family. Peace, Char Hanson

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**char hanson** - January 11, 2024 at 11:35 PM

RB

“ Dan was always there as an amazing husband and dad providing support for Denese and their children through the many years I taught with Denese at Lincoln Elementary. I so enjoyed the times I would stop by their house and have an opportunity to chat with Dan. For quite a few of those years, I started my mornings listening to Dan on "Sollom in the Morning" on a local radio station. A positive way to start each day!

The Grand Forks Herald newspaper has a great photo of Dan with two family members and a friend included with their announcement that the former local radio personality passed away at age 74.

My deepest sympathy to Denese, Kaley and Brady.

Becky Britt

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Rebecca Britt - January 09, 2024 at 01:53 PM



I join Becky Britt in my condolences to Dan Sollom's family...my commute to work was so much better with Dan and Gary In the Morning. RIP

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Chris Mallon - January 19, 2024 at 01:16 PM



“ Sad to hear about Dan. A great guy with the same first name as me. I will remember him as great guy. A talent that we will miss. Prayers to all the family.

Dan Kelly

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Dan Kelly - January 08, 2024 at 08:19 PM

BS

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Bradly Scot

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Bradly Scot - January 07, 2024 at 02:09 AM

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Bradly Scot - January 07, 2024 at 02:05 AM

CB

“ Sending love and prayers to Denese and her children and grandchildren. Danny was an amazing man, a husband, father, Grandfather, friend and a community icon. He will be missed by so many. RIP Danny. 🙏💙

Crystal Bragg - January 06, 2024 at 08:19 PM

GS

“ So sorry to hear about Danny. I have so many great memories of growing up with him, especially after his dad married my mom. We went from friends to brothers!! Thinking of you all during this difficult time. Greg and Kathy Schneider

Greg Schneider - January 06, 2024 at 12:12 AM

JM

“ Juanita Matthews lit a candle in memory of  
Danny Lawrence Sollom



Juanita Matthews - January 05, 2024 at 10:46 AM

JP

“ *Dan was a dear friend, a fun golf buddy who played the game with passion and integrity! He always had and knew how to entertain with his life’s stories and quick wit humor. I will miss the fun times and especially his big get than life presence on the course. See you on the 1st tee Danno! ❤️*



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**Jack Powers** - January 04, 2024 at 08:11 PM

BC

“ *SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY. BRUCE CARIVEAU/CAROL FARGO,ND*

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**BRUCE CARIVEAU** - January 04, 2024 at 03:44 PM