
In Memoriam

Dan Benedix

My good friend Dan William Benedix succumbed to esophageal cancer on February 14, 2025. A pilot, an entrepreneur, a great husband and dad, and a wonderful humanitarian, Dan was 50 years old and valiantly fought for 19 months against the cancer. In classic Dan fashion, he defied all the odds and lived far past his diagnosed expectancy.



A 1992 graduate of Millbury (MA) High School, Dan was a talented basketball player, playing on the Millbury Varsity Team and then at Quinsigamond Community College until a severe back injury ended his basketball career.

Dan pursued a career in the IT sector, eventually becoming the founder of Tego. After selling this company, Dan pursued his many other interests: becoming a pilot, building his own airfield in Cedar Grove NC, and continuing as a serial entrepreneur. Dan was always “all-in” and accomplished every task with unsurpassed dedication and passion.

Dan probably was best known for his humanitarian work. He actively supported cancer research through both Race Across America and Kaitlynn’s

Ride. He spearheaded efforts with Operation AirDrop to deliver life-saving meals, medicine, and water to communities flooded by Hurricane Florence in 2018. Even as he was approaching the end of his life, Dan assembled a flotilla of aircraft, pilots, and volunteers to deliver supplies into Asheville and the surrounding areas that were direly impacted after Hurricane Helene. He also often volunteered for Pilots and Paws, as well as Military Angel Flights, providing much needed transportation of veterans to receive medical treatment.

One of Dan's greatest joys was his family. He is survived by his wife, Jocelyn (Guschl) Benedix, their shared children Sebastian (20), Rue (17), and Stella (16) and their six rescue dogs (some of whom were flown home to NC for their rescue). Dan absolutely loved being a dad and never missed a first or last day, a single practice, performance or competition. Supporting and loving his family unconditionally and with his whole heart is what defined Dan, not just as a dad and husband, but as the amazing human he was.

Dan's final message to us all was always to love and care for one another, period.

About the Author



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