

# Daniel Keith Varble

June 15, 1943

March 13, 2019 (75)

Bellaire, MI

On Wednesday, March 13, 2019, **Daniel Keith Varble**, 75, passed away in Bellaire, MI. Dan was born June 15, 1943 in Rockford, IL to Glenn I. and Yvonne A. Varble.

He graduated from Rockford West High School and the University of Wisconsin at Whitewater before starting his professional career as an Accountant. After he retired as Vice President and Treasurer of Provincial House, Lansing, MI, he moved to Bellaire, MI to enjoy the beauty of the area.



He was active in the Bellaire community for over 35 years serving in many capacities for American Red Cross: disaster services, service to the Armed Forces, blood drive volunteer, and board member of the Antrim County Chapter. For 10 years he was Treasurer of the Bellaire Community Food Pantry and a patron of Friends of the Bellaire Public Library.

Dan loved playing golf and studied the history of the game. He and friends made lasting memories on frequent trips to Scotland to play storied golf courses. Visiting new places with his wife, Marcia, was important to him; he enjoyed the sense of discovery; travel made for wonderful stories and lasting friendships. Reading was another of Dan's favorites. He enjoyed good mysteries and was fond of history books; his interest in history led to his interest in genealogy. While exploring family and American history, he often visited overgrown cemeteries and battlefields. Dan was a great sports fan who especially enjoyed Red Wing Hockey and Detroit Tiger Baseball and attended many minor league games of both teams.

Dan was always learning. He liked to arrange words for meaningful expression. He enjoyed searching the dictionary for words to use in entertaining word games with friends. He had a great sense of humor and a quick but friendly wit; his witty banter became another friendly game with those close to him.

In 2007, Dan and Marcia hosted, Kangqiao (KQ) Huang, a 15-year-old Chinese exchange student from Beijing. KQ stole their hearts and quickly became part of the family. They had the opportunity to travel through China with KQ, and she has returned to the States several times to be with her American Dad and Mom.

Dan was kind, compassionate, and thoughtful. He took the time for conversation with anyone he met. He was always thinking of others. Dan was a loving husband, father, and grandfather. He enjoyed time with his family and his friends. He took frequent walks and long car rides with his ever-faithful dog, Oliver. Oliver misses Dan who is also survived by his wife, Marcia of 54 years; his sons, Todd (Tracy Corey) Varble and Mark (Cheryl) Varble; his granddaughters, Samantha, Kira, and Andrea Varble; his sister, Linda Phillips; and many nieces, nephews, and dear friends. Dan was preceded in death by his parents and his brothers, Jack, Gerald, and Richard Varble.

Family and friends will gather to celebrate Dan's life sometime after the snow melts - when spring and summer flowers are in bloom. You may choose to remember Dan's life through a memorial gift to the Bellaire Community Food Pantry, the Bellaire Public Library, or the charity of your choice.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Bellaire Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Home, 106 S. Bridge Street. Please sign the guestbook, [www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com](http://www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com)

**Reference:**

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