

Daniel James Offenburger, the son of Herman and Anna Martina Sims Offenburger, was born January 13, 1936, in Shenandoah, Iowa, and passed away in Omaha, Nebraska, on Thursday, April 8, 2004. Dan spent his early life in Shenandoah attending and graduating from Shenandoah High School with the class of 1954. After graduation he attended Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska, graduating in 1958. He would later attend Creighton University receiving a Masters Degree in Education in 1963. In 1969 Dan received a Masters Degree from Wayne State College in Wayne, Nebraska in Physical Education. After graduating from Creighton in 1958, he taught and coached at Little Sioux, Iowa. From Little Sioux, he was a coach and teacher at Our Lady of Good Counsel High School in Fonda, Iowa, where he met Mary Jean Carr. They were married at Our Lady of Good Counsel on June 8, 1963. After their marriage Dan taught and coached at Rolfe, Iowa, later teaching and coaching at Dowling Boys High School in Des Moines, Iowa. Dan was principal at Boxholm, Iowa, later returning to his alma mater, Creighton University in Omaha. There he held various positions in the athletic department, the last five years as Athletic Director. In 1990 he returned to his home town of Shenandoah, Iowa where he was the Economic Development Director and Executive Vice President of the Chamber of Commerce. Upon his retirement in 2003, Dan became affiliated with the United Group N.P. Dodge in Shenandoah.

Dan was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, helping on various committees, a song leader, choir member, and an usher. He was involved with various planning committees in the community and southwest Iowa. Dan enjoyed coaching throughout the years and coaching his daughter's sports and other youth sports. He was a former member of the Knights of Columbus. Dan was an avid jogger early in his life and was an enthusiastic bicyclist and golfer. He considered service to others a life calling and was committed to helping others.

Dan was preceded in death by his father, Herman Offenburger; daughter, Nancy Marie Offenburger; brothers William "Bill" Offenburger, Tom Offenburger; mother Anna Offenburger and brother-in-law Bob Watson. Survivors include his wife Mary Jean, Shenandoah; daughters, Jeanie Long and husband Erik of Edmond, OK; Martina Walker of Shenandoah, IA; Katy Spellerberg and husband Mike of Omaha, NE; grandchildren, Tommy Offenburger, Molly Loker, Bo Walker, Anna Walker, Amanda Long, Alex Long, Evan Spellerberg; sisters, Beverly Watson of Johnston, IA, Sue Polk and husband Bud of Elkhorn, NE; Christine Walsh and Karl Werner of Cedar Rapids, IA; brother Chuck Offenburger and wife Carla of Storm Lake, IA; sister-in-law Frances Offenburger of Shenandoah, IA; other relatives and many friends.

*Following the services at the cemetery, you are cordially invited to join the family for a time of fellowship and refreshments in the basement of St. Mary's Good Shepherd Rectory.*

Services entrusted to  
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