



Daniel Paul Bolin, 1948 - 2024

Daniel Paul Bolin, 75, of Melbourne, FL, passed away on February 3, 2024, surrounded by his loving wife and sons.

Born on April 11, 1948, in Indianapolis, IN, to Gillespie and Genell (Runner) Bolin, Dan's journey was one of passion, joy, and a profound dedication to the world of music, education, and family.

At an early age, Dan was drawn to music by listening to the sounds of his father playing the piano and band music on the radio. He joined the Wood High School band and Indiana All-State Orchestra as a tubist. He went on to perform with the Philharmonic Orchestra of Indianapolis, the Carmel Symphony Orchestra, and was principal tubist with the Indianapolis Symphonic Band.

His older brother and Dan were the first generation in the family to attend and graduate college. Dan earned bachelor's and master's degrees in music from Butler University, and a doctorate in education from Indiana University.

His first job in education was back at his former high school taking over as band director. He went on to direct and teach music at schools throughout Indiana, developing the bands of Emmerich Manual, Lebanon and Southport High Schools. Under his leadership, Southport's bands were selected to perform for the IMEA Conference, the ASBDA National Convention, and were honored by Butler University with performances in Clowes Hall. In 1984, Dan transitioned from the head of the music department at Southport High School to administration: first as Assistant Principal, then Director of Personnel, Director of Secondary Education, Assistant Superintendent, and Interim Superintendent of Perry Township. Then in 1995, Dan joined Butler University, serving twice as Chair of the School of Music from 1995-2001 and again from 2009-2014. He was named Professor Emeritus upon his retirement from Butler University in 2018.

In 1981, Dan co-founded Great Lake Music Camps and for the next 23 summers, encouraged thousands of middle and high school students in their music education. He later launched Global Educational Tours taking many band, orchestra, and choral groups to perform all around the world.

He served as Executive Secretary of the IMEA, was a board member of ISMA, and numerous other boards including Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra, Perry Township Education Foundation, American Bandmaster's Association and was Chairman of Young Audiences of Indiana. Dan also hosted numerous United States military bands throughout Indiana. This led to guest conducting opportunities with The US Army Band, US Coast Guard Band, US Air Force Band, US Air Force Academy Band, US Air Force Band of Flight, and the US Army Field Band

Dan's talents and dedication drew many recognitions and accolades including ASBDA Outstanding Young Band Director for Indiana, Who's Who in America, United States Army Civilian Public Service medal,

Inductee of the Indiana Bandmasters Hall of Fame, the Gamma Chapter of Phi Beta Mu Hall of Fame, and International Band Directors' Hall of Fame. He was a Sagamore of the Wabash recipient

Dan will be remembered not only for his professional achievements but also for his spirited embrace of life's joys. He, despite battling cancer and heart issues in his final years, continued to enjoy conducting concerts with the Indianapolis and Melbourne Municipal Bands, traveling with his wife, and spending time with his sons and grandchildren whenever possible.

Dan is survived by his wife, Jane; his sons, John (Lucy) and Douglas (Kiersten); mother of his sons, Marilyn Rader; and his brother, Stephen. His legacy is also celebrated by his grandchildren; Alessandra, Aspen, Vaughn, Liam, Gabriel, and Kora, who will carry forward the memories of their beloved grandpa's remarkable life and the melodies that defined it

Visitation will be held at G. H. Herrmann Funeral Home, 5141 Madison Avenue, Indianapolis, IN on Friday, February 23, 2024 from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. Additional visitation will be held on Saturday, February 24, 2024 from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m.

The memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. at the funeral home. A live stream, beginning at the start of service, will be viewable via Facebook page: G.H. Herrmann Funeral Homes and Cemeterie

In honor of Dan's love of music and animals, memorial contributions may be made to The Bolin Family Fund at Butler University online at <https://give.butler.edu/bolin> or by check payable to Butler University (Memo Line- Bolin Family Fund); or to IndyHumane at <https://indyhumane.org/honor-memorial-donation-form/> or by check payable to IndyHumane (Memo Line – In Memory of Dan Bolin).