



Jared Andrew Danielson

September 11, 1969 - May 16, 2025

Jared Andrew Danielson, 55, passed away on May 16th at his home in Roland, Iowa after a two-year battle with cancer. Funeral services will be held on Friday, May 23rd, 11 a.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ Latter-day Saints, 2524 Hoover Avenue, Ames, Iowa. A family burial service will follow in the Roland Cemetery. A public viewing will be held Thursday from 4-7 p.m. at the church.

Jared was born on September 11, 1969, in Detroit, Michigan, to Leif and Sue (Safran) Danielson. His family moved to Florence, Oregon, where he graduated from Siuslaw High School. He then served a two-year mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Argentina Cordoba/Mendoza Mission. After his mission, Jared worked at the Provo Missionary Training Center, where he met and fell in love with Britany Anne Christensen. After a little convincing, they were married on December 19, 1992, in the Portland, Oregon temple.

Throughout his academic career, he studied at BYU Provo, Syracuse University, New York, and finally Virginia Tech, where he completed his doctoral degree in Instruction and Curriculum Design. After working for a short time at Virginia Tech, he was offered a role at Iowa State University; so in 2002 the family moved to Roland, where Jared began a 20-year career at Iowa State's College of Veterinary Medicine. At the time of his passing, Jared was serving as Senior Associate Dean for Academic and Student Programs, Success and Innovation. He was committed to his students, and worked to make his office a place where they felt welcomed, loved, and received wise counsel. He dedicated his career to helping students and faculty to pave ways for their success.

Jared's life reflected his devotion to both his faith and family. Always the attentive parent, he raised his children in love and righteousness as he served in various positions in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Notably, he served as president of the Story City Branch, and then president of the Ames, Iowa Stake. After being released from those callings, he happily returned back to his local congregation and taught youth Sunday school and early morning seminary.

Despite the many demands on his time, he prioritized weekly dates with his wife and quality time with his family. They spent weekends hauling wood, remodeling their 1884 farmhouse, singing while doing dishes together; and sometimes Jared danced his wife around the kitchen. Always the adventurer, he joined the local karate dojo with his kids. He eventually earned the titles of Bo Tokucho (specialist in weapons), Shihan (fourth degree black belt), and Senior Yudansha of the United Ryukyu Kempo Alliance. While he was honored by these titles, his greatest success was building long and lasting relationships with his children. For years he enjoyed riding his tandem bicycle with his sweetheart Britany, singing, and always supporting his children in their passions.

It can be well and truly said that he was a son of God, a covenant keeper, a disciple of Christ; and that he brought honor to the titles of husband, father, and friend. We find great comfort in the knowledge that this earthly separation is only for a short time, and not for eternity.

Jared is survived by his loving wife, Britany Christensen Danielson of Roland; his children, Shayla Anne, Adam Robert (Maeve), Joseph Leif, Megan Sue (Julian Carvalho), Elizabeth Naomi, Caleb Isaiah, and Laura Marie; his grandchildren, Felicity Jane and Natalie Grace; his father Leif and his siblings, Seth, Sarah Saito, Mark, Deborah Kingry, Mary Danielson, Aaron, Thad, and Ammon. He was preceded in death by his mother, Sue Safran Danielson.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to a scholarship being established in remembrance of Dr. Jared Danielson, at the College of Veterinary Medicine. Gifts may be directed to the Iowa State University Foundation in honor of Dr. Danielson, 2505 University Boulevard, P.O. Box 2230, Ames, Iowa 50010-2230. Memorials may also be made to the Roland Story School District MAST (Music, Art, Speech and Theater).

The funeral arrangements are under the direction of Soderstrum Funeral Home, Story City, Iowa.

Cemetery



ROLAND CEMETERY

59168 130th St.,
Roland, IA 50236

Events



VISITATION

4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Church of Jesus Christ
of Latter-Day Saints
2524 Hoover Ave.,
Ames, IA 50010



SERVICE

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Church of Jesus Christ
of Latter-Day Saints
2524 Hoover Ave.,
Ames, IA 50010 Zoom
link:
<https://zoom.us/j/93598304461>
other option:
<https://broadcasts.churchofjesuschrist.org/>
code: 982017

Tribute Wall

J Jen Cardon

Jared is a great teacher and his gift is to understand how to teach the individual so that they are uplifted and edified. He is an outstanding husband, father, and disciple of Christ. I'm thankful that both Brittany and Jared are dear and life-long friends. Hasta vernos con El Rey, estimado Amigo!

B Becky Billings

Dr. Danielson was one of the only people I knew when I started vet school. He is one of the most compassionate caring people I have ever met. When someone would talk to him he would sincerely listen, even if he had a million other things to do. I will miss him so much.

A Aubree Litster

I don't have a particular memory to share, but I loved having him as my stake president when I was in the youth program. He was funny, sensitive, and had a wonderful ability to relate to the youth and help them feel loved. It was always a pleasure to hear him speak in meetings, at girl's camp, and just visit with him personally. His love and teachings strengthened my testimony. May you all find peace, hope, and healing.

B Bruce Gelder

I had the opportunity to meet with Jared/Your father/President Danielson frequently while he served as stake president and was impressed by his love for his family, his love and careful leadership for the Ames Stake, and his deep caring for all around him. I am sorry to hear that he has passed away and send my condolences to the entire family and those who cared about him. The world has lost a gentle caring giant.

ISU Library

With heartfelt condolences from colleagues and friends at Parks Library. May Jared rest in peace.



"Days of Sunshine Bouquet"
was purchased for the family of Jared Andrew Danielson

[Tribute Store](#)

Show your support with flowers

W

William Hunt

When my family moved to Roland, the Danielsons were among the first to welcome us. Jared, and the rest of the Danielson family, opened their heart as much as their arms. I am sure there will be a lot of memories related to his faith and leadership, but I want to share my memory of his humor. He was quick to laugh and find joy in good humor. I saw a good man who found joy in life. If he was sweating in his yard or on someone's roof, he was smiling. If he was hearing primary children singing, he was smiling. I never had to earn a smile or a laugh. He was always ready to give them freely. He was, and is, definition of balance. Those things that should be taken seriously, were taken seriously. The rest of life was an opportunity to find joy. Of the many warm embraces I hope to have one day, his definitely makes the list. He loved me and my family and the feeling is mutual. The Danielson family is a treasure and I am grateful to have found them. - William Hunt

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Anonymous

Dr. Danielson's absence will be greatly felt at the College of Vet Med. He was one of the first people to address us as incoming VM1 students, and his kindness was immediately felt. I personally experienced this kindness one day while walking out to my car in the school parking lot. I was having a bad day, so I was walking with my head down and not paying attention to who was around me when I heard, "Good morning, how are you today?" I looked up to see Dr. Danielson with a smile on his face. He could have easily walked past without saying anything, especially given my demeanor in that moment, but he went out of his way to connect. He will truly be missed—my condolences to all who knew and loved him.

E

Elena Toufani

In memory of Dr. Danielson, whose warm smile and kindness made everyone feel welcome. His presence and kindness will always be remembered.

**Tribute Store**

A memorial tree was planted in memory of Jared Andrew Danielson.

C

Caitlin Shanks

I love being part of the family even though I am not really. Being welcomed to have dinner there on Wednesdays and weekends but being able to pray for it was even more awesome. He asked me the last time I saw him was does it feel like I call on you to pray and I said no because I love it. I also love how he is was willing to help me with bo to get ready for black belt testing he knew so much so having my neighbor sempi Danielson help me is just a blessing. I love doing karate with his family and I love spending time with his family it so much fun that I am able to spend as much time as I am over there is fun.



With all our love, The Seifert Family

Our hearts are broken for you. Jared was one of the kindest, most caring people we've ever known true friend to our family. You're in our prayers!



"Heartwarming Thoughts Boston Fern"
was purchased for the family of Jared Andrew Danielson

[Tribute Store](#)

Show your support with flowers

A tree was also planted in memory of Jared Andrew Danielson.

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Anonymous

Thank you, Dr. Danielson, for sharing your experiences in learning and listening so well. We will miss you while you are hiking new trails.



Tribute Store
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Anthony, Brenda, & Nolan

Mr. Danielson will always remain in our hearts. Wishing you and your family love, peace, and strength.



"Yellow Designer's Choice"
was purchased for the family of Jared Andrew Danielson

[Tribute Store](#)

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Erralee and family

He was a kind, compassionate, patient, and caring person even with my youngest child. He will be missed.

L

Love The Lacey Family

To the man whose love for trees runs so deep, he planted a forest in his own backyard just to feel a little closer to his Oregon home.

A

Anonymous

How special he was. We always remember Jared for his kind heart and loving spirit. Thinking of all whom he loved, with prayers for comfort.

**Tribute Store**

A memorial tree was planted in memory of Jared Andrew Danielson.

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Anonymous

Warmest condolences.

**Tribute Store**

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Anonymous

May this tree stand as a lasting tribute to his life and the love that surrounds him. With heartfelt sympathy, Your SHARP Family

**Tribute Store**

A memorial tree was planted in memory of Jared Andrew Danielson.



Stacey Benson

My thoughts and prayers are with your family at this difficult time.

**"Red Designer's Choice"**

was purchased for the family of Jared Andrew Danielson

 **Tribute Store**

Show your support with flowers

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A Memorial Tree was planted for Jared Andrew
Danielson

We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Soderstrum Funeral Home -
Story City
