



## Daniel Walcott Ritter

April 6, 1958 - December 4, 2024

Daniel Walcott Ritter, a quiet farmer that was well loved and respected by all who knew him, died December 4, 2024 at the age of 66. Dan was born April 6, 1958 in Charlotte to Royal and Dorothy (Zimmerman) Ritter, and lived his entire life in this area. A farmer at heart, Dan felt it was his responsibility to be a steward of the land and he was committed to his family's values. He also had a thirst for knowledge, and was self-educated and always striving to learn more with his super inquisitive ways. While his primary social life was centered around dairy and farming, once you got through his gruff exterior he was a sociable guy and had a way of putting people at ease with his contagious laugh. Dan was a member of the Michigan Milk Producers Association.

Dan is survived by his sister, Phyllis (Chris) Reynolds; and nieces, Hannah (Michael) Cleland and Abbigail (Jeremy) Weant. He was predeceased by his parents, and siblings, David and Mary.

Friends are encouraged to support Dan's family by attending services or sharing memories on his Tribute Page at [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com). Visitation is Monday, December 9, 2024, 9 - 11:00 a.m. at Hidden Creek Farms in Charlotte with funeral services following at 11:00 a.m. with Pastor Andy Shaver officiating. The family suggests memorial contributions to Future Farmers of America or Eaton Community Palliative Care. The family is in the

care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

# Cemetery Details

## Benton Township Cemetery

3775 E. Vermontville Hwy.  
Potterville, MI 48876

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 9. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Hidden Creek Farms  
2181 E. Vermontville Hwy.  
Charlotte, MI 48813

## Funeral

DEC 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Charlotte, MI 48813

## Burial

DEC 9 (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

CR

“ We are very sorry to hear that Dan has passed, and we offer our deepest sympathy to his family. We met Dan soon after we moved to the area when he stopped by and offered to lease our land. Dan was always friendly and a hard worker, and we appreciated that he would stop by and talk with us about the next crops and general information about our land. He will be missed.

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**Curt and Teresa Ritsema** - December 12, 2024 at 08:03 AM

MB

“ So sorry to hear about Dan's passing. He was one of the first people we met in the early 80s when we moved in the area. I have a few memories of Dan, but this one stands out. I took my sister Deborah to meet Dan trying to set them up together. I took her down to Dan's cow barn to show her the cute cows and all the cats. And there was Dan just beginning to milk the cows as they all single filed came into the barn. I introduced him to my sister as he was hooking the cows utters up to the suction machine for milking. As he put the suction cup onto the cows teat and the machine started doing its thing. My sister clutched her breast in shock and turned away. I never seen Dan laugh so hard. He was a big part of this farming area and will be missed.

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**Melissa and Bruce Brown** - December 11, 2024 at 05:58 PM

CB

“ Way back in early 80's we baled hay for the Ritters. Great memories for the city boys. After, they would sit us to a farm house dinner with the biggest table covered in full with the best food ever. What a wonderful man and family.

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**Charlotte City Boys** - December 10, 2024 at 08:50 AM

CB

*ALWAYS a smile, always a laugh!*

**City Boys** - December 10, 2024 at 09:09 AM

SJ

*I worked for Dan and his family for a few years in high school. He was a great boss and I enjoy the memories spent on their potterville farm. Dan had a giggle that would make me want to do anything to hear. I hold a lot of respect for Dan. He taught me a lot. I was coming through a dark time in my life while working for him. He helped me work through that time and put me on a much better path. God Bless you Dan.*

**Sherwood Jones** - December 11, 2024 at 04:51 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



**Karen Jackson** - December 08, 2024 at 11:11 AM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



**Karen Jackson** - December 08, 2024 at 11:09 AM



“ 4 files added to the album *Memories of Dan*



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**Karen Jackson** - December 08, 2024 at 11:07 AM



“ *The Zimmerman's and Family's planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Daniel Walcott Ritter.*

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**The Zimmerman's and Family's** - December 07, 2024 at 08:46 AM



“ *The Zimmerman's and Family's purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Daniel Walcott Ritter.*



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**The Zimmerman's and Family's** - December 07, 2024 at 08:46 AM

TF

“ *The Gordon Wright Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Daniel Walcott Ritter.*



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**The Gordon Wright Family** - December 06, 2024 at 08:33 PM

ST

“ *Steve & Amy Trudgeon purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Daniel Walcott Ritter.*



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**Steve & Amy Trudgeon** - December 06, 2024 at 03:37 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Dan Ritter was my first employer and I certainly learned a lot from him and the family. He will be missed.*

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**Jason Ross** - December 06, 2024 at 11:21 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Daniel Walcott Ritter.*



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December 06, 2024 at 10:36 AM

CW

“ Chad & Carol Walker lit a candle in memory of Daniel Walcott Ritter



Chad & Carol Walker - December 06, 2024 at 10:27 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Daniel Walcott Ritter.



December 06, 2024 at 09:14 AM

BV

“ Ben V. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Daniel Walcott Ritter.

Ben V. - December 05, 2024 at 10:31 PM

SS

“ Dear Phyllis, I'm saddened to learn about Dan. My deepest sympathy to you and your family. He was a great guy and I'm so sorry. Love and peace you you during this difficult tine.

Sandy Webb Simpson - December 05, 2024 at 09:01 PM

KA

“ Used to chum around with him in high school. Haven't seen him since graduation. So sorry to hear of his passing. Condolences to his family and friends.

Kevin Adams  
Iron River, MI

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Kevin Adams - December 05, 2024 at 07:05 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Daniel Walcott Ritter.



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December 05, 2024 at 06:25 PM

DW

“ Daryl webb planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Daniel Walcott Ritter.

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Daryl webb - December 05, 2024 at 06:04 PM

DW

“ Daryl webb purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Daniel Walcott Ritter.



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Daryl webb - December 05, 2024 at 06:04 PM