



Daniel Elmore "Danny" Becnel, Jr.

June 14, 1944 - April 7, 2020

Daniel Elmore "Danny" Becnel, Jr., age 75, passed away at his home in Laplace on April 7, 2020, after a long illness.

He was the son of Daniel Elmore Becnel, Sr. and Edna Vicknair Becnel. He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Mary Hotard Becnel; four sons, Daniel Elmore Becnel III (Kathryn), Christopher Devon Becnel (Toni), Bradley Douglas Becnel (Ashley), and Ainsley Michael Becnel; and his sister Susan Williams and brother Robert Becnel. He was the grandfather of seven grandchildren, Jane, Christian, Thompson, Nicholas, Connor, Evan and Bryce Becnel, and the uncle of numerous nieces and nephews.

Danny attended St. Peter Catholic School in Reserve, graduated from Holy Cross High School, obtained a BA from LSU and a JD from Loyola Law School.

Danny practiced law for more than forty years, maintaining offices in Reserve and Laplace. As a young lawyer, he won the first million-dollar personal injury jury trial in Louisiana and became a very successful and nationally renowned trial lawyer for personal injury, class actions and multi district litigation.

His work took him across the country and into contact with dignitaries and presidents, but he was a country boy at heart, always happiest to be back in his beloved St. John the Baptist Parish. He could often be spotted working in his garden and riding his tractor. He was a generous man with a bigger than life personality who touched many lives.

Services will be private, but a memorial service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to medical health professionals in need of assistance.

Arrangements by Millet-Guidry Funeral Home. Please consider sharing your thoughts, favorite memory or condolences at www.milletguidry.com

Tribute Wall



“ Daniel Elmore "Danny" Becnel, Jr.

October 05, 2023 at 08:59 AM



“ Mary,

My sincerest thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during these times. Danny meant so much to so many of us. I find comfort and solace in delightful memories made over the years. May God bless and keep you all!

Walter C. Dumas

Walter C. Dumas - April 23, 2020 at 05:46 PM



“ Mary and family, let me express my condolences on Danny's passing. I have fond memories of the work he did on behalf of Loyola Law School at the time I was Dean. Also I enjoyed skiing with him at Aspen, though I could never come close to keeping up with him!

Jim Klebba - April 16, 2020 at 10:51 PM



“ Condolences and prayers to the family!

Vernon J Duhe - April 14, 2020 at 11:12 AM



“ Mary,

I am so saddened to see this news. Grief is not a pleasant journey. Remember you are loved by many. You are welcome to call me anytime day or night if you want or need to talk. You have been so very good and kind to me.

Much love, Lynda Jones

Lynda Jones - April 13, 2020 at 10:30 AM

JD

“ Mary, I just now came across this sad news. I can tell from the outpouring of sympathy that your husband was a truly special and much loved person. I am so very sorry for your loss. Love to you and your family.

Cissy Daughtrey

Judge Martha C Daughtrey - April 12, 2020 at 02:35 PM

SG

“ April 10, 2020

*To Mary and the rest of the family I'm so sorry to hear of Danny's passing He was an inspiration to many attorneys and the profession has suffered a great loss Please let me know if there's anything I can do Steve
Steve Griffith, Destrehan, LA*

Steven Griffith - April 11, 2020 at 07:54 AM

SC

“ Mary,

Oh, how I wish I were closer so that I could do something to help you. Alabama is a decent distance from Louisiana during normal times, but now with the Coronavirus, it seems lightyears away.

I know that Danny's quality of life in the past few years has been dreadful but I know that you have done everything you knew to do to improve it.

There is no greater blessing than a happy marriage, and you both have had that wonderful blessing.

I am only a phone call away, if you need me.....

Lovingly,

Sue Bell Cobb

Sue Bell Cobb - April 10, 2020 at 09:43 PM

FB

Mary,

Danny was a force of nature to be dealt with. He had a way of seeing through the haze and he was willing to lay it on the line if he believed in something. I never knew what he saw in me but he took a chance on me and gave me an opportunity to start a national litigation that exposed a big company and ultimately saved the lives of many people undergoing surgery. He will remain in my list of fearless men who were willing stand in the line of fire. Danny was very giving and had a big heart. I was so saddened when he got really sick a few years ago and I know that he is now in a better place. Our prayers go out to you and the whole Becnel family.

François Blaudeau MD JD

Francois M Blaudeau - April 12, 2020 at 04:45 PM

DT

“ Mary,

My deepest sympathy to you and your family at this difficult time. I know Danny will be missed by many.

Danyelle M Taylor

Danyelle Taylor - April 10, 2020 at 03:59 PM

DJ

“ Dear Judge Becnel,

I will always remember Danny as a great advocate for his clients and the people as well as a kind soul. After a moment of rest upon the wind his soul will rise again and build another tower in the sky. His death is a great loss to the legal community.

Darleen M. Jacobs

Darleen Jacobs - April 09, 2020 at 01:56 PM

GM

“ Dear Mary (and Becnel family)

Judy and I are so sorry to hear of Danny's passing. I considered it an honor to have been hired by Danny when I first started working as a Paralegal. It was a wonderful experience and a learning experience as well. There have been many pioneers in this community through the years, and Danny is most certainly going to be added to that list as a giant in the legal world. His place in the history of this community (and the state and nation) is secure. Gerard & Judy Montz

Gerard Montz - April 08, 2020 at 09:22 PM

KO

“ *Deepest sympathy and prayers to his family and friends*

kathy t oncale - April 08, 2020 at 06:15 PM

JS

Prayers for you and your family

Janice v Stein - April 09, 2020 at 09:14 PM

PP

“ *Judge Becnel,*

My condolences to you and your family. I'm incredibly sorry for your loss and wish you strength during this difficult time.


Priya Purandare

Priya Purandare - April 08, 2020 at 05:12 PM

RW

“ *My Deepest Sympathies to Mary and The Becnel Family for their loss of a love one. Danny was a good man and he helped many people. Danny will be missed by many
God Bless Danny and Family in their time of deep sorrow.*

Ranney J Wilson - April 08, 2020 at 05:06 PM

 Terry Toland

“ *Deepest sympathies, always admired Mr.Becnel ,his work and love for his community. ..He will be remembered*

Terry Toland - April 08, 2020 at 02:21 PM

KB

*I am sorry to hear the news about Danny. He was my moms lawyer. He always was a friend of our family.
Kermit Breaux and family.*

Kermit Beeaux - April 10, 2020 at 10:57 AM

MH

“ Mary, my deepest sympathy for you and your family on this great loss. May all the good memories you have of your husband and the good times you had with him and your family sustain you through this time of mourning. I am truly sorry for your loss especially during this difficult national time of restrictions and anxieties. You are a strong woman so I know you will carry on with grace and fortitude. Love and Prayers. Marcella Holland

Marcella Holland - April 08, 2020 at 12:49 PM

SB

"Where lives pass, memories carry on forever"... Stan Borne

Stan Borne - April 09, 2020 at 01:41 PM

DF

“ Dear Mary, It is with a heavy heart that I send my sympathy to you and your family at this time of great loss. Despite the great distance that separates us, I think of you and your children today and wish you comfort in the days to come. Dana Fabe

Dana Fabe - April 08, 2020 at 12:44 PM

ND

“ Dearest Mary, I am so very sorry to learn of the loss of your husband and loving partner for so many years. My heartfelt condolences to you and your family. Nan Duffly

Nan Duffly - April 08, 2020 at 11:41 AM

AB

Dear Mary—My heart goes out to you and your family at the loss of your wonderful husband. Please know that your NAWJ sisters are thinking of you and sending your hugs during this time of loss. Please accept my condolences. Anna Blackburne-Rigsby

Anna Blackburne-Rigsby - April 08, 2020 at 02:12 PM

KH

“ So sorry for your loss. With heart felt sympathy
He was an awesome person and lawyer

Kathy Hampton - April 08, 2020 at 11:39 AM

LC

“ Judge Becnel,

My heartfelt condolences to you and your family. I fondly remember meeting Mr. Becnel in 2013 during NAWJ's annual conference in New Orleans, and the down to earth ease and warmth with which he would engage on a variety of topics, always thoughtful of others.

*I wish you nothing but comfort and strength,
Lavinia Cousin*

Lavinia Cousin - April 08, 2020 at 11:22 AM

LW

“ *Mary, my deepest sympathy for you and your beautiful family. You are a treasure and I pray you have peace. Your husband would be so proud of what a warrior you are and have been. With much love Lisa Walsh*

Lisa Walsh - April 08, 2020 at 09:16 AM

GF

“ *Our deepest condolences and prayers are with the family and we are so sorry for your loss*



Gino & Gina Fortino - April 08, 2020 at 08:37 AM

FJ

“ *Condolences to your family.*



Florestine Joseph - April 08, 2020 at 07:50 AM

JW

“ *My heart goes out to you Mary.
I will be praying for you and your family. Love, JoAnne Weber.
I will let Joey and Rosie's children know!*

JoAnne Weber - April 08, 2020 at 07:21 AM

DC

So sorry for your loss 🙏🙏

Dottie Catoire - April 08, 2020 at 08:56 AM

MJ

“ Deepest sympathy, Melinda James

Melinda James - April 08, 2020 at 04:25 AM

DT

“ I'm sorry for your loss and you have my deepest condolences. May God Bless your family during this time of sorrow.

Darrell Townson - April 08, 2020 at 02:42 AM

JB

“ My condolences to the Becnel family for you all will be in our prayers. Thank you for always being so kind Mr. Danny!

jason brignac - April 08, 2020 at 12:35 AM

WM

“ My memories of Danny go back to our childhood. Our parents were friends. We sort of played together as kids. As we grew a little older we were part of a group of kids who played football together in someone's yard, found other things to do as kids, etc. A number of us had horses so we would ride together around different places in Laplace. As we became adults we all moved on to different things in life. After our younger years we didn't see much of each other but I will always remember our times as kids when we had lots of fun. My sympathies to the Becnel family. Rest In Peace Danny. I'll always remember the fun days years ago.

Wayne "Scrap" Montz - April 08, 2020 at 12:07 AM

AW

My sympathy. I went to St. Peter school with Danny. We had a lot of fun at the VFW teenage dances during the Summer on Monday nights. RIP

Aimee Williams - April 08, 2020 at 12:48 AM



Sincere prayers and condolences to my friend Mary Becnel and family. My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time.

Laurie Adams - April 08, 2020 at 12:56 AM

MH

“ Danny was one of the most generous people I knew. He always helped his family and asked for nothing in return. He was respectable and kind. He will be truly missed. My prayers to our family and friends who will be mourning the loss of Danny and his kind heart.

Melanie Haydel - April 07, 2020 at 11:25 PM

RS

“ So sorry to learn of Danny's passing. He was a great man who helped my family over the years. My mother and father both spoke well of him often. Daddy and I were talking just yesterday about him. He was always willing to go that extra mile whenever he could. Danny was one of a kind and will be missed by many. Our sincere condolences to Mary and their family. We will keep you all in our prayers. Rest In Peace Danny.



Ranell Wempren & Herbert Becnel Sr. - April 07, 2020 at 10:56 PM

MB

“ My condolences to the family with continued prayers.

Melanie Burl - April 07, 2020 at 10:22 PM

DD

“ Rest in Heaven



Donna Duhe - April 07, 2020 at 10:17 PM

CC

My condolences to the family 🙏!

ccmilton9@gmail.com - April 07, 2020 at 11:15 PM

AS

“ A good man has passed leaving a void left in the world. One less warrior of what's good to stand against the wrong and injustice in this world. Those he loved and those who loved him find sadness in their hearts. For they feel the loss of a smile, a conversation and a one of a kind friendship. All the memories stored in our minds are a way for us to keep him alive in hearts everyday. The loss we feel because he made our lives much richer and fuller and we never wanted that to end. So please pray for the family he leaves behind, the friends he knew and loved. Be grateful and hopeful for what he put into everyone's life and become better people from it as well as pass it along to others. So pray for the void to be filled that was left behind. I am so sorry for your loss.

Ashley Shenton - April 07, 2020 at 10:15 PM

RL

“ My deepest sympathies for the loss of a great family man, and a really good person. Remember we are all here to support you Mary and family.

Robert Levenstein - April 07, 2020 at 10:09 PM

SM

“ Sylvia M. Miles lit a candle in memory of Daniel Elmore "Danny" Becnel, Jr.



Sylvia M. Miles - April 07, 2020 at 10:01 PM

SM

May you rest in peace Mr. Becnel Jr. I will never forget you or your Law Firm you were a good person and was always there for the people of St. John Parish. Fly High you will never be forgotten 🙏🙏🙏 my deepest sympathy to your family 🙏🙏🙏

Sylvia M. Miles - April 07, 2020 at 10:05 PM

LV

“ Sorry for your loss, condolences to the family.

Liu Ellen Vaughn - April 07, 2020 at 09:30 PM

KC

“ Kelley Holder Christoffer lit a candle in memory of Daniel Elmore "Danny" Becnel, Jr.



Kelley Holder Christoffer - April 07, 2020 at 09:22 PM

KC

Such a wonderful man and our community will grieve with his family my prayers to his wife and children

Kelley Holder Christoffer - April 07, 2020 at 09:23 PM

RM

“ Our sincere condolences to the becnel family glad we had the pleasure of knowing him

Roxane and Chinee Madere - April 07, 2020 at 09:16 PM

RK

“ REINA G KENNEDY lit a candle in memory of Daniel Elmore "Danny" Becnel, Jr.



REINA G KENNEDY - April 07, 2020 at 09:03 PM

RK

MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO ALL THE FAMILY.
R. I. P. AMÉN 🙏🌹🙏

REINA G KENNEDY - April 07, 2020 at 09:08 PM

LD

“ My deepest sympathy. He was always friendly. He loved his work and his family.

Lilly Dufrene - April 07, 2020 at 08:54 PM

BF

“ I have fond memories as kids, we were neighbors and cousins as well. Although Danny was four years younger we play together with the neighborhood kids. I had great respect for his Mom and Dad. Mr D. Elmore was one of the kindest gentleman that I knew. I know Danny will be missed by all who knew and loved him.
Mary and family will be in our thoughts and prayers.

Bobby Feucht - April 07, 2020 at 08:51 PM

JH

Sorry we can't pay our respects for Danny, but we want Mary and his family to know that we are praying for them as they suffer this loss. Knowing he is at peace is a comfort to the Harvey and Hotard family.

Joyce and Jack Harvey - April 07, 2020 at 09:13 PM

RZ

“ My sincerest condolences to the Becnel family



rachel zeringue - April 07, 2020 at 08:15 PM

PW

“ My sincerest condolences to the Becnel family. I was in several courtrooms where Danny was in attendance and he was always courteous and kind. On one occasion when I finished my expert testimony I walked out of the courtroom and down the hall and heard steps hurrying behind me. Not knowing who was following me I turned to see and Danny was right there holding his hand out thanking me for my testimony. I was so surprised that he would take that time and make such an effort to thank me. I found him to be a true professional and was proud to work with him.

Patricia M Williams PhD, DABT

Patricia M Willisms - April 07, 2020 at 07:59 PM

KL

“ Please accept our heartfelt condolences. Danny was a brilliant, strong man who clearly has left a legacy for his family and friends. Kembra and Steve Lee

Kembra Lee - April 07, 2020 at 07:56 PM

CL

“ Our loving sympathy to all of his family. Danny was a good man. He will be missed. All of the Perilloux cousins send their love.

Coleen Perilloux Landry

Coleen Perilloux Landry - April 07, 2020 at 07:47 PM

AJ

“ Mary and family, sending my deepest sympathies. Praying for you all. 🙏 God bless 🙏

Angela Jennings - April 07, 2020 at 07:45 PM

AG

“ He was always good to me had a good laugh from time to time with him but he was a hard-working man he will be missed prayers for him and his family

Aj gautreau - April 07, 2020 at 07:41 PM

AC

“ Our sincere condolences to the Becnel family. May Danny Rest In Peace.
Prayers,
Daryl and Anna Cox
Reserve, LA

Anna Cox - April 07, 2020 at 07:31 PM

GP

“ Mary and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Danny and I had a nice visit just before he became ill, a visit I have reflected on over these last few years and for which I am so thankful. I know his illness must have been difficult for him and for you all. Now he is at rest. Please know that you all are in my thoughts and prayers. George Ann Peters

George Ann Peters - April 07, 2020 at 07:08 PM

EF

Prayers and Condolences to the BECNEL family. Judge BECNEL I'll be praying for you, be still and know that I am God, he's a comforter

Edith Farlough - April 07, 2020 at 07:52 PM

DF

My condolences to Mary and family. May the Lord pour His grace upon you at this time and heal your broken hearts.

I pray the peace of God that surpasses all understanding fill your hearts and minds during this difficult time.

Dianna Faucheux - April 07, 2020 at 08:08 PM

BB

“ *My sincerest condolences go to my dear friend, Mary Hotard Becnel, and the entire Becnel family. You are always in my heart, thoughts and prayers. I know this is not easy on anyone but take comfort in the fact that Danny is at peace and free of pain. Cherish all the wonderful memories you had with him.*

Brenda Birner Bouillion and Lynn Bouillion 🙏🙏🙏❤️❤️

Brenda Birner Bouillion - April 07, 2020 at 07:03 PM

JR

My heartfelt condolences 🙏❤️❤️🙏❤️ to the family

Judy Robinson - April 07, 2020 at 07:11 PM

MU

“ *Peace and love to the family. Rest In Peace Danny.*

Marie Cambre Ursa - April 07, 2020 at 07:00 PM



“ *Rest in Peace, Danny.*

Darryl Becnel - April 07, 2020 at 06:54 PM

BT

“ *Deepest condolences to Mary and the entire family. Rest In Peace Danny.*

Barbara Jacob Tucker - April 07, 2020 at 06:46 PM

JF

“ *RIP SIR Thank you for your service to the community*

Jay J Frederic - April 07, 2020 at 06:37 PM

SM

*Like many others, Danny & I were friends from early childhood. Both my grandparents and parents were friends of his family so I feel like I've known Danny my entire life. We attended grade school together, hung out together on High School vacations & holidays and again when we were at LSU. He was a very good friend! We lost touch in later years after I had moved away from LaPlace, but I always kept up with his exploits & successes. His drive was legendary!
My condolences to Mary, the children & the grandchildren, as well as to Susan and her family. May he be remembered for his kindness and generosity.*

Suzanne Hachet McCann - April 08, 2020 at 03:35 AM