



Dan Sinclair

October 3, 1931 - March 12, 2024

Dan Sinclair, 92, of Mentor, passed away March 12, 2024, at home. He was born October 3, 1931, in Scotland, to the late Daniel and Mary Sinclair.

Dan came to America in 1957 after earning his PhD in astrophysics at the University of Glasgow. He taught at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor and came to Northeast Ohio to lead an experiment related to the Grand Unified Theory. Although the project never detected proton decay, he found more than he'd come for in Northeast Ohio. His experiment not only detected neutrinos emitted from a supernova – a very rare event – but also, he discovered his beloved wife, Barbra.

After retirement, he taught himself woodworking and made beautiful pieces that his family will treasure. Dan was an avid walker and lived a vibrant life until his last days. He loved the beach whether it be at Girvan, as a child, or walking along Headlands Beach with family, or watching sunsets at Watervale along Lake Michigan in his later years.

Survivors include his wife of 38 years, Barbra Sinclair; children, Jan (Dann) Sinclair-Phillips, Daniel Sinclair, Gail Hayes, Andrew Sinclair, Deidre (Jason) Pyatt, Debbie Narramore and Andrea (Keith) Lawrence; grandchildren, Gordon (Cheyenne) Sinclair, Chet Phillips, Ann (Carl) Sinclair-Nelson, Ben Ganger, Holly Ganger, Jordyn Maldonado, Jade Maldonado, Jenna Pyatt,

Brooke Eveland, Joseph Eveland, Cameron Lawrence and Claire Lawrence; great grandson, Britt Nelson; brother, William (Benita) Sinclair and nieces, nephews and many other loving family members and friends.

A celebration of Dan's life will be held 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., Thursday, March 21, 2024, at Wildwood Cultural Center, 7645 Little Mountain Rd., Mentor, Ohio 44060.

In honor of Dan, memorial contributions may be made to the University of Michigan Scholarship Fund. Checks made payable to Alumni Association
Attn: Development,
200 Fletcher St., Ann Arbor, MI 48109.

Arrangements entrusted to the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home and Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, Ohio 44060

Offer condolences at www.brunners.com

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR 21. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Wildwood Cultural Center
7645 Little Mountain Rd
Mentor, OH 44060

Tribute Wall

PR

“ That is very sad news. I first came to Michigan to work with Don Glaser, but he left a semester after I arrived leaving Dan Sinclair, Jack VanderVelde and me who were in his group. The three of us worked together on a series of experiments for many years. Dan had an exceptional talent for explaining even complicated things in a simple understanding way. I will miss him.
Byron Roe
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Professor Byron Roe - May 12, 2024 at 07:55 PM

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“ Dan, Jack VanderVelde and I (Byron roe) worked together on many experiments. Dan was a fine physicist with a gift for explaining even complicated physical problems in simple revealing language. Please accept my deepest condolences. I will miss him.

Byron Roe - May 11, 2024 at 10:31 AM

IB

“ Ian B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dan Sinclair.

Ian B. - March 20, 2024 at 03:00 PM

SA

“ *Suburban Automotive purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Dan Sinclair.*



Suburban Automotive - March 20, 2024 at 06:24 AM

BS

“ *1 file added to the album Dan with Family*



Bill Sinclair - March 15, 2024 at 08:48 PM

CP

“ *Caringto Park, Jefferson, Saybrook, Pine purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Dan Sinclair.*



Caringto Park, Jefferson, Saybrook, Pine - March 15, 2024 at 07:33 AM