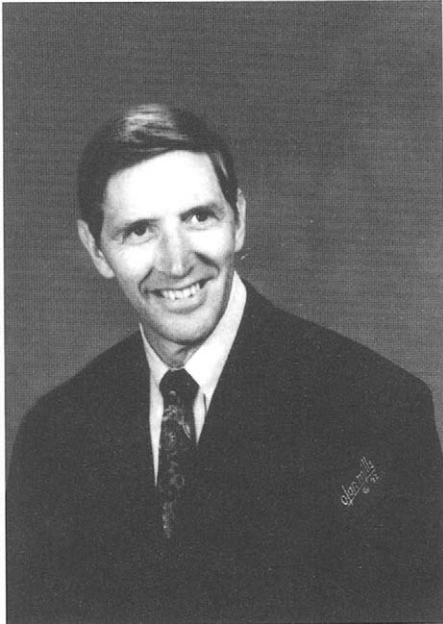


Obituary



Dale M. Daniel
1939–1995

We had all hoped that Dale Daniel would win his fight against illness and were very saddened by the news of his death on Easter Monday. We feel very sorry to think that we will never meet this special person again.

I vividly remember our first meeting in Basel at the *Walliser Kanne* restaurant – now well known to the AOSSM-ESSKA Fellows – where we discussed the placing of grafts for anterior cruciate ligament reconstruction. There and at other meetings over the years, Dale Daniel's attitude to the problems encountered in and around the knee joint meant that all our discussions were of fundamental value in knee surgery. He also introduced his rigorous theoretical approach to the workshops of the International Knee Documentation Committee. The whole work of the IKDC was decisively influenced by his scientific pragmatism, his carefully collected data and his clinical studies – not to mention his invaluable work with his collaborator Mary-Lou Stone on the KT 1000 arthrometer, which earned him worldwide respect.

We are all sincerely grateful to Dale Daniel for everything he brought to the science of the knee joint. We will sorely miss him as a valued contributor to our congresses, as a highly respected colleague and as an esteemed member of our society. Dale Daniel will live on not only in his scientific achievements but also in the memories of all of us who knew and honored him.

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On April 17 last, Dale M. Daniel died at his home at the age of 55, after a 5-year fight against lymphoma. Despite his illness, he continued his research and studies until the end, even when he had to restrict his clinical and surgical activities.

The world of orthopaedics has lost one of its most brilliant surgeons and researchers in the field of knee ligament injuries, to which Dale Daniel devoted most of his career. In 1990, he published the book *Knee ligaments: structure, function, injury and repair*, the cornerstone of his work, which was greeted enthusiastically by the community of orthopaedic surgeons. He was honored by several prestigious awards for his research and investigations, and, was particularly known for his work on instrumented measurements and the development of the KT 1000 arthrometer.

I met Dale Daniel for the first time in 1987, when he was our host in San Diego during the ESSKA-AOSSM Traveling Fellowship. I was deeply impressed by his rigorous scientific analysis but also by his exceptional humanist spirit.

In 1990, I then had the privilege of working for 7 months under his direction when he welcomed me to his research fellows team. This scientific stay in San Diego, in contact with that outstanding man, enriched my life. Dale Daniel was a stimulating and attentive leader, conducting our discussions, asking probing questions and sharing his knowledge with each of us. His support was restrained yet effective.

Dale Daniel showed also great concern with inequality and injustice, and he spent a lot of time as a volunteer in various social programs to help the poor and the homeless. His death leaves a gap which will be difficult to fill. His scientific contributions to orthopaedic surgery will fortunately remain and perpetuate the name of a great personality.

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