



Danny Charles Earnest

December 21, 1953 - September 26, 2013

. Danny Charles Earnest, 59, of Lubbock passed away on September 26, 2013 near Seymour, Texas. He was born December 21, 1953 to Forrest Blackman and Geraldine Louis (Hawley) Earnest in Lubbock, Texas. He graduated from Monterey High School in 1972. Danny formed his first band in junior high school and continued his long career until his death. He was affectingly known as "Dangerous Dan" by musicians and his fans.

Danny is survived by his two brothers, Ernie D. Earnest and wife Susan and Kenneth W. Earnest both of the Austin area; and his longtime girlfriend, Tammy Flanary of Lubbock. He was preceded in death by his parents; and most recently by a sister, Laurel Celese Earnest on July 29, 2013.

A memorial service celebrating Danny's life will be held on Thursday, October 10, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. at sanders Funeral Home.

Danny will be greatly missed by his fellow musicians and fans.

"Blues From the Heart, always REAL always LIVE" Dangerous Dan

Cemetery Details

Dickens Cemetery

US82/Hwy114 & Ragan Street
Dickens, TX 79229

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

OCT 10. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Sanders Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Danny Charles Earnest



Sanders Funeral Home - September 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DN

“ I met Danny in Mr. Zablony's music theory class at Monterey HS. He was a nice, smart, and fun guy to be around-and every so often would break into song in class. We all got a kick out of that (and I think so did Mr. Z)! Danny made performing music his life, and he happily shared that with a whole lot of people over the years. God bless you, Danny.

David Nystel - October 11, 2013 at 12:12 AM

KH

“ So sad to read about the passing of Danny Earnest. He was a fine musician and a good friend when we played together at Belly's back in 1990-1994. He really added a special touch to any of the blues songs that we offered to the patrons there. I still have the VHS tapes and CD's from our live and studio recordings--his guitar playing was really terrific!. Thanks for the great times and your friendship. You were...and still are...a class act! Now you can play along with Belly again, and with Muddy Waters, Freddie King, and Albert Collins (to name a few). Rest in peace....will see you again someday.
Kirk "Heavy Duty" Hamilton--drums and vocals w/P.J Belly 1990-1999

Kirk Hamilton - October 10, 2013 at 01:34 PM



Hi Kirk
Any chance of purchasing a copy of VHS tapes or CD's? The thought of never seeing or hearing him play again is difficult. Having something like that to watch or listen to would be a real treasure!

Debbie Skidmore - October 11, 2013 at 03:26 AM

SC

“ Danny was a gentleman, a creatively listening and inventive player, and will be remembered with fond stories and memories. Never forgotten.

Steve Cooper - October 10, 2013 at 11:20 AM



“ I have had the great pleasure of listening to Dangerous Dan at various clubs in Lubbock for many years. He was a unique person and my favorite local musician. Some of my favorite shows were at Joe's Crab Shack and Abuelos in the beer garden where he would come out into the audience and get up on the tables of various fans and play "up close and personal". It was always fun watching his dad dance and do the bump with all the pretty young girls in the audience. You will be missed tremendously by all your fans but will continue to live on and be loved and adored in our memories. You will be in our thoughts often...ESPECIALLY when we have our black pant**s on! LOL
Sending healing thoughts and prayers to Tammy and your family to help them through this time of grief and loss.

Debbie Skidmore - October 09, 2013 at 02:48 PM

BC

“ Many thoughts and prayers are with each of you during this time, especially you, Tammy! You know I am here if you need anything! Love you!

Brandi Collins - October 07, 2013 at 08:15 PM

EM

“ Dangerous Dan was a musical inspiration for me. I'm thankful to have known him.

Eric Mills - October 05, 2013 at 09:24 PM

HH

“ You were a sweet man and a wonderful cousin. I pray that your loved ones will be comforted as we all mourn your death. Love, Holly

Holly Howat - October 05, 2013 at 02:13 PM

SR

“ Loved this wonderful man and his music! He gave me many good memories. I will miss him. ...

Stacye Rodriguez - October 03, 2013 at 04:44 PM

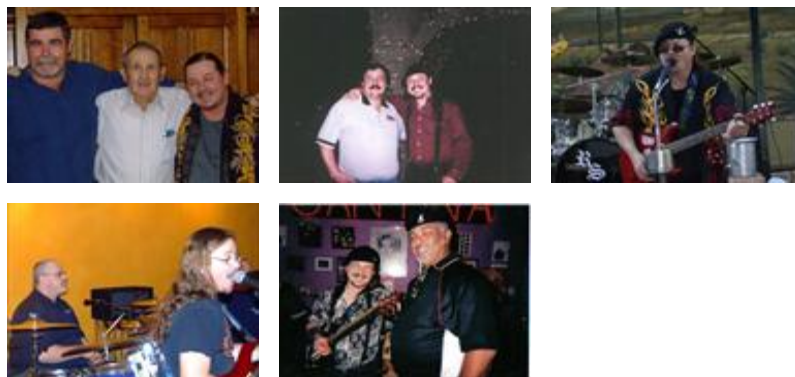
EG

“ I met Danny years ago at Belly's he was a sweet man and a pleasure to be around. I always enjoyed listening to him play guitar, he was incredible. Lubbock will never be the same without him. Condolences to his family and the ones who were close to him.

Ellaine Davidson Griffin - October 03, 2013 at 02:00 PM

ER

“ 11 files added to the album Photos of Dan



Ernie - October 03, 2013 at 09:44 AM

“ * Johnny Ray: Dan was without a doubt one of the best musicians I ever played with. ... When I moved back 15 years later, I sat in with him again over at Pub 50 and it was like putting on an old comfortable shoe. I always liked him as a person and I'm sorry he's gone.

* Ingrid Holly Kaiter: I remember when we were working up a song in Las Vegas and I told him over and over there was no way I could hit that high note. He nodded and we skipped to another song, worked it up and it was great. His response: "The song we just worked up had that high note that you "couldn't hit," in several places. Now let's go back, and you sing it like I know you can." He also had one of the best senses of humor.

* Glenn Burch: When Danny and I were kids, I had two or three Beatles .45s and we learned all the words. Then we got a couple of baseball bats, pretended they were guitars and we charged neighborhood kids a nickel to come watch Dan and me lip-sync to the Beatles records. After that, we both knew we would play real guitars someday.

* Mike Snodgrass: "I knew Dan first as a fan, but one day he came to work in my cabinet shop. It lasted about two months. ... Everybody's face would light up in the morning when his van pulled up and he got out, carrying this old box of hand tools, with a few pieces that belonged to his (grandfather). I never saw him that he wasn't smiling.

* Todd Coffman: The first year I opened the Lone Star Grill, Dangerous Dan and Owen Franklin played every Thursday. They always welcomed budding musicians. They did not make much money playing for the door, and we were not well known yet, but every week Dan would show up and play his heart out for five to 10 people. One of our prized possessions is a drum symbol from Dangerous Dan and the Soul Patch Band. ... He was a great musician and a great person.

** Ian Wilkinson: When I started playing harmonica, I'd go to the Fat Katz jam. Dan was a great mentor and role model, always very kind and professional to a budding musician. Our paths later crossed again in Houston, and we became friends, too. It was a real pleasure to form a friendship with my musical hero. ... His passing is a real loss to me and the music community. ... Dangerous Dan made an important, indelible and beautiful impression on my life, and I am thankful for his influence.*

** P.J. Welch-Liggan: I've known Dan since the Belly's days. I've always appreciated his unique style, complete with facial expressions. When he went out on his own, he would play an awesome version of 'Malaguena' just for me, via request. His version of 'Sleepwalk' is one of my all-time favorites. ... I don't think I've ever seen him without his beret. ... Always a smile, very soft-spoken.*

** Vickie Melton: We had a big group of followers for Dangerous Dan and the Soul Patch Band. I listened to him many nights when Fat Katz was still here. Another great memory: When my husband had a heart attack and was in the hospital, Danny came to visit him every day. A very caring, big-hearted man who loved his music.*

** Idalia Northcott: I've worked the Lubbock bar scene for many moons, and was fortunate to have crossed paths with Dangerous Dan many times. he was such a talented musician; I was in awe of his ability to play with so much passion. I feel very fortunate to have had the pleasure of listening to his music countless times through the years. Danny Earnest was one of Lubbock's best musicians.*

** John Ellis: I am sorry to hear of Danny's passing. He was a gentle guy who really, really really loved to play music. While he could play several styles of music, he was at home when he played the blues. When I think of him, I see him pounding his fist into his other hand, a la B.B. King, and singing, "I gave you seven children and now you wanna give them back."*

** Mike Pritchard: I had my best talk with Dan when we did a benefit for Terry McEldowney at Belly's just a few weeks ago. We talked about our medical issues and I asked him if he was good with the Lord. He assured me he was and that he was ready for whatever his fate was. It made me ha*

Sanders Funeral Home - October 03, 2013 at 08:27 AM

HH

“Danny is my precious cousin.. Whenever I came to Lubbock to visit, I wasn't leaving till I went and saw him play.. I have the most beautiful memories of visiting Dickens and Lubbock, and hanging out with my sweet aunt Gerry and uncle Dugan.. I know one thing for sure Lubbock will never be the same.. Gonna miss you so much.. You were an amazing person and even more amazing guitarist.. I will hold a lifetime of memories forever in my soul...Much love baby..”

Heather Hawley

Heather Hawley - October 02, 2013 at 11:15 PM

DM

“ I will always remember how Danny would go around the room in between his sets and thank his fans for coming to hear him play! He made everyone feel special and I always found that so heartwarming. May God's grace surround the Earnest family. God bless Danny.

Dodie Maner - October 02, 2013 at 10:55 PM

DA

“ *Dangerous Dan will be dearly missed I'm sure he is in heaven playing the blues and smiling down on us. God Bless Tammy my prayers are with you through all of this.*
Dayna Kinard

Dayna - October 02, 2013 at 10:03 PM

BW

“ *We will never forget getting ready to leave the Sunday night jam at the Spoon and Sean Frankhouser said we might want to stick around...the next guy is a pretty good picker. Well, we were blown away and began to follow you every where like starved little groupies. You took songs to a whole new level. You were the best blues musician ever but, more than that you were our friend! Rest in Peace Mr. Dangerous Dan...but, never stop playing the Blues.*
Brenda Watts

Brenda Watts - September 30, 2013 at 08:26 PM

GP

“ *I am going to miss your sweet soul and your dangerous blues licks!!! Hug your dad's neck for me. May you ride the blue wind high and free my brother... Much Love and Respect, Garland Peterson*

Garland Peterson - September 29, 2013 at 11:48 AM

AB

“ danny...you were my first guitarist....

the night i sang my first song at belly's...there you were...to my left...and it is NOT easy to be further to the left than ME...LOL....

God love you...and keep you...forever and ever...amen...

"darling...you know i love you...and i love you...for myself...but now you've gone...gone and left me...for someone else"...

au revoir, mon ami!!!

ayn bowron - September 29, 2013 at 03:37 AM