

“Member Profile”

This week’s feature: *Dan and Jan King*



Jan was born and raised on the west side of Cleveland. She went to Catholic grade school, John Marshal High School, and then on to college at Tri C and Bryant & Stratton College. Her degrees set her up for a career in Personnel.

Dan was born in Washington DC, and was raised in the city of Greensburg, PA which is just outside of Pittsburgh. Dan attended Greensburg-Salem High School, then Penn State University. He got his degree in Marketing with a minor in Management.

Dan’s entire work career has been in retail. After college Dan took job with a large Sears store in Hartford, Connecticut. He was there seven years, and then went to work for Zayre Department Stores. Then it was on to Walmart. Dan was the first Walmart store manager in the Cleveland area. After 15 years, he moved on to Dick’s Sporting Goods in North Olmsted, and then to Dick’s in the Parma Town Mall. There was a move in the middle of all these retail management jobs, to Houston, TX to work for Target, but that didn’t work out, and he came back to Cleveland. He retired in 2008 from Dick’s at the age of 63. Meanwhile, Jan’s career, other than raising a family, was in mostly in

personnel. After Gold Circle, she worked for Eberhard Products, an industrial Hardware manufacturer. Jan retired in 2018.

Growing up, Jan's family was very close. She was in the middle of six children, only four are still alive today. Her mother had a strong influence in keeping the family close knit through the years and passed at the age of 92. Dan was the baby in his family, with two older sisters. He says he was spoiled rotten. Both of Dan's sisters have passed away.

This is the second marriage for both Jan and Dan. They met while both were working for Gold Circle in North Olmsted. Dan was the Manager and Jan was the Personnel Manager, working for Dan. This was somewhat of a problem, since the management of Gold Circle frowned on managers dating employees. Dan says that they managed to keep their budding relationship on the QT for years, even to the point of checking to see if there were any other employees that they knew in the restaurants, when they went out for dinner. But alas, they were found out, and Jan was transferred to the Gold Circle in Parma. Dan has two daughters from his first marriage. They both teach school in Connecticut. There are also two grandsons.

They love to golf and are involved in several golf leagues. They also love to travel. They have been to the Mediterranean Sea and to Holland and Belgium, as well as, a number of golf trips. What most folks at POP might not know about Jan and Dan is that they were members of POP before. They joined in 1984, when Landis Kauffman was the pastor. They both said that they are delighted to be back. I for one, am delighted to have them back – what a wonderful, upbeat couple.

By Dick Hardy, Profile Reporter