

**Daniel Castleberry
Memorial Scholarship**



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Spring, 2021

Daniel Edwin Castleberry 12/7/1995-7/4/2016

A little back story on Daniel. He was the first biological grandson on both sides of our families. He was named before he was conceived after both his grandfathers and his dad. It took us 2 years and lots of fertility testing and treatments to become pregnant.

He left the hospital in camo and pretty much lived in it from there. He was always looking toward the next season so that he could hunt or catch something. He taught me one Spring Break how to skin squirrels but neither of us could figure out how to remove their paws.



Daniel was the reason that I finally decided on a career in Surgical Technology. I wanted a way to provide a better life for my kid than working at a dry cleaners and I had tried nursing school to no completion. So after having Daniel and some soul searching I began my journey to becoming a Surgical Technologist.

Daniel taught me that you can use a tonsil clamp to remove Legos out of little boy's noses when they become curious with their orifices. He taught me that needleholders are a must for every tackle box (to help ensure hook removal when stuck in a finger). The large metal basins work the best for dog bowls when he decided he needed his first dog. Who was meant to be a squirrel dog but ended up a lap dog. He taught me that it takes a really special person to work in the burn unit at Arkansas Children's Hospital and that I lose all my training when it comes to my kids. He taught me patients and understanding I didn't know I had in me.

He was and will always be my Bubbi!!! It is such a great honor that the Arkansas State Assembly for the Association of Surgical Technologist has named it first ever annual scholarship in his name. I hope this will continue for many years to come and continue to grow along with the State Assembly. The State Assembly has come a long way from the first meeting held so many years ago (I think 11 years ago) with just 3 people. Now it is working on legislation, scholarships, and so much more.

Graciously submitted by Gennie Castleberry, CST,
First State Assembly President of ARSA

Please Note: While she is grateful this scholarship is in her son's name, Gennie Castleberry wanted to make it clear that neither she nor her family will help decide who receives the scholarship.