



Daniel J. Dragonette

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1 01 years of a life well-lived, sadly ended for Daniel on May 3, 2024. Daniel was the son of Richard and Anna [Pansini] Dragonette. He resided in Fort Myers, FL since 1979. He and Marian, his beloved wife of 79 years, moved to Fort Myers from Warwick, N.Y. following his lengthy career with the state of New York who most notably was the Steward [Business Manager] of Warwick State Training School for Boys for many years.

Dan proudly served in both World War II and the Korean War. He volunteered for service in World War II when he was too young to sign up without parental approval. His mother thought it was “safe” for him to be in the Coast Guard so that is where he served as a radio operator. He was instrumental in receiving messages from the enemy that were decoded and were important to the war effort. He served in New Smyrna, Beach Florida where he and Marian were wed in 1944, initiating their love of Florida to which they would ultimately return.

He was called up for the Korean War by the Navy when he had two young children at home. Dan was notably a two service, two war veteran, and at the time of his death, one of the oldest surviving World War II veterans.

Dan received his associate's degree in accounting when he had young children at home while handling a full-time job. He valued education and passed that on to his children. Dan was famously adept in all home do it yourself projects which he continued late into his nineties.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife Marian who passed away just 11 months ago at the age of 98. He is also preceded in death by his brother, Joseph Dragonette. Dan is survived by his five children, Richard Dragonette (Peggy) of Chargin Falls, OH, Ann McClanathan (Loren) Manhattan Beach, CA, Steven Dragonette (Linda) Warwick, NY, Lisa Dragonette of Cape Coral, FL and Dana Nichols (Jeffery) of Lilburn, GA; ten grandchildren, Janet, Kimberly, Danielle, Matthew, Megan, Cristina, Max, Alexandra, Samantha and Madison; eleven great grandchildren, Cameron, Olivia, Drew, Sean, Cecilia, Nathaniel, Maya, Hope, Murray, Daisy and Annie; as well as many



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extended family members and friends. A visitation will be held from 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM, Thursday, May 9, 2024, at Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home, 1589 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers, FL 33907. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 10:00 AM, Friday, May 10, 2024, at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, 2057 Cleveland Avenue, Fort Myers, FL 33901. Burial will follow the mass at Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Fort Myers, Fl.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home, 239-936-0555.



Events

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Visitation

Thursday, May 9, 2024

4:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET

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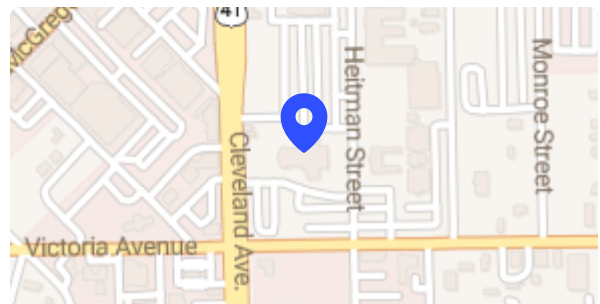


Funeral Mass

Friday, May 10, 2024

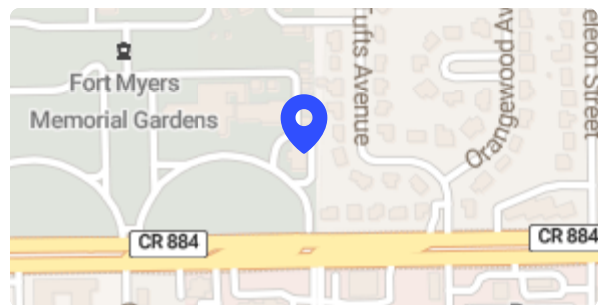
10:00 AM ET

St Francis Xavier Church
2157 Cleveland Ave, Fort Myers FI 33901



Cemetery Details

Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Cemetery
1589 Colonial Boulevard, Fort Myers FL 33907





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Laura Semerano posted:

To the Dragonette family, I'm so sorry to see this about your father. I know your mom has gone to heaven also. I loved them, just wonderful neighbors and couple. When my husband and I moved to Atlanta, we visited them while they were at Dana's home. We met Dana's beautiful daughters there too! Your mother did SO much for me, she took me to weight watchers, & I am a successful seamstress because of her. With love and wonderful memories, I am sending sincere condolences, prayers and love. Laura Manzari Semerano ❤️🙏❤️

June 12 at 5:14 PM



Love, Elisa And Tom sent a Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet to the Dragonette family.



May 9 at 4:18 PM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Dragonette family.



May 9 at 5:29 AM



Love, The Beachwood Vestibular Crew planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Daniel.



May 9 at 5:29 AM



Love Michelle, Jim, Jimmy & Colette sent a Florist Choice Bouquet to the Dragonette family.



May 9 at 5:27 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Dragonette family.



May 8 at 7:50 PM



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Anita And Scott Chapman planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Daniel.



May 8 at 7:50 PM



Your Niece, Susanne sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Dragonette family.



May 7 at 9:54 AM



Your Niece, Susanne planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Daniel.



May 7 at 9:54 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Daniel by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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