



## Dr. Daniel James DeGuire (Danny)

September 5, 1947 - June 10, 2025

Dr. Daniel James DeGuire (Danny), grew up on the Eastern Shore of Mobile Bay in Fairhope, Alabama. He was the third of four children born to Alphonse (Al) DeGuire and Grace Rolle DeGuire. He is survived by his loving wife and life-partner for 35 years, Patricia (Patty) Brannon and her daughter Abbie Covenah (Dorsey); his sister, Joan North, and brothers, Mike and Matt DeGuire; his daughters, Laura Cooper (Madison) and Lani DeGuire (Sean Ripple); and his grandchildren Jayne and Nina. He was preceded in death by his parents and his grandson, Wiley.

He attended McGill High School in Mobile, AL, where he was a track star and sports editor of the school newspaper. Upon graduation, he accepted an academic scholarship to St. Edward's University in Austin, TX, where he majored in English and minored in speech/drama. After graduating in 1969, he received a fellowship to Trinity College in Washington D.C., where he earned his Master of Arts in Teaching degree in 1971.

He returned to Mobile with his wife Nancy (Missy) Marochino and first daughter, Laura, to teach English, Speech, and Drama at Bishop State Community College. After three years, the young family moved to San Antonio, TX, where he taught English composition at San Antonio College, St.

Phillip's College, and Austin Community College. He would go on to serve as a district administrator in three of San Antonio's public school systems—Edgewood ISD, Harlandale ISD, and Northside ISD.

In 1979, he was awarded the Helen DeVitt Jones Leadership Fellowship to earn his Doctorate at Texas Tech University. The family, now including Alena (Lani), moved to Lubbock where he completed his doctoral studies in Curriculum and Instruction. Soon after, they returned to San Antonio where he worked and taught at San Antonio College and also served as the Director of Special Programs at Our Lady of the Lake University.

Among his accomplishments in the field of education were the creation of an alternative high school for dropouts of all ages in Edgewood ISD (the External High School), the first Alternative Teacher Certification Program in San Antonio (Harlandale ISD's ACP), and the nationally acclaimed Substitute Teacher Training Initiative in Northside ISD, where Danny worked in Human Resources and Staff Development for 30 years. Dr. DeGuire also wrote extensively during his career as an educator, publishing newsletters for the Weekend College at OLLU, and for the Human Resources departments at both Harlandale ISD and Northside ISD.

In 2003, Danny married again, to Patty Brannon, following a 13-year courtship of love, joy, and mutual respect. It was the most significant and rewarding decision of his life. She made him feel like the luckiest man in the world.

Danny enjoyed playing tennis and golf and was actually pretty good at racquetball when it was in vogue, having won first place in the Over-55

category in a local tournament. While working in Northside, Danny was a frequent “Celebrity Reader” during The Week of the Young Child and mentored several elementary students.

After retirement from Northside ISD in 2018, ending a nearly 50-year dedication to the education profession, he enjoyed working in the yard with Patty and playing with their dog, Charlie. He and Patty loved having his girls and their families visit them in their home in San Antonio. He also started a home-based photographic services company specializing in photo restoration and small graphics and reprint projects. He is remembered as a kind and caring husband, brother, father, and grandfather, and someone with a “good eye” for photography.

In lieu of flowers, donations are encouraged to the San Antonio Food Bank ~ <https://safoodbank.org/donate/> or Inner City Development ~ <https://www.innercitydevelopment.org/>

The family will receive guests at 10:30 AM followed by the Service at 11:30 AM on Saturday, June 28, 2025 that all are welcome to attend. The visitation and service will take place at the Fred J. Tips Mausoleum Chapel located at the rear of Mission Burial Park North, 20900 I-10 East. Private interment for family members will follow at the cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Mission Burial Park North

20900 I.H. 10  
West San Antonio, TX 78230

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 28. 10:30 AM (CT)

Fred J. Tips Mausoleum Chapel  
20900 IH 10 West  
San Antonio, TX 78257

## Service

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# Tribute Wall

CT

“ I am so impressed by Danny's biography. Not surprised remembering the gifted family he was part of. I only knew him as a schoolmate growing up in Alabama, but remember him well as a great boy, smart and kind. I love you Danny. Cathy Trione New Orleans

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**Cathy Trione** - July 11, 2025 at 05:25 AM

DF

“ Dear Patty and Family,  
Patty, I'll always remember the sparkle in your eyes whenever you talked about Danny. I remember the laughter in your voice when you shared a sweet story about the two of you. He was equally proud of you. Danny and you were meant for each other, soulmates in this crazy world we live in. It always warmed my heart to see the two of you together.  
I'm so sad for you and your family, but know that Danny will live on in the hearts of all of you. May God give you the strength and peace that only He can give in the days to follow.  
Love and Hugs.  
Diane Fluitt

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**Diane Fluitt** - June 27, 2025 at 01:10 PM

MW

“ For me, Danny DeGuire’s legacy can be summed up in two words: FUN and KINDNESS. Danny was born not only with the ability to read people like an empath, but with a super-size humor gene as well. At work, he could turn a dull routine day into sparkles and laughter. We all knew Danny was scary smart, but what set him apart was his humor. In conversation, Danny had the ability to respond with hilarious come-backs and plays on words that I knew would take me days to think up. A rare gift, that I shall miss.

Danny took up photography in his retirement and restored and enlarged several of my crumple old family photos which are now treasures, as well as landscape pictures from phone photos that now sit framed and proudly displayed in my home instead of stuck in my phone.

Patty, the sun seems a little less bright and world seems a little less shiny in Danny’s absence. I shall miss him. And, dear Patty, my heart aches for your loss!

With love and sadness, Mary Ellen Walls

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**Mary Ellen Walls** - June 27, 2025 at 11:56 AM

DE

“ I can't think of NAC without thinking of Danny. He was the first person to be in charge of this facility. As the Director of Staff Development, he set the standard for both customer service and training in our district. When I would do presentations for the district, he would always send me a quote with a nice note attached. We continued to work together when he was in HR always willing to help with whatever I needed. Patty - I know this is a tremendous loss for you and the rest of his family. My hearts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time.

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**Diana Ely** - June 24, 2025 at 02:11 PM

JF

“ Always enjoyed working with Danny in his role in Human Resources. He was always so helpful, and I knew he wanted what was best for Northside ISD. Patty, I know your grief is great, but take comfort in knowing Danny was liked by so many people, and he helped so many people in his work. He was a wonderful person, and someone I enjoyed working with and talking too! He will be missed by many!  
*Dr. John Folks*

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**John Folks** - June 22, 2025 at 02:46 PM

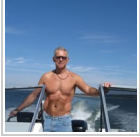


“ I'm in shock learning of Danny's passing. I was in the first class of the alternative certification program. Danny was a mentor and friend. May God bless you and hold you in the palms of his hands. God speed.

*Mark Stone*

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**Mark Stone** - June 21, 2025 at 07:20 PM



“ *In late June in 1954 we drove into the country and down a horse and buggy dirt road. We parked and walked through the woods to a place called Bohemian Swimming Hole (now Bohemian Park) on the upper Fish River in Fairhope, Al. Mavis Tuveson took this picture.*

*On the left is Barry Tuveson age 11, next is Joan DeGuire age 13, DANNY DEGUIRE age 7, Mike DeGuire age 10, Jan Tuveson age 5, Sharon Tuveson age 8.*

*We didn't know then that Danny, this scrawny kid, would grow up to be a mighty mighty man. I will miss our conversations and miss you always.*

*Barry*

*P.S. Remember our agreement. Tap me on the shoulder when you reach your destination. Left shoulder, Danny.*



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**Barry Tuveson** - June 20, 2025 at 03:53 PM

JL

“ *Patty,  
Kaye and I made a donation to the San Antonio food bank in Danny's honor. We are so sorry for your loss. Please let us know if we can do anything for you. I'm certainly impressed by all his accomplishments and wish we had all spent more time together.  
Joyce Lazzara and Kaye Lenox*

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**Joyce Lazzara** - June 19, 2025 at 11:47 AM

MG

“ It’s hard to put into words what it meant to work with someone like Dr. D. He wasn’t just a great boss—he truly cared about who we were becoming, not only as professionals, but as people. He had this rare ability to challenge you while still making you feel seen and supported.

*His dry sense of humor caught you off guard in the best way. He could find beauty in the most ordinary moments, and he had a gift of catching that beauty in his photography.*

*He was a teacher at heart. He also had this encyclopedic knowledge of the most random facts, which somehow always made their way into the lessons he was trying to teach us or our every day conversations.*

*He mentored us, made us laugh, and helped us grow. He made an impact, and he will be deeply missed.*

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**Mikki (Lewis) Gladney** - June 18, 2025 at 07:27 PM

SF

“ Patty, my heart goes out to you in your loss. As you know, I loved working with Danny! He such a wonderful person and would always laugh at my many antics. We had a lot of fun but worked, worked, worked. I tell people all the time that we were so understaffed in HR at Northside in the late 90's that they owe us money. (LOL!) I was so happy that the two of you hooked up and the love you had for each other was so joyful and caring. I will never forget that. You have my sincere condolences and remember that you the family are in my prayers.

*Sharon Garrett Fuery*

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**Sharon Fuery** - June 16, 2025 at 05:11 PM

MW

“ Dear Patty,

*I was heartbroken to hear about your loss. Please accept my deepest condolences. Danny was a remarkable person, and his memory will live on in the hearts of all who knew him.*

*I hope during this difficult time, you find strength in the love that surrounds you and comfort in the memories you shared together. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

*With heartfelt sympathy,  
Michelle Wanke*

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**Michelle Wanke** - June 15, 2025 at 10:38 PM

JF

“ Janis Mazurek & Mazurek Family purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Dr. Daniel James DeGuire (Danny).



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**Janis Mazurek & Mazurek Family** - June 15, 2025 at 01:56 PM