



## Daniel B. Grassel, Sr.

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Daniel B. Grassel, Sr. lifetime resident of San Antonio passed away Saturday June 25, 2011 peacefully at the age of 91. He was preceded in death by his wife of 50 years Dorothy Foster Grassel. His parents Paul & Martha Grassel, 2 brothers & 4 sisters. He is survived by his children - Daniel B Grassel, Jr. & Janice; Maureen Saldivar & Michael; Janice Grassel; Linda Johnson & Bruce. Grandchildren Zachary Franks, Christian Franks, Amy Dayton & Alan; Robin Waters & David; Marcella Garcia; Elle Johnson; Jackson Johnson. Great grandchildren – Adam, Anaya, Audie Dayton & Brooke Waters. After graduating from Brackenridge High School in San Antonio Daniel played amateur & minor league baseball for Veltman Kids, Ploch Oilers and Dan's Café where he hit against some of the greatest – Bob Feller was his most talked about hit. During World War II Daniel joined the Navy becoming an electrician by trade. He was aboard the USS McLanahan and was a part of the invasion of Southern France and Anzio. He worked for City Public Service for 43 years retiring in 1984. A 75 year member of IBEW & Local Union 500. He was also a member of Patterson Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite and the Alzafar Shrine Directors Staff. He attended Oak Hills Presbyterian Church. Most of his neighbors remember him as Dan The Turtle Man. At his prime he had over 7 pet turtles in his back yard. To this day he hears from grown kids

on the block who remember Dan The Turtle Man. He had a kind heart and a gentle soul and he loved chocolate pie and cake. The family would like to thank Emeritus Hamilton House Assisted Living, Christus Santa Rosa and Vitas Hospice for making his journey one of dignity. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to be given to your favorite charity.

#### SERVICES

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, June 28, 2011 from 6:00PM until 8:00PM at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North. Funeral Services will be on Wednesday, June 29, 2011 at 12:00PM at the funeral home chapel, with Rev. Katheryn Barlow-Williams officiating. Interment will follow at Mission Burial Park North, with Navy Honors.

You may sign the on-line guestbook at [www.missionparks.com](http://www.missionparks.com) under the obituary section.

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# Tribute Wall

LC

“ *Linda & Bruce:  
We are so sorry to learn of your Dad's passing. He was a wonderful man with such a wry sense of humor. I have many warm memories of hours spent at your home, with both your Mom and your Dad. The decopage of our wedding invitation that Dan*

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**Luci Hatzenbuehler Coffey** - July 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ *Dear Grassel Family:  
  
Please accept my deepest sympathies on the loss of your beloved. There are never any right words to express how deeply sad I am for the pain your family is enduring at this difficult time.*

*As Chair of the Senate Committee o*

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**Senator Leticia Van de Putte** - July 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GD

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to Dans family. He was a great man, who was always so positive and friendly to everyone he met. I was honored to be one of those. I remember him always with a story, joke, or a funny prank to pull on his grandkids. I still r*

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**Greg Dick** - June 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ To: Johnsons  
Linda, Bruce, Elle, Jackson

LJ,  
Your father was a joy! I certainly enjoyed getting to know him. His kindness & humor made time spent with him memorable. Remember the time we stayed with him & he surprised me with a small wooden trin

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**Robert & Mercedes White & Family** - June 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ We had the pleasure of meeting Dan as as members of Oak Hills Presbyterian Church, arriving in 1995, he was a wonder person. Not only did he make me a name plate, but shared some of his CPS stories with me, where I presently work. We miss him but are bet

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**Robert & Ann Stull** - June 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

HG

“ Mr.Dan the Neighborhood will not be the same without. It was always a pleasure seeing you sitting outside by your garage in the evening. The girls will miss you and so will my parents. Hector Jr, Victoria, Alyssa Garcia and Mr and Mrs Hector Garcia Sr.

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**Hector Garcia** - June 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

WP

“ Danny,I know you will miss your dad, we all will. He was a great guy to work with and help a new young Engineer in 1951. May he rest in peace.

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**Wally Payette** - June 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KN

“ I found a baby turtle Sunday morning - made me smile! I will sure miss Dan's Mr. Grassel's smiling face as I walk around the neighborhood. He was such a kind man and loved by all, he will be remembered and missed.

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**Kathy Nusbaum** - June 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NJ

“ Maureen, I know your heart is heavy with sadness and it will be for sometime, but the wonderful memories you have of your Dad will always make you smile for years to come. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Love, Charlie and Nina

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**Nina Johnson** - June 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Danny and Maureen,  
Our prayers are with you and your families at this time of loss. I was just thinking about your Dad during the CPS 25 year party last week. Your Dad was always someone I looked forward to visiting with and I sorely missed visiting with

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**Mike & Nancy Brown McDougall** - June 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ To Janice and the family;  
I was very sorry to learn of your father's passing in the paper today. Though I never knew him, I know that you must have inherited a lot of very positive traits and attitudes from him. Our condolences to all.

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**Bob Brakey** - June 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CZ

“ *Janice and Buster, so sorry to hear of your loss. Will keep you and your family in my prayers*

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**Clara Zinsmeyer** - June 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ *Buster and Janice,*

*Although we never had the privilege of meeting Mr. Grassel, Alan has told us a lot about him. Our thoughts are with you and your family.*

*Bill and Cathey*

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**Bill & Cathey Dayton** - June 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ *I will miss a good friend. He had been my friend for fifty years and I worked with Danny for thirty years. Your Family was blessed with a wonderful man.*

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**C.A. Kelly Clark** - June 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ *I am greatly saddened by the loss of my dear Uncle Dan but so many fond memories of him bring a smile to my face and a tug at my heart. He will be deeply missed.*

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**Sandra Clark** - June 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ *Our hearts are with you all. He will be sorely missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him. His kind words and ready smile could brighten any day.*

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**Suzan & Ken Bartholomew** - June 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ *Our prayers are with you.*

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**Aaron, Monica and Brady Godwin** - June 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM