



Daniel David Kana

September 22, 1934 - October 7, 2018

Daniel David Kana age 84 of San Antonio passed away in the peaceful, prayerful and loving embrace of his family on Sunday, October 7, 2018. He was born September 22, 1934 in Cuero, Texas to August and Mary Stella (Doubrava) Kana.

Dr. Kana was a humble man; a home town Texas boy who grew up to be a notable Research Engineer, a great Husband, incredible Father, Grandfather and Great Grandfather. He was a humorous and loving man who had many great gifts, talents and hobbies that he loved; such as hunting, fishing, oil painting, classical music and a good bottle of beer with a Czech klobása while playing dominoes.

He met his future wife, Gladys Psencik, at a CYO Talent Show in Schulenburg. Daniel married Gladys, his beautiful wife, in Sacred Heart Church Flatonia, Texas in 1958. Throughout his life, she lovingly supported Daniel and their three children as he achieved his many accomplishments. Although not always fully aware, Daniel passed on to his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren his commitment to work, family, and faith.

His academic success culminated in the achievement of a scholarship by the U.S. Navy which enabled him to enter the University of Texas Reserved

Officers Training Corp. Dr. Kana was awarded a Bachelor's of Science and a Master's of Science in Mechanical Engineering and a PhD in Engineering Mechanics from the University of Texas in Austin. His research was critical to the success of the Saturn V Rockets used by NASA. His ongoing research in Dynamics and Vibration furthered the academic study of earthquake structural design. He authored over 100 technical publications and his final document the "Daniel D. Kana Memoirs" was his greatest gift to us all. Although a humble man throughout his life, many people considered him a Genius.

He and his family were among the founding parishioners of St. Matthew's Catholic Church. He enjoyed his last year at the Villa de San Antonio where he referred to the fellow residents as his "group". He will be greatly missed by them.

In addition to his parents, Daniel Kana is preceded in death by his brother, Johnnie Kana and his sister, Margaret Janak. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Gladys; his children, Deborah Kana Jones and husband, Tom, Denise Kana Coggiola and husband, David and Steven Louis Kana and wife, Rosemary; his grandchildren, Tommy Jones, Danielle Bludau, Sean Smith, Blayne Smith, Lauren Coggiola, Leigh Coggiola, Paul Coggiola, Rachel Cox and Christopher Cox; and his great grandchildren, Mason, Emerson, Brooklyn, Madison, Mason and Levi. His family wishes to acknowledge the loving care and support provided by the staffs of Heritage Creek Assisted Living, the Alamo Hospice, and Villa de San Antonio.

SERVICES

Visitation will begin at 12:00 Noon followed by a Rosary at 1:00 P.M. on Sunday, October 14, 2018 at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North, 3401 Cherry Ridge Drive. The Funeral Mass will begin at 2:00 P.M. on Monday, October 15, 2018 at St. Matthew's Catholic Church, 10703 Wurzbach Road. Graveside Service will begin at 11:30 A.M/ at the Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church Cemetery in Kovar, Texas. In lieu of flowers, his family requests

contributions in Dr Kana's memory be made to either the Wounded Warrior Project <https://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/donate> or the Alzheimer's Association <https://www.alz.org/nca/donate>

Cemetery Details

Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Cemetery

Kovar, TX

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 14. 12:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Cherry Ridge
3401 Cherry Ridge Dr
San Antonio, TX 78230
(210) 349-1414
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Rosary

OCT 14. 1:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Cherry Ridge
3401 Cherry Ridge Dr
San Antonio, TX 78230
(210) 349-1414
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Funeral Mass

OCT **15**. 2:00 PM (CT)

St. Matthew Catholic Church
10703 Wurzbach Rd
San Antonio, TX 78230

Graveside Service

OCT **16**. 11:30 AM.

Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Cemetery
Kovar, TX

Tribute Wall

LC

“ *It's been an honor and pleasure to have known such a brilliant and tenderhearted man. My condolences, thoughts and prayers are with him and his beautiful family.*

Many Blessing,

Liza A. Contreras

Liza A. Contreras - October 15, 2018 at 12:52 PM

PP

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time of sorrow. I enjoyed our conversations after church service. He was one of those people who shone a beautiful, warm and loving soul from his eyes.*

Pat Phelix

Pat Phelix - October 15, 2018 at 07:31 AM

AW

“ *I was blessed to work as an usher with Dan a few years ago. Dan was such a kind, generous, faithful, and humble man. I truly admired him and am thankful that my life was blessed with his. My husband and I send our love and prayers to you all as you grieve and celebrate Dan's life.*

Anna and Matthew White

Anna White - October 14, 2018 at 09:30 PM

WH

“ Dan Jimmy Dean and I really enjoyed our fellowship while Dove hunting on numerous leases the last 25 years. Dan always got his limit of Doves first and was gracious to offer some for us all to have a limit. We will miss him greatly. Bill Harlowe

William Harlowe - October 12, 2018 at 10:04 PM

RJ

“ Ron Jones purchased the Simply Elegant Spathi phyllum for the family of Daniel David Kana.



Ron Jones - October 12, 2018 at 02:09 PM

BB

“ Dr. Kana was a kind and generous soul. I always enjoyed talking with him at SwRI. He will be missed.



Becky Bryant - October 12, 2018 at 09:44 AM

JJ

“ James&Heidi Jones purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Daniel David Kana.



James&Heidi Jones - October 11, 2018 at 01:16 PM



“ *Lem Jones Jr. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Daniel David Kana.*



Lem Jones Jr. - October 11, 2018 at 10:08 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Daniel David Kana.*



October 11, 2018 at 08:36 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Daniel David Kana.*



October 10, 2018 at 11:40 PM



Jennifer
Hughes

“ To Gladys and Mr. Kana's family, please accept my most sincere and deepest condolences. I had the pleasure and honor of getting to know Mr. Kana and his wonderful wife while working at Villa de San Antonio. I was the nursing supervisor. He was an extraordinary man with tons of charisma and humor. He reminded me very much of my own father. In fact, the day before I left my job at VSA, he thanked me for everything I did there and said I was a wonderful nurse. Knowing that he had such a prestigious work ethic, he was not someone that freely handed out compliments. His kind words meant so much to me. I knew they were genuine and heartfelt. I dont think I have ever teared up when receiving a compliment from one of my patients/residents, but I did that day. Thank you so much for all the stories and laughter Mr. Kana. You will be greatly missed and never forgotten. I will hold your family in my prayers.

Lots of love,

Jennifer Hughes

Jennifer Hughes - October 10, 2018 at 11:00 PM

TN

“ I will miss listening to your stories, Daniel. Especially the ones about your paintings where you could describe what a delapidated building in your painting looked like when you were little and what it was used for and who did what there. I loved to have you describe how you painted all those Blue Bonnets where they looked real. And how you translated technical manuals into Russian! And last but definitely not least, I will miss your stories that were like jokes. George and I would laugh through the whole thing like it was a big long joke. And I loved how you laughed too. Sometimes you could hardly get to the end because you were laughing right along with us....you made me laugh when I didn't feel like laughing. Oh and I miss having a beer with you at lunch and eating a sandwich or hot dog rolled in a slice of bread. What great fun with you and your wife after a fun morning working in your big, beautiful yard. I can hear your laugh now. I miss that and you. But I think that God and the Blessed Mother love you a whole lot because you got to go home on the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary (Our Lady of Victory) and your lovely wife holds the Rosary so dear. You sure are special Daniel.

George and I send our most sincere condolences to all the Kana family especially Gladys and children.

Love, Teresa Newsom and Jorge Galicia

teresa newsom - October 10, 2018 at 07:36 PM

AM

“ A.L. "Birdie" Matthews lit a candle in memory of Daniel David Kana



A.L. "Birdie" Matthews - October 10, 2018 at 06:45 PM

AM

“ *It was my honor to be a SwRI employee at the same time as Dr. Kana. It is with great sorrow to learn of his passing coupled with deepest sympathy and prayers for all of his loved ones at this difficult time. Dr. Kana will always be remembered for his SwRI contributions and endless Library visits.*

A.L. "Birdie" Matthews - October 10, 2018 at 06:44 PM

KS

“ *We are sorry to hear about the passing of your father. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, your sisters and Gladys.*

Kenneth and Rachel Scholz

Kenneth Scholz - October 10, 2018 at 11:49 AM