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Daniel J. Tuschak passed away peacefully on Father's Day, June 15, 2025—appropriately so, as he was the best father anyone could have. He was 92 years old.

Born on January 14, 1933, on his family's farm in Girard, Pennsylvania, Daniel was the son of George and Marie Tuschak. He married the love of his life, Rosemary (Roie), and together they shared 64 wonderful years filled with love, adventure, and deep faith. They traveled the world side by side, raised three children, and were gatherers of friends wherever they went. He was affectionately named Dandy by his grandson Christopher.

Dandy served his country with honor and distinction. He was a veteran of both the United States Army—serving in Korea—and the United States Air Force, where he worked as a Chinese linguist during a military career that spanned more than 26 years. His service took him to Taiwan, Japan, NSA at Fort Meade, San Angelo, and ultimately to Security Service Headquarters at Kelly Air Force Base in San Antonio. He retired from the Air Force on December 31, 1978.

Dandy's life was rooted in strong values, hard work, integrity and devotion to family. Growing up on the farm instilled in him a lifelong appreciation for

nature, perseverance, and community. Those who knew him admired his quiet strength, gentle humor, and unwavering kindness.

Education was another of Dandy's core values. He attended language school at Yale University, earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Maryland, a master's degree from the University of Southern California, and pursued a doctorate at Texas A&M University—all while raising a family and serving his country. He lived what he taught: the importance of learning, service, and determination.

A man of deep Catholic faith, Dandy lived his beliefs through action. He was a faithful servant of the Church, attending daily Mass with the "Sixers". He served on the perpetual adoration, eucharistic, and bereavement ministries, participating in the Knights of Columbus as well as in other volunteer roles. Dandy was a humble man who found joy in simple things. He loved the outdoors, especially days at the beach or working in his garden. His tomatoes and cucumbers were the pride of many harvests. He was handy, frugal, and wise—and on his 90th birthday, he reminded his family of a guiding life principle: "If it needs to be done, just do it."

He enjoyed a nightly glass of red wine, a cold Shiner Bock after mowing his lawn, and was the cherished cook behind his famous cucumber salad—always requested at family dinners. At Christmas, he led the family in preparing pierogis and his treasured sour mushroom soup, filling the house with tradition and laughter.

Above all, his greatest joy was his family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Marie; his brothers Bernard and George (Tim); his sisters MaryAnn and Emmy; and his beloved son, Michael.

He is lovingly remembered by his wife, Roie; his sister Lucy and her husband Dwight Hirsh; his children Mark (Shannon) Tuschak and Lisa (Tim) Raun; and

his grandchildren Christopher (Shelby Jo) Raun, Anna Marie (Andrew) Webster, Elise Raun, Katerina (Blake) Lewis, and Kristina (Jacob) McQueen. He also leaves behind six great-grandchildren—June, Cambridge, Zona Jo, Colton, Ross, and Maverick—who will grow up with the stories, lessons, and the legacy of a great man.

Funeral arrangements are pending.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial donations be made to St. Matthew's Catholic School or St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Cemetery Details

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach
San Antonio, TX 78209

Previous Events

Holy Rosary

JUL 7. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Matthew Catholic Church
10703 Wurzbach Rd
San Antonio, TX 78230-2431
(210) 478-5000

Catholic Funeral Service

JUL 7. 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM (CT)

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Committal Service with Military Honors

JUL 7. 2:15 PM - 2:45 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I had the good fortune to meet and befriend Dan - [a most kind, gentle man,] 60 years ago. He is, and will always be the super fellow one would be delighted to be associated with. God bless him and his family - and He and I will again speak in Chinese - because 'We can' 😊

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