



Danny Daniels

May 12, 1931 - August 3, 2025

Danny David Daniels Sr passed away on August 3, 2025 in San Antonio at the age of 94. He was born in Ironton, Ohio on May 12, 1931 to Bertha Gertrude Shepherd Daniels and Hobart Franklin Daniels. At an early age, the family moved to San Antonio, Texas to be near Bertha's family.

As a youngster during WWII, he was a delivery boy for Life, Look, and Saturday Evening Post magazines. After delivering to his subscribers' homes, he would go to restaurants and busy street corners to sell the extra magazine copies from a canvas bag on his shoulder.

Danny entered the Navy at age 17 and served during the Korean Conflict. Trained as a Salvage Diver, he served on the USS Antietam and the USS Boxer, both aircraft carriers. After leaving the Navy, he transitioned to the Air Force Reserves where he served in Administration and achieved the rank of Master Sergeant.

On Navy leave at home in San Antonio in 1949, he was invited by a friend to a dance where he saw a beautiful young woman sitting alone in a window alcove. The conversation he struck up with her, Barbara Ann Dury, lasted 75 years – 2 years engaged, and 73 years married. They wed on May 31, 1952 and had three children Keith, Danny. Jr, and Dawn.

Dad was a great supporter to his children and all their various activities growing up – Scouting, high school football and band, finding props for school plays, trail riding, and building a fabulous tree house in the back yard.

Leaving the Navy after their marriage, he worked at various trades including

plumbing, aircraft mechanic, and road construction, until he settled at City Public Service in the Gas Department. He retired from CPS after 30 years. Danny was a man who loved to try out new hobbies. The list (along with all the equipment and supplies required) is legendary in the family: hunting with rifle, shotgun, and bow; fishing, building his own fiberglass boat, tennis, jogging, bowling, learning Spanish, blacksmithing, oil painting, volunteering as a Deputy Sheriff for Bexar County, first aid responder, downhill skiing, reading, flying his 2 seater Cessna and taking youngsters on their first airplane ride in the Young Eagles First Flight program, and cattle ranching. He was a long time member of the Harlandale Masonic Lodge #1213. Even in his 80's he was an avid walker and took guitar lessons.

After retirement, he and Mom acquired 50 acres in Campbelton, TX. Moving an old house to the property and putting in a stock tank, the Dan-Bar Ranch was the venue for many years of memorable Easter celebrations, skeet shooting, tractor hayrides, and other family gatherings. After retirement, Mom and Dad also traveled extensively. They loved driving to visit friends around the country and going to Coushatta Casino in Louisiana.

Danny is survived by his son Danny Jr. and wife Gayelyn, daughter Dawn Smith and husband Frank, and daughter-in-law Wanda Daniels. His grandchildren are Kristy Tinsley; Justin Daniels and wife Enna; Kelly Reveles and husband Ivan; Candice Daniels and partner Johnny Reed; Hunter Chase Daniels and partner, April; and Megan Smith. He was a proud great-grandfather to Alyson and Caleb Tinsley, Bryan and Aaron Reveles, Christian Daniels and great, great grandchild Cooper Tinsley.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Barbara A. Daniels, eldest son, Keith J. Daniels; great-grandson, Caleb Tinsley; his brothers Harold and Jack Daniels, and sister Norma Jane Sanders.

The family extends their heartfelt thanks to Touchstone Hospice especially nurse Briana Naegelin, and the dedicated caregivers of Cardinal Senior Services – Roxanne Rodriguez, Mercedes Hernandez, Luz Karides, Dolly Garcia, Sara Ruiz, and Terry Shaw whose genuine loving care for Mom and

Dad allowed them to remain together at home in their last months.

In lieu of flowers Dad requested donations be made to the Mission Heritage Partners (supporting the San Antonio Historic Missions) at missionheritagepartners.org, KPAC Radio Station, or the Texas Air Museum – Stinson Chapter, by check to 1234 99th St, San Antonio, TX, 78214.

Services will be held at Mission Park South on Tuesday, August 19th at 11:00 AM. Interment to follow at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery at 1:30 PM with a reception to follow at Paloma Blanca on Broadway.

Cemetery Details

Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach Road
San Antonio, TX 78209

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 19. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, Cemeteries & Crematories
1700 SE Military Dr
San Antonio, TX 78214
(210) 924-4242
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Funeral Service

AUG 19. 11:45 AM - 12:45 PM (CT)

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Procession

AUG 19. 12:45 PM (CT)

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Burial

AUG 19. 1:30 PM (CT)

Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery
1520 Harry Wurzbach Rd
San Antonio, TX 78209
(210) 820-3891

Tribute Wall

DP

“ Dawn, sincere condolences to you. What a gift your father was an extraordinary man full of life. His story gives us a glimpse into your origins and was and always will remain prelude to the wonderful person you are. Dan and Coleta Perugini

Dan and Coleta Perugini - August 20, 2025 at 02:57 AM

HC

“ Stephanie and I send our condolences. We didn't know your dad but the obituary chronicles a man with a life well lived. We know he will be sorely missed. God bless you and your family.

Herb Coley - August 18, 2025 at 10:22 AM

DT

“ Doriot and Tom purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Danny Daniels.



Doriot and Tom - August 16, 2025 at 11:09 PM

JT

“ Danny and I go back to the early 1950's. We were both in the 433rd Alamo Wing Reserve Unit at Brooks AFB and soon became friends. He was ex-Navy and I was ex-Air Force. We shared a lot of different experiences and I learned a lot about underwater diving (he was a Diver in the Navy). Our friendship continued over the years and when I opened an Aviation Museum in San Antonio Danny was one of the early volunteers to join in helping get it started. Danny worked many long hours on displays, etc. and is largely responsible for how the museum survived and grew, he even recruited his Granddaughter to volunteer spending numerous hours helping. Also, our wives became friends since they both were long time customers at the same beauty shop!
Danny will be missed by so many friends and Co-workers

My Condolences and prayers go out to Dawn and the family

God Speed Danny

John Tosh - August 11, 2025 at 05:45 PM