



## Danny Ellis

December 12, 1960 - January 23, 2021

Danny Ellis, age 60, ran into the arms of Jesus, Saturday, January 23, 2021. His life celebration will be held at 3 p.m., Saturday, January 30, at Mission Park Funeral Chapel North, 3401 Cherry Ridge, San Antonio, with visitation occurring from 2 p.m.– 3 p.m. Interment will follow at Mission Burial Park North.

Danny Ellis was born December 12, 1960 in San Antonio, Texas to parents David Ellis and Karen Rock Ellis. Danny worked at USAA since 1984, currently serving as an IT Director in the Enterprise Content Management organization. He received his degree from Howard Payne University and his MBA from Our Lady of the Lake University. Danny was an avid fisherman, loved baseball, and enjoyed playing the guitar and singing, often leading praise and worship. However, Danny's greatest joy was supporting and loving his sons and caring deeply for his family.

Danny is preceded in death by his mother, Karen Ellis; his grandparents, Walter and Irene Rock; and his uncle, Bill Walsh.

Danny is survived by his wife, Shelby Ellis; his son, Michael Ellis and wife Megan; his son, Seth Ellis; his father, David Ellis; his sister, Darcy Dillavou and her husband Rick; his aunt, Marilyn Walsh; his step-daughter, Kaisa Paulson and her husband Michael; his step-son, Lane Waller; two

granddaughters, Kaidy Paulson and Emily Paulson; and life-long friend, Glenda Adams.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Danny's honor to charity of your choice.

Condolences may be made online at [www.missionparks.com](http://www.missionparks.com) under obituaries.

The funeral service will be live streamed beginning at 3 p.m. on Saturday, January 30, 2021. [www.missionparks.com](http://www.missionparks.com) under obituaries Danny Ellis under the photo and video tab click on webcasting video.

# Cemetery Details

## Mission Burial Park

20900 IH 10 West  
San Antonio, TX 78257

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 30. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels North  
3401 Cherry Ridge Drive  
San Antonio, TX 78230

## Celebration of Life

JAN 30. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels North  
3401 Cherry Ridge Drive  
San Antonio, TX 78230

## Interment

JAN 30 (CT)

Mission Burial Park  
20900 IH 10 West  
San Antonio, TX 78257



# Tribute Wall



“ *Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemeteries created a Webcast in memory of Danny Ellis*



**Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery** - January 30, 2021 at 03:02 PM

KH

*I'm so saddened by this loss, but I am grateful that Danny is in the arms of his Savior. I never had the honor of meeting Danny (in person), but I knew he loved Shelby and her family and that was enough for me. I remember that Shelby snuck away from a girl's retreat to meet Danny for dinner the first time. She was giddy like a school girl and I love that Danny made her feel that way again. It was so moving to listen to a recording of Danny singing and Shelby's brave testament about him, but I would have preferred to be there in person.*

**Kathy Harvey** - January 30, 2021 at 04:33 PM

AW

*The service including what Shelby, Michael, Seth, Kaisia, Darcy and friends shared was absolutely beautiful. Thank you for sharing via webcast so that all could attend. Sending my sincerest condolences to the Ellis family.*

*- Annat & Weslyn Wagner*

**Annat Rosenthal Wagner** - January 30, 2021 at 05:30 PM

CB

*Thank you for allowing us to view remotely. It was a beautiful service with such moving words and memories. We love you Danny.*

**Craig Bush** - January 30, 2021 at 05:42 PM

KW

“ To the Family of Danny Ellis,

*I attended Danny's Celebration of Life at work today. The amount of joy and love that was shared about Danny was tremendous. The stories we funny and touching and heartfelt.*

*I have only known Danny for just a few years. Until last October, I would have casual conversations with Danny in meetings or at our planning sessions. I work in the Plano office so I only saw Danny in person when I would fly in for quarterly meetings. He was always so kind and made everyone feel welcomed. He was very passionate about his work and about the company.*

*During one of my visits, Danny had asked me about a leadership position I had applied for. I told him I wasn't selected and he could tell that I was disappointed. While we never spoke I lot, I will always remember what he said to me that day. He said, "Kalei, don't worry. It's not a matter of if, it's a matter of when. You'll get there." That gave me more encouragement than he ever knew. Coming from him it meant a lot to me.*

*In October this past year, that prediction came true. I was applied for and was awarded a leadership position in his organization. He welcomed me with open arms. I am so happy that I got to work more closely with him, even if for only a few months.*

*Such a loss as great as yours, there are no words to describe how deeply sorry I am. Please know Danny and you all are still in my daily prayers.*

*Me ke aloha pumehana (with all my love and regards),  
Kalei Weber*

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**Kalei Weber** - February 26, 2021 at 05:25 PM

BT

“ We had the pleasure of working alongside Danny for so many years at USAA. We will always remember Danny as an approachable leader, a guide, willing to take on new challenges with a smiling face. We are deeply saddened with his sudden demise and will always have him in our thoughts and prayers. Our heartfelt condolences to the entire Ellis family.

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**Bikash Dash & TCS Team** - February 25, 2021 at 05:13 PM

RJ

“ To the family of Danny Ellis,  
I offer my condolences for your loss. Danny was an excellent coworker and man. We spent many hours talking about all types of subjects. One thing was clear with Danny. He was a man of conviction. He believed in doing the right thing and that value showed all the time. I thank you all for sharing him with us. I hope that I can help in dividing the grief you must be feeling. I will miss him. He was always a sounding board for me when I needed him. He encouraged me on numerous occasions. I will pray for your hearts to be consoled and to know that you are not alone. Be at peace, knowing that Danny is loved by many. Be at peace, because the Lord gives us peace specifically for moments like this.

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**Richard Jackson** - February 17, 2021 at 12:07 PM

FB

“ I was so disappointed that I was out of town and unable to show my love and support to the Ellis family. First and foremost, I want to let you all know I am praying for the family, especially his wonderful sons and wife. I know Danny is home with his beloved mother, and although he departed from his family and friends way too soon, he will truly be missed. I pray God gives you all so much peace and comfort, and freedom in your memories. I will never forget my time with Danny and how he blessed my career and always showed me that he cared both personally and professionally. I know he loved the Lord and constantly seeked God, and I pray his legacy and love for his family lives on.

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**Fawn Bevineau** - February 01, 2021 at 12:46 PM

RP

“ The service was very touching. I've known Danny since the early 90's and worked with him closely many times in my career. He was a good friend and a fantastic person. Anyone close to me has heard Danny stories. He always had your back and tried to do the right thing. He was truly an inspiring person. He will be missed and the world will not be the same without him in it.

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**Rick Proft** - January 30, 2021 at 06:05 PM



“ Danny will be missed! He was a man of strong character and someone that put others in front of himself. I feel blessed to have known him! Here's a memory of our team's MLK March.



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**Terry Woodworth** - January 30, 2021 at 05:45 PM

EW

“ I had the pleasure of working with Danny the last couple years. He invested so much time into getting me on-board and up-to-speed. We spent many hours on the phone and video calls. It was so valuable for me. Then over time, he and I would have healthy debates on decisions.

*This last week I've enjoying thinking about a number of those calls while remembering Danny. However, I've now been so blessed by hearing Danny praise Jesus. That's what I'll remember and think about now.*

*RIP Danny!*

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**Erik Weibust** - January 30, 2021 at 05:39 PM

MC

“ Just by knowing you Shelby, and hearing your stories about Danny, I know what a truly amazing person he was and what a great loss this is for the world. Please know that we, your lead4ward family, are grieving with you and holding you up in our prayers and thoughts. Love you so much dear friend!

*Mary Carney*

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**Mary Carney** - January 30, 2021 at 04:19 PM

EE

“ My heartfelt condolences to Danny's family. He was a good leader and a thoughtful and gracious man.

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**Ed Evans** - January 30, 2021 at 04:03 PM

AF

“ My prayers are with the family. Danny will be thought of often and much missed at work. Be at peace, Danny.

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**Ann Fultz** - January 30, 2021 at 03:51 PM

BN

“ *Danny Ellis #33. Howard Payne University intramural sports team.*



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**Billy Nunez** - January 30, 2021 at 02:12 PM

LC

“ *I am filled with sadness due to the passing of Danny. He has been a good friend for over 30 years. I was his manager for the CCS project where he impressed me due to his work ethic and genuine concern to do his best (no matter what) for the service reps. As an example, Danny was a junior-level programmer in 1991. A more senior-level programmer did not complete an assignment although given many opportunities to complete it. I asked Danny if he could do it, but he had only two weeks to do 80 hours of work. He was enthusiastic about the opportunity. He not only completed it on time, but also provided a bullet-proof solution. To me, this is the classic Danny Ellis. Fortunately, my boss agreed to an early promotion for him. He will always be remembered!*

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**Larry Clark** - January 30, 2021 at 02:11 PM

CB

“ *Shelby, Michael, and Seth,*

*Danny was such a special person who had such an impact on my life and career. He helped me grow as a developer and a person from my early days at USAA. He was a nurturing and empowering boss. He became a good friend, and we enjoyed Spurs games and playing intramural basketball. Danny didn't like to lose, but he was a role model for sportsmanship. Danny was a man of vision, intense work ethic, and a great problem solver. I am so sorry for your loss, and please accept my deepest condolences. Rest in peace Danny.*

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**Craig Bush** - January 29, 2021 at 07:08 PM

SC

“ *Susan Carr purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Danny Ellis.*



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**Susan Carr** - January 29, 2021 at 04:37 PM

PP

“ *Patti Prather purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Danny Ellis.*



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**Patti Prather** - January 29, 2021 at 04:31 PM

EI

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Edwin T Cooke III - January 29, 2021 at 04:14 PM

JM

“ I am proud to have called Danny friend. He was one of the finest people I've ever known. We fished together and worked together for almost 30 years. My sadness is overwhelming and I will miss him the rest of my days.

Jim Myers - January 29, 2021 at 03:11 PM

JW

“ Like so many others that have shared here, I had the pleasure of working alongside Danny for many years at USAA. Danny challenged me to be a better leader and encouraged me when I needed it. I am deeply saddened that Danny was taken away from us so soon. My heartfelt condolences to Shelby, Michael, Seth and the entire Ellis family. Danny has left a lasting memory for myself and so many others. His legacy will always be remembered.

Janice Wilder - January 29, 2021 at 02:19 PM

AK

“ I have known Danny for over 35 years. From playing softball to working together Danny always challenged me. He made me play harder, work harder, and think harder. He will be missed. He was truly a friend and a great person. God Speed Danny.

Andy Keller - January 29, 2021 at 02:11 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Danny Ellis.*



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January 29, 2021 at 02:04 PM



“ *I was fortunate to work with Danny on multiple occasions throughout the years at USAA. He was a great business partner with a willingness to help. My deepest condolences are being sent to Danny's family and friends.*

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**Amy Bupp** - January 29, 2021 at 11:15 AM



*Danny was a great manager and work friend . he showed the debt of his compassion to me when my husband died. it was easier to get through the work day knowing he was concerned about me. Danny your smile and sense of humor will be missed*

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**susan carr** - January 29, 2021 at 04:36 PM



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**Amy** - January 29, 2021 at 11:13 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Danny Ellis.*



January 28, 2021 at 09:26 PM



“ *I worked with Danny for over 15 years. Danny was always looking for innovative ways of doing things and pushing the edge. Great guy! I will really miss my interactions with Danny.*  
----- *John Brady*

**John Brady** - January 28, 2021 at 07:05 PM



“ *Kim, Linda and Betty Norris purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Danny Ellis.*



**Kim, Linda and Betty Norris** - January 28, 2021 at 05:17 PM



“ *I had the honor of working with Danny on the same leadership team for the past five years. He had a kind heart and cared deeply about his employees and everyone he worked with. He was always so supportive and encouraging and he will be deeply missed. He was always available if you needed anything. My prayers are being sent to the Ellis family as they grieve this tremendous loss.*

**Alycia O'Leary** - January 28, 2021 at 04:17 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Danny Ellis.*



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January 28, 2021 at 01:20 PM



“ *I have had a heavy heart since hearing the news of Danny's passing. Although Danny and I did not work together at USAA for very long, I will miss him challenging my way of thinking and the great laughs we shared. Danny will be missed by me and many at USAA.*

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**Wendy Russell** - January 28, 2021 at 11:33 AM



“ *Danny will be missed greatly. I will miss our friendly debates, which always challenged me and I will miss the laughs I would always shared with him. His warm and loving heart will continue shining.*

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**Noam Lazarus** - January 28, 2021 at 11:21 AM

CL

“ My memories of Danny go back to his high school days. Marcey and I taught his Sunday School class. He was a typical teenager but even then he was a good guy with great potential. I also coached him on softball and basketball teams where he was a real hustler.

Once at USAA I reconnected with him through softball. We played together on the Landsharks and on a team that played in the Nationals in Athens Georgia.

Danny fulfilled the potential he showed as a young man and became a man. What others have said about him is definitely true. Prayers to his family for peace and comfort

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**Carl Loyd** - January 28, 2021 at 10:56 AM

DM

“ I have known Danny for many years at USAA and had the privilege of working beside him these last 5 years. I always appreciated his wisdom, insight, humor, compassion and most of all his friendship. He will definitely be missed and he leaves a great legacy at USAA. Elizabeth and I continue to pray for Shelby and Danny's family. We rest knowing he is in the arms of of his savior Jesus Christ and is at peace.

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**Daniel Mascorro** - January 28, 2021 at 10:34 AM

TJ

“ The Brothers family, Jack, Judi Tracey and Jack Jr purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Danny Ellis.



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**The Brothers family, Jack, Judi Tracey and Jack Jr** - January 28, 2021 at 09:55 AM

BN

“ I was heartbroken and crushed to hear the news of Danny's passing. Danny was such a huge influence in my life from knowing him in high school all the way through the privilege of being his Pastor in the early years of River City Fellowship. His musical gift to play acoustic guitar was such a help to me in our worship experiences at church. He and I played many many times together. His sensitive and caring heart was evident in the way he played.

My favorite memory with Danny might be the time he joined me, my son Josh, my dad, and my brother Tony on a fishing trip to South Padre Island. Danny couldn't even wait until the boat stopped before he wanted his hook in the water. But he was so anxious that when we cast his rod, his hook flew backward and caught my son Josh right between the eyes! Josh had a hook and a shrimp locked right smack between both eyes. Danny was freaked out! Needless to say our fishing trip was cut short because we had to drive Josh to the hospital to get the hook removed. All was well and afterward, we laughed and laughed about that experience. I never let him forget it.

I could go on and on about the great times, laughter, prayer times, and tears I shared with Danny He was a GREAT friend. I will miss Danny Ellis very very much.

Due to a personal family need, I won't be able to make the trip to San Antonio for his funeral. But please accept my most heart-felt condolences. Our family is praying for yours.

Billy Nunez

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**Billy Nunez** - January 28, 2021 at 09:21 AM

GT

Shelby, my heart hurts for you and your family. I didn't know Danny personally; only through you and I know he was a wonderful man, husband and father. May God give you His healing in time. Love you dearly, Geneva Trejo

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**Geneva Trejo** - January 28, 2021 at 12:49 PM

JS

“ My deepest condolence. I had the pleasure of working with Danny at USAA. He was a kind soul and always willing to help.

*To all his family and friends- I am so sorry to hear about the loss of Danny. May God grant you strength and comfort during this most difficult time. ~Jennifer Sanchez*

Jennifer Sanchez - January 28, 2021 at 08:29 AM

JC

“ Danny's kindness was unquestionable when you interacted with him. He always had a smile whenever I met or talked with him. I'm so sorry that he is no longer with us, my heartfelt prayers and sympathies go to Danny's family.

Jim Cozzie - January 28, 2021 at 08:05 AM

AD

“ I worked with Danny in the early 90s and he was good-natured, kind, caring, and generous. I knew him when he bought his first boat and we all went out to Canyon Lake and spent a lot of time together. Also visited museums, gardens, theme parks, and went to many Spurs games. Although I really hadn't kept in touch over the years I have fond memories of our times together. So sorry for your loss. Warm regards, Amy Dinstel



Amy Dinstel - January 27, 2021 at 11:17 PM

WE

“ I worked with Danny on many projects through out the years at USAA. He always was forthright and had members (other people) beat interest in mind. I really enjoyed working with him. Rest In peace brother. Wesley

Wesley - January 27, 2021 at 09:04 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Danny Ellis.



January 27, 2021 at 08:39 PM

CB

“ I worked with Danny for much of career at USAA. He was a gentle man that brought calmness to the problems of the day.

Clay Burgess - January 27, 2021 at 05:46 PM

RB

“ I enjoyed working with Danny at USAA. I didn't know him well but always appreciated his approach, professionalism, and calm demeanor. He will be missed. Praying for his family.

Ryan Barth - January 27, 2021 at 04:16 PM

-M

“ ---Raghu , Kiruba, Jebin and Meshak purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Danny Ellis.



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---Raghu , Kiruba, Jebin and Meshak - January 27, 2021 at 02:57 PM

DJ

“ Danny's influence and technical leadership will be sorely missed, but most importantly his friendship and mentorship. My prayers are with his family during this time.



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Derek West Jr - January 27, 2021 at 02:42 PM

RM

“ Thanks for your kindness and leadership Danny. You have the attributes I hope to emulate and make my own in the years to come. Your faith was unquestionable.

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Rey Medina - January 27, 2021 at 01:33 PM

SG

“ I worked with Danny for a long time in USAA. I am missing a great leader, a mentor and a friend. My heart felt condolences to his family. My prayers are with you during this time of loss.

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Simson Gnanam - January 27, 2021 at 01:07 PM

KR

“ *Danny was an awesome business partner. Always ready to serve and partner with the business. RIP.  
Prayers for family members.*

Ken Rosen - January 27, 2021 at 01:00 PM

EE

“ *It is an honor and a privilege to have worked with Danny, he was my first mentor at USAA when I was still an intern back in 2019. I'm thankful for the guidance and leadership he provided, he will be truly missed. My condolences to his family and loved ones.*

En Emerson - January 27, 2021 at 01:00 PM

MF

“ *I worked with Danny the last several years. His enthusiasm for innovation and always wanting to do the right thing was inspiring. He will be truly missed. My condolences to his family.*

*Michelle Foucher*

Michelle Foucher - January 27, 2021 at 12:53 PM

DB

“ *Dad, Dean & Susan, Kent & Jodi, Monty, Joel & Beth purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Danny Ellis.*



Dad, Dean & Susan, Kent & Jodi, Monty, Joel & Beth -  
January 27, 2021 at 12:46 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Danny Ellis.*



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January 27, 2021 at 12:32 PM



“ *Ellis Family,  
I worked with Danny over the years at USAA. He was always such a kind and generous person to work with. I knew that he was always willing to help in any way he could. Please know that Danny made an impact on USAA and the many lives he touched. Prayers and thoughts go out to you and your family.*  
*Shelby Najvar*

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**Shelby Najvar** - January 27, 2021 at 12:20 PM



“ *Danny was someone who made a point to remember who the people he worked with were, even when he didn't work with them directly. He always made me feel important when he stopped me in the hall to say hello or to ask me how I was doing. He was never so busy that he didn't make his coworkers feel loved and that is something I feel is so scarce in the world we live in.*

*The world is a slightly colder place without Danny in it. I will miss you sir. May we meet again one day in the here after so I can ask you how your day is going.*

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**Michael Main** - January 27, 2021 at 12:16 PM

RL

“ *Shelby / Michael / Seth,  
Danny was an incredible leader and friend. He had a tremendous impact on many people at USAA in his 36 years of service. We are all better because of the examples set forth by Danny. His work passion was leveraging technology to improve our members experiences. His faith and respect for others shown through daily and we miss him. Please know that hundreds of employees across the USAA family are lifting you up in prayer.  
Robert and Donna Lagoudis*

Robert Lagoudis - January 27, 2021 at 12:05 PM

GA

“ *Shelby and family,  
We are so saddened by your loss. We will hold you in our hearts.  
Billy and Gayla*

Gayla - January 27, 2021 at 11:42 AM



“ *A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Danny Ellis.*



January 27, 2021 at 09:10 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Danny Ellis.*



January 26, 2021 at 10:24 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Danny Ellis.



January 26, 2021 at 10:23 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Danny Ellis.



January 26, 2021 at 08:57 PM



“ 40 files added to the album Danny and the Family Who Loves Him



SHELBY ELLIS - January 26, 2021 at 07:31 PM

JM

“ Danny was a great guy and we shared many projects, laughs, and stories over the years. He was good, honest, hard-working guy who knew how to get things done. Even hard things.

*JDMc*

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**Jon McEachron** - January 26, 2021 at 09:28 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Danny Ellis.



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January 26, 2021 at 12:21 AM

TD

“ Danny was my college roommate, a friend, and he stood with me in my wedding. He was such a great musician and no doubt loved the Jesus he sang about and to. While our paths divided, due to "life in general", the memories of so many good times remain in my heart. The next time I see him, I know it will be a glad reunion. I know I'll find him playing guitar and worshipping the Savior. I send my prayers to his family.

*Terry Davis*

*Terry Davis*

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**Terry Davis** - January 26, 2021 at 12:03 AM

TD

*Just can't let the memory of us sliding down I-10 embankment, in 1985, after the big snow storm. We started the activity and many joined us in the fun. My most precious memories involved making music with Danny. Such beautiful memories.*

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**Terry Davis** - January 26, 2021 at 12:23 AM

SE

*Terry, can you please send me your mailing address? Darcy and I would like to send you a card for the beautiful plan to sent. My number is 512-994-7196, Shelby*

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**SHELBY ELLIS** - March 04, 2021 at 01:44 PM

AN

“ *Danny was an incredible man and was so loved by many. He was an amazing mentor and will be greatly missed. Sending love and prayers to the Ellis family.*

*-Annat*

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**Annat** - January 25, 2021 at 01:15 PM