



Dana A Callanan

October 5, 1933 - January 5, 2021

The family of Dana A Callanan, of Sarasota, Florida is sad to announce that Dana passed away on January 19, 2021. He was pre-deceased by his wife of 46 years, Eleanor Callanan, brothers David Callanan and Aaron Snow and sons Richard and Robert Wilder. Dana was born in Beverly, Mass to Ruth and Walter Callanan. He is survived by his wife Wendy of 17 years, sister Priscilla Wieland of Scarborough, ME, sister Faith Derwicki of San Francisco, Son Gary Wilder of Cape Cod, and numerous nieces, nephews and grand children.

Dana was in the Navy from 1951-1954. He then graduated from East Coast Aero Tech 1954-1956. He joined Northeast Airlines as an aircraft mechanic in 1956. He then transitioned to the Training Dept for Northeast Airlines from 1957-1968. His knowledge and understanding of aircraft systems did not go unnoticed by his students, Pilots and Flight Engineers. They encouraged him to get his own Pilots License and join them in Flight. In 1968 he transitioned again as a Pilot for Northeast Airlines, which was purchased by Delta Airlines. He finished his career with Delta in 1993 as a 767 Captain. He also flew the Boeing 727, 737, 757 as well as the Lockheed L-1011. During this time he also owned an Antique business with then wife Eleanor. Dana was a self-made man, a professional's professional.

He is a member of numerous Masonic organizations. He earned his degrees

in Scottish Rites and York Rites in NH and ME. After moving to Sarasota, FL he earned his degree to become a Shriner and belonged to Sahib Shrine in Sarasota. Dana was very proud of the volunteer work he did, without hesitation in both the Masonic Lodges and Shriners organizations. He made many wonderful friends throughout his career and then retirement here in Sarasota and will surely be missed.

Memorial and Celebration of Life will be held at a future date, to be announced. If you wish to make a donation in his name, Shriners Hospital or any Masonic Lodge would be greatly appreciated. Funeral arrangements are by Toale Brothers in Sarasota and condolences and more information can be seen on their website at www.ToaleBrothers.com.

The family would like to thank the wonderful Nurses and Doctors at Doctors Hospital for their tireless efforts to get him through this terrible disease. God bless them and their families.

Tribute Wall

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“ Since being best friends for 7 yrs. and have been to many functions together I have

gotten to know Dana as a very caring person and always ready to lend of hand to

everyone. We had some good times.

He was a gentle soul.

We spoke almost everyday. I will miss that a lot.

Wendy you will have many happy memories I'm sure and can be

thankful for that. Take care.

Charlie and Pat Titus

Charlie & Pat Titus - February 04, 2021 at 01:38 PM



Wendy
Callanan

Thank you Charlie

Wendy Callanan - February 04, 2021 at 03:52 PM

MJ

“ Dear Wendy and family, our deepest sympathy on Dana's passing. His love lives on in the lives he touched with his gentle, caring way. In the words he spoke, in the hearts he warmed, in the joy he brought each day.

Wendy, take comfort in knowing that now you have a special guardian angel to watch over you.

Rest in Peace, Dana, your work on earth is done.

Off you go into the wide blue yonder flying high.....

Friends forever, Mickey & David Joly

Mickey & David Joly - February 04, 2021 at 08:07 AM



Wendy
Callanan

Thank you so very much.

Wendy Callanan - February 04, 2021 at 10:22 AM

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Dear Wendy, Dana's presence as our neighbor was most enjoyable through the years we shared. He was an amazing man always working to overcome his medical setbacks. He lived a good long life of 87 years! Fly high Dana and rest in peace.

Sincere sympathys, Donna & Steve McKenzie

Donna & Steve McKenzie - February 05, 2021 at 05:17 PM