



Daniel J. Pruchnowski

September 30, 1942 - October 2, 2023

Daniel J. Pruchnowski, 81, of Sarasota, FL passed away peacefully on October 2, 2023.

Dan was born on September 30, 1942 in West Seneca, NY and grew up in Buffalo, NY. After graduating high school Dan joined the Army National Guard and launched his career with the Sheriff Department. In 1969 he began proudly serving his community as a police officer for the Town of Tonawanda, NY until his retirement in 2000. He retired as Records and Communications Officer. He was also actively involved in Sandy Beach Yacht Club on Grand Island, NY, where he held many leadership positions, including Commodore in 1991.

Dan and his wife Kathy enjoyed vacationing in the Thousand Islands, NY, and Florida. After Dan suffered a massive stroke in 2001, they began splitting their time between New York and Florida. In 2010, they moved permanently to Sarasota, Florida. Dan and Kathy were active members of the stroke and aphasia community in Sarasota, providing them a great source of support, comfort, and friendship during their retirement years.

Dan, affectionately known by many as “Pooch”, spent much of his life on the water, having a passion for boating and fishing. He also enjoyed golf during his retirement. Dan would call it like it is, never mince words and let you know

exactly what he thought. Even when speech became a challenge, his face would tell it all! Dan was not one to miss a good party and was most comfortable when surrounded by his many friends and family. Dan battled many challenges for over 20 years due to a stroke. He was the ultimate survivor. He will be remembered for his courage, passion for what he believed in, an incredible work ethic, a heart of gold, and always enjoying a great dinner out! May he rest in peace knowing he touched the lives of so many, and his family will continue to honor his legacy by living their lives to the fullest, just as he did.

Dan was survived by his loving wife of 56 years, Kathy, who sadly passed away four months later, bringing them together again for eternity. Dan is survived by his daughter Donna Marr, grandchildren Justin Marr and Allison Marr, and sisters Maryann Thines (Paul) and Annmarie Snyder. He is also survived by a loving extended family and the many friends he considered family. Dan was preceded in death by his parents John and Regina Pruchnowski.

Celebration of Life services will be held on April 7, 2024, at the Toale Brothers funeral home, 40 N Orange Ave., Sarasota, FL beginning at 11:00 AM. A reception will be held at Toale Brothers immediately following the service.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a charitable donation in Dan's honor to the Aphasia Community Center (ACC) of Sarasota. <https://www.aphasiasarasota.org/donate/>

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

APR 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

Toale Brothers Funeral Home & Crematory - Colonial Chapel

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Tribute Wall

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“ Danny was my “ big “ brother!
He acted just as that , especially since he was 17 year’s older!
When I was little, I could always count on Danny to jump and scream profusely when I would hide and jump out at him. He was ready to kill me...Ya think he’d learn!
Yet , he would make room for me next to him and let me put my cold feet on him when he was lying, even after a night out with his buddies at the Pumpkin Patch. As I grew older, Danny was always amazed at the “awesomeness “ of his sister.
He regularly rolled his eyes and stared at me with a red face and plenty of expletives shared his thoughts with me. Yet , if I needed him, he was always be there for me. I will miss my brother.
I need to add... Danny loved HOT soup ... and burnt his mouth every single, time regardless of the warnings! LOL
Yup that’s Danny!

AnnMarie Snyder - April 07, 2024 at 07:04 PM

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“ My fondest memory of my brother Danny was when he was in his late teens earlier twenty's. I was around 8 or 9 years old. He had his close group of friends that would come to our house frequently and work on cars they bought to resell. They would always tease me, lock me in the car and the garage, chase me around. They were a great group of friends, so very nice and lots of fun. I will miss him.
Maryann Thines

Maryann J Thines - April 07, 2024 at 11:34 AM

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“ *Dan was always a delight to be around, he never let anything get by him, always had a smile on his face, despite the troubles he faced.. he was special to our family for many years.*

Donna and family accept our condolences for the loss of both parents way too soon.

Mary Lou Little

Mary Lou Little - April 02, 2024 at 10:43 PM