



Daniel E. Cummings

April 13, 1938 - September 2, 2018

Daniel E. Cummings, 80, of Matthews, NC, through the blessing of hospice, died peacefully at home with his family at his side on Sunday, September 2, 2018.

Dan was born in Ravenna, Ohio, on April 13, 1938, the son of Daniel Harvey and Irene Culler Cummings. While attending Kent State under the Naval Reserves program where he earned a degree in Political Science, he met the love of his life, Ms. Sandra Hudson. On March 3, 1961, he received his naval commission and on April 8, 1961, he and Ms. Hudson were married. While in the Navy, Dan completed training in Cryptographic School, Engineering Officers Replacement, Naval Justice and Officer Command. He served honorably aboard the USS Sierra during the Cuban Missile Crisis and on September 1, 1964, was honorably discharged as a LTJG.

Following his military service, Dan worked in marketing for industrial companies. While working for companies such as John Deere and Bowmar (the company that created the first American made, pocket sized calculator), Dan was able to travel the world and take in the various experiences and cultures it afforded. From dining with shieks to enjoying Turkish coffee in Turkey, Dan had a trove of stories about his life experiences and enjoyed sharing about it. He eventually owned his own professional executive recruitment business in New York before he retired. He and Sandra moved to Charlotte in 1999, and have been residents ever since.

Dan enjoyed many things in life, and his naval background showed through.

Whether boating, fishing or sailing, he loved to be around water. While on dryer land, he preferred to golf and fix the various things around the house that need a handyman's touch. What he most enjoyed, however, was the time spent with family and friends.

Dan is survived by his wife, Sandra; a daughter Leigh (husband Nader) Mherabi of New York City; a daughter Kelley (husband Ben Danehy) Cummings of Milford, CT, and their three children Leah, Danny and Lily; and a daughter Leslie (husband Bill) Curtis of Charlotte and their two children John and Sarah. Dan is further survived by numerous other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents.

In honor of his service, Dan's earthly remains will be committed to his final resting place in a private service at the National Cemetery in Salisbury, North Carolina. Please take a moment to visit Dan's Tribute Wall and share a memory, photo, video or condolence with the family. Please note, all submissions require admin approval before appearing publicly for all to see. The Cummings family respectfully requests any memorials in Dan's name be made to a charity of your choice supporting veterans or cancer research with recommendations of the following if you have no personal preference:

The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society at www.lls.org

Wounded Warriors at www.woundedwarriorproject.org

Cemetery Details

Salisbury National Cemetery

501 Statesville Blvd
Salisbury, NC 28144
[http://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/salisbury.a
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Tribute Wall



“ *Daniel E. Cummings*

October 05, 2023 at 07:26 AM



“ *Daniel E. Cummings*

October 24, 2022 at 08:52 PM



“ *My very best to Dan & his family. May he Rest In Peace.
Our prayers and love, Clarence & Maria Sikes*

Clarence Sikes - September 06, 2018 at 04:03 PM



“ *6 files added to the album New Album Name*



David Dodds - September 06, 2018 at 01:37 PM

UB

“ I am so sorry to hear of your family's loss. Dan was such a gentleman, and he was a great friend.
Thoughts of sympathy go out to your family.
Blessings to all,
Ursula Baker

Ursula Baker - September 06, 2018 at 12:10 PM

JJ

“ Jean Ann, Linda, David, and Johanna purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Daniel E. Cummings.



Jean Ann, Linda, David, and Johanna - September 06, 2018 at 10:12 AM

PF

“ Sincerest condolences to Sandy, family and friends on Dan's passing.
May he Rest In Peace.
Elene and Peter Finamore.

Peter Finamore - September 05, 2018 at 08:39 PM



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Michelle Grooms - September 05, 2018 at 08:20 PM

TH

“ *The Grooms Family ~ Michelle, Jim, Rachel & Hannah purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Daniel E. Cummings.*



The Grooms Family ~ Michelle, Jim, Rachel & Hannah -
September 05, 2018 at 05:47 PM

HM

“ *Dan was a very dear friend, who we shared many wonderful times with, He was my favorite golfing buddy. He and Sandy were wonderful helpful friends when I experienced serious health problems some years ago. We will always have very fond memories of our times together. May the grace of God cover his entire family during this time.*

Bette & Henry McClain

Henry McClain - September 05, 2018 at 01:01 PM

GM

“ *Dear Sandy: Geoffrey and I are so saddened to know this; he was such a fine, intelligent and so very interesting man. We recall his and Geoffrey's conversations about far away, exotic places they both had travelled.*

Our hearts go out to you and your family.

Phyllis and Geoffrey Martineau

Geoffrey Martineau - September 05, 2018 at 11:38 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Daniel E. Cummings.*



September 05, 2018 at 11:19 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Daniel E. Cummings.*



September 05, 2018 at 11:17 AM



“ *Dan was more than a next door neighbor; he was a dear friend. We will miss our frequent chats, the sharing of watermelons and other such items, the monthly game nights, Holiday meals together, the exchange of tales and lies about golf, and our dinners at local restaurants. Although the last few years have been tough on him we are comforted knowing he is at peace and in a much better place. R.I.P. Dan. You will be missed but not forgotten.*
Gene and Sally Hetzel

Gene Hetzel - September 05, 2018 at 10:35 AM

AH

“ Dear Kelly and Family: our dads are the first men we look up to as children, both literally and figuratively. Although I never met your father, his obituary describes an amazing man. He is now at peace, and as you look up to him in the skies above, he is watching over you and your family for life ever after. As you reflect on his life during this time of loss, may you find peace. Love, April Hunt

april hunt - September 04, 2018 at 09:28 PM

WY

Dear Sandy, Daughter Leigh, Kelly and Leslie

It is with great sadness that i felt with the news of Danny death. I may well be Danny oldest living best friend.. We first met in 1942 when Danny mother Irene started a cub scout group in the basement of there home in Ravenna Ohio. The friendship that developed in those early years lasted thru High school, College and the years that followed. Sadly some of our closest friends from those early years have gone before Danny which includes my twin brother Bob, Pete McCormick, Johnny Mazzola and Chuck Stewart and a few other good friends. The good news is that they are welcoming Danny into Heaven with open arms. Two dates that stand out were when Pete McCormick and Ann Bise had a military wedding. Danny Cummings in a navy uniform, Pete McCormick in an Army uniform, my brother Bob in a marine uniform and myself in an Air Force uniform . All four of us were second Lieutenants. It was the talk of the town and the local mothers locked up their daughters. A second date was about eight years ago when Danny and Sandy Cummings, Jim and Patsy Lewis came to Plano Tx.. and spent three wonderful days with the Yoders and McCormick. My heart go out to the wonderful Cummings family and I know Danny is in a better place. Your very good friend Bill Yoder

William W. Yoder - September 05, 2018 at 06:30 PM

GJ

*Dear Sandy and Family,
I am so sorry to hear of Dan passing away. We were such good friends all through the high school and college years. We shared so many good times and adventures together and with a large group of friends. I have notified as many others that I can that I still have contact with. My prayers are with you and your family.*

Gary Jackson

Gary Jackson - September 06, 2018 at 01:25 PM

BC

Oh, my goodness, Sandy! My mind holds nothing but happy memories when we could be together, from the time you and Dan, Bill and I were two young couples sitting on the beach and all of us so young and in love, to the present and still in love --- Bill passing away June 27th and Dan wrote apologetically he could not be with us because he was having cancer treatments but wrote, "I will always think of the entire Cummings clan as close family and hope we can keep in touch in the future. Bill and I used to tell people we were brothers. Brother Bill certainly would want us to keep in close touch and not lose the family feeling we have had over the years. Goodbye for now, Brother Cummings, 'til we meet again." Well, they couldn't be closer than they are right now! And you and I will see Bill's and Dan's spirits live on through our children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Let's do stay in touch. Our family is honoring Dan through a memorial contribution from Cousin Bill and myself and our family to The Chesapeake Bay Foundation. Love to each and all.

___Betty Cummings

Betty Cummings - September 08, 2018 at 11:21 AM