



# Daniel Gaeta

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### **D**aniel Gaeta May 9, 1942 - July 21, 2020

It is with great sadness that we announce that our beloved Danny (Dan) Gaeta passed away early Tuesday morning, July 21, 2020 at 12:08 a.m. surrounded by his loving family at home. Danny was born in Utica, New York on May 9, 1942 and was the son of Veronica Chambrone Gaeta Talbot and Michael Gaeta. He attended Utica Academy until he entered the United States Navy at the age of 17.

Danny served in the U.S. Navy for 13 years aboard the following ships: U.S.S. Virgil, U.S.S. Franklin D. Roosevelt, U.S.S. Valley Forge, and the U.S.S. Nitro. While in the Navy Danny completed 4 tours in Vietnam. He earned Good Conduct Medals, The National Defense Service Medal and the Vietnam Service Medal Silver Star during his years of service. At the end of his 13 years of service, he received an Honorable Discharge from the U.S. Navy. Following his naval service, he spent some time in the retail business before accepting a position at Home Depot where he worked for 38 years until his passing.

Danny is survived by his wife of 49 years, Jean Gaeta. His other survivors include his 2 daughters Jacqueline Gaeta of California and Michele Thayer (and her husband Mark) of Oregon, 3 stepchildren for the past 49 years, Karen Chindanusorn (and her husband Tom), Kenneth Parker, and Douglas Parker, all of Tampa, Florida. He was a grandfather to his daughter Jacqueline's children- Danielle, Darius, Candice, and Josh; Michele's children- Britney, Breanna, and Janelle; Karen's daughter Tammy (and her husband Otto) and stepson Kenny's son Kenny II. He was a great -grandfather to RaeLyn, Elijah, Emma, Greyson, Cayden, Abbi, Johnny, Kenny III, and Clayton. Daniel is also survived by several nieces and nephews. He leaves behind many close friends and colleagues that he shared many great memories with over the years.

His granddaughter, Tammy, has been the "Apple of his Eye" since she got off the plane from California arriving in Tampa, FL when she was 5 weeks old being carried in the arms of her Nan.



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She graduated from the University of Florida which turned her grandpa into an avid "Gators" fan. Tammy's son Cayden was his Gramps' special boy. His grandson, Kenny II, held a special place in his heart and shared his grandpa's love of fishing. Danny was well loved by all and we will miss him everyday for the rest of our lives.

The family would like to extend their sincere appreciation for the compassion and support that Dr. M. Nandyala, M.D. provided to them during Danny's illness.

Services will be held on Wednesday, July 29, 2020 at Trinity Funeral Home and Memorial Gardens, 12609 Memorial Drive, Trinity, FL 34655, (813) 920-4241.

11:30 a.m. Family visitation with friends

12:00 noon Funeral Service...Immediately following the service, we will proceed to the graveside for Military Honors



# Events


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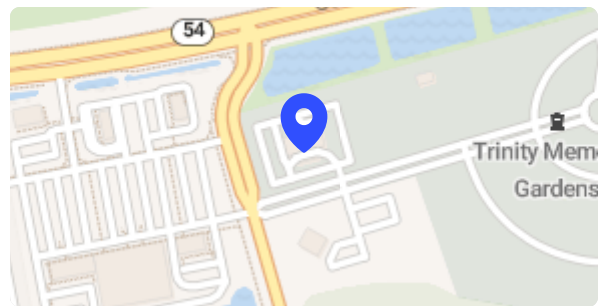
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## Visitation

 **Wednesday**, July 29, 2020


 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM ET


 **Trinity Memorial Funeral Home**  
12609 Memorial Dr, Trinity FL 34655

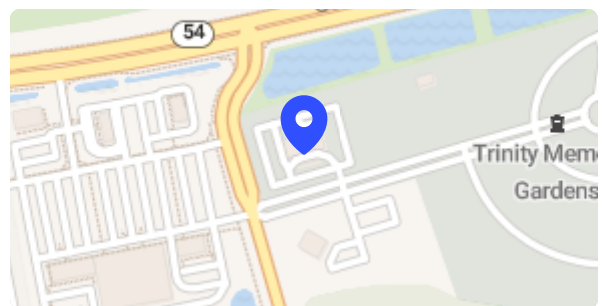


## Service

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 12:00 PM ET

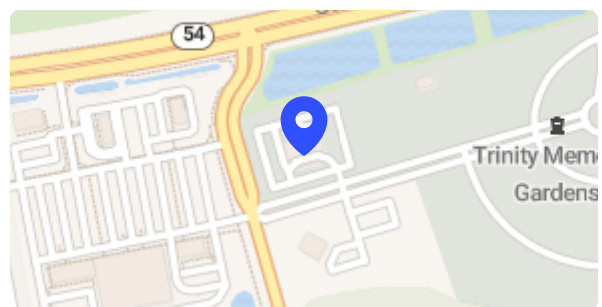
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## Burial

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**Jacqueline-Lee Gaeta** posted:

Dad It Breaks my Heart that I didn't get to see you one last time If I knew you were in your final days I would of been there to tell you that I Love you and I am sorry for being so stubborn . I've cried every day but I know we will be together again one day . I still have many memories of being your lil girl

August 3 at 9:04 AM



**Karen Chindanusorn** August 13 at 4:24 PM

Jackie...your dad loved you very much. I wish you would have had the opportunity to see him too. I understand your tears...it is heartbreaking. We all miss him very much and each day is a struggle.Love, Karen



**Karen Chindanusorn** posted:

Danny...I miss you so much. I hope you would be proud of your service. We loved you and wanted to show as much respect and appreciation to you as we could. I will never get over watching you the last three weeks of your life. It broke my heart. I know you had your plans for your cross country trip next year to see your girls Jackie Lee and Michelle and your grandchildren and great-granchildren. It killed me to hear you say you weren't going to be able live your dream. What hurts even more is that now I have to visit you in the cemetery.Don't forget what I said, "This is not the end...I will see you at the feet of Jesus." Remember, shine bright in the night sky...I will be looking for you.Love you Forever,My only Daddy.

July 30 at 3:19 PM



**Vivian** July 30 at 4:34 PM

Praise Jesus 🙏🦋❤️



**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Gaeta family.



July 28 at 3:04 PM



**Anonymous** sent an Ocean Breeze Spray to the Gaeta family.



July 28 at 7:58 AM



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**Ryan Moore From The Home Depot** sent a Medium Dish Garden to the Gaeta family.

July 28 at 2:30 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Fiery Lily and Rose to the Gaeta family.

July 27 at 6:34 PM



**Vivian Hui** posted:

It is with great sorrow in my heart of the loss of my Uncle Danny. My special memory was riding with Uncle Danny an Aunt Jean to Arkansas. With Jennifer 4 years old and Nicole 4 months old. Traveling cross country from Tampa Florida to Little Rock Arkansas with two small children he had so much tolerance for the children.. He made it a fun trip. He drove straight their for hours.. I think the highlight was when feeding Nicole and a full bottle of milk spilled all over me and baby. He didn't seem to worry much. He will be greatly missed. Love you Uncle Danny ❤️

July 27 at 3:50 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Sacred Duty Spray to the Gaeta family.

July 27 at 2:49 PM



**Britney King** posted:

Grandpa, I love you always. My heart brakes for all of us. You were an amazing man. I will forever cherish our time we had.

July 27 at 9:04 AM



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**Michele Gaeta Thayer** posted:

Daddy I will forever hold our time together near my heart I will miss our visits and the smell of your cologne you will always hold a special place in my heart

July 27 at 6:13 AM



**Brian Stidams, One Of His Oregon Friends, Family.** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Gaeta family.



July 27 at 6:05 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Guiding Light Bouquet to the Gaeta family.



July 27 at 5:57 AM



**Brian Stidams** posted:

Danny, I will always remember the fun times we had while you were visiting us here in Oregon. Trips to the Evergreen Aviation Museum, trips to Eastern Oregon and to the Coast, and of course the card games and BBQ'S. Good times, good memories. Brian Stidams.

July 27 at 5:38 AM



**Michele Gaeta Thayer** July 27 at 6:09 AM

Thank you brother My Dad truly enjoyed your friendship thank you for always making him feel welcome and part of the family when he came to visit us here in Oregon



**Anonymous** sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Gaeta family.



July 26 at 5:01 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Daniel by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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