



Alfred Daniel Killian Jr.

October 7, 1925 - April 12, 2018

Dan Killian went home to be with his Lord and Savior, Thursday, April 12, 2018. His Christian faith was the most important thing in his life. He was born October 7, 1925 in Miami, Florida. His family had deep roots in Miami. His great-grandfather had a trading post at the corner of 98th St. and US-1. Killian Drive and Killian High School are named in honor of Dan's great-grandfather who was an area pioneer and county commissioner, responsible for the Kendall area's first hospitals, stores, street lights and the railway depot along the former Florida East Coast Railway.

Dan was a Commander in the U.S. Coast Guard, proudly serving in WWII and Korea and afterwards staying in the Reserves. His love of amateur radio—which he used in the military—would remain a passion for the rest of his life. Every family member fondly recalls his call name, W41UV. After WWII, he attended the University of Miami, earning a law degree. He was a well-known, highly respected trial lawyer and senior partner in the firm of Corlett, Killian and Sikes. Most of his career found him working as a defense lawyer representing the railroads throughout Florida. His stories from the court room were fascinating and he loved to tell them. His daughter fondly recalls joining him for trial preparation that included derailing a locomotive.

He was reunited with his beloved wife Dianne whose death preceded him by two years. He is survived by his daughter, Laurie Detweiler, her husband,

Marlin, grandchildren Jameson, Brandon, Travis and Parker, grandson's wives Jackie, Lexi and Sydney, and great-grandchildren Ava, Oliver, Skylar and Lucy.

Other than his Savior, he loved his family members more than anything. He was known to those around him for his constant encouragement. As was seen in the days after his passing, Dan was always there to encourage those around him, including strangers. He shared the love of His Savior with everyone he encountered. He will be missed more than words can describe.

A memorial service will be held May 12, 2018 at 4:00 pm at 333 S. 9th Street, Akron, PA

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

First Presbyterian Church of Bonita Springs Resurrection Garden

9751 Bonita Beach Road
Bonita Springs, FL 34135

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 12. 4:00 PM (ET)

Daughter's Residence
333 S. 9th Street
Akron, PA 17501

Tribute Wall



“ Alfred Daniel Killian Jr.

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ Dan was the finest man, strongest Christian, most loving parent, best advisor, strongest defender of conservatism and most highly principled man I have ever known, aside from my own father. I miss him beyond words.

Clarke Jones, Jr. - December 24, 2018 at 12:14 AM



“ Dear Laurie,

We want you to know how sad we were to hear of your dad's passing. Our family will never forget both of your parents. The kindness and encouragement that both gave to our family was incredible.

Your dad and Chris spent many hours just talking. Chris would go down to visit to check on them.

Dan and Diane shared so many wonderful stories with both Chris and I. He loved your parents like a second set of grandparents that he no longer had.

We missed them terribly when they moved away but knew in our hearts that they needed to be with their grandson.

*May his memory be eternal,
Sincerest regards,
Mary, Bill and Chris Copeland*

Mary Copeland - October 07, 2018 at 07:11 PM

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“ *Dear Laurie,
I have thought of many moments where I have
seen you have such a light in your eyes when
speaking about your father. May the Lord
comfort you and may you rejoice that he is with
his heavenly father for eternity. Blessings The
Etienne's*



Sabrina Etienne - May 12, 2018 at 04:15 PM