



Daniel L. Leary

June 3, 1949 - August 16, 2024

Daniel L. Leary of Bonita Springs, Florida, passed away on August 16, 2024, after a long battle with Alzheimer's. He was a former resident of Huntington, CT, and Milford, CT. He has also been a resident of The Colony at Pelican Landing for 11 years. Dan was born on June 3, 1949, in Providence, RI. He was the son of the late Eileen Riley and Leo F. Leary.

In 1971, Dan graduated with a degree from Boston College School of Management. His first job out of college was with Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance as a food and beverage analyst. In 1975, he joined the General Electric Pension Fund as an analyst. In 1981, Dan was hired by the IBM pension fund, where he and his partners first met. In 1985, he and his partners spun out from IBM to form Sasco Capital in Fairfield, CT. Almost 40 years later, Dan was still part of the Sasco Capital "family" as a Managing Director.

Dan was a member of The Colony Golf and Country Club in Bonita Springs. He was a former longtime member of Brooklawn Country Club in Fairfield, CT, and also a member of The Mid Ocean Club in Bermuda. He was an avid golfer but loved skiing even more. He was also a collector of fine wine.

Dan is survived by his wife of 52 years, Linda K. Leary, and his two loving daughters, Jennifer L. Duerr and her husband Kevin Duerr of Wake Forest,

NC, and Katherine (Kate) Staffey of Youngsville, NC; 6 grandchildren, Megan Duerr, Ellie Duerr, Riley Duerr, Kyle Staffey, Erin Staffey, and Nora Staffey. Dan is also survived by 6 of his siblings, Kathy Finley, Jane Henderson, Judy Harkins, Susan Nelson, James Leary, and Patrick Leary, and the late Michael Leary and Jack Leary.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 AM on Friday, September 6th, at his parish, Saint Leo the Great Catholic Church 28300 Beaumont Road, Bonita Springs.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to The Alzheimer's Association. 225 North Michigan Ave. FL17 Chicago, IL 60601 or to Hope Hospice 9470 Health Park Circle, Fort Myers, FL 33908.

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

SEP 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Leo the Great Catholic Church
28300 Beaumont Road
Bonita Springs, FL 34134

Tribute Wall

SM

“ Dear Linda, we are shocked and so very sorry for your loss of your dear Dan. I just got my BC Magazine and read of his passing. The miles kept us apart but none of us will ever forget our high school and college adventures. Our double dates to proms, ski trips, beaches, and ski trips and weddings are treasured memories. Dan was my BC buddy. Both of us couldn't wait for you and Barbara to come to Boston. And we were always ready to hitch a ride on the MassPike to get home to see you both in North Haven. I don't know if this belated message will reach you, but please know how sorry we are. We now live in Darien Illinois and would love to connect.

With love,
Steve and Barbara Murphy

Steven Murphy - March 06, 2025 at 02:29 PM

JP

“ It is with a very heavy heart that I send my deepest condolences to Linda and her family. Even though Dan and I lost touch over the last couple of years, I will always treasure our friendship. He was my anchor many times during our Boston College roommate years and I could always count on Dan to remain calm, insightful and even humorous during the most trying times. I still remember sharing a Thanksgiving dinner with Dan and his extended family during my freshman year. Dan found out I didn't have enough money to make it to my hometown of Pittsburgh and his parents and siblings welcomed me warmly. That's just one example of many in which one of my oldest buddies showed his true character. And I was not alone in my admiration for Dan. Everybody in our circle of friends at B.C. looked at Dan as a model of dignity, grace and intelligence. For me, his imprint will remain--fun-loving, kind, witty and endless love for his wife and daughters.

John Panneton

john panneton - October 11, 2024 at 12:23 PM

HB

“ Tribute to Dan

Dan was more than just a colleague; he was a mentor, a true friend, and a guiding light in both the professional and personal lives of everyone fortunate enough to know him.

Smart, witty, and always thinking ahead, Dan was a visionary leader who shaped our workplace with innovative ideas and a relentless passion for value investing and the constant search of value. For over four decades, he led by example, always willing to share his wisdom and time. His mentorship left an indelible mark on all of us, and his kindness and humor made every day a little brighter.

A devoted family man, Dan always spoke with love and pride about his wife, children, and grandchildren. His family was his greatest joy, and his balance of work and home life was an inspiration to us all.

In addition to his brilliance and professional accomplishments, Dan will be remembered for his quick wit and the way he could always lighten the mood with a well-timed joke or thoughtful word. His presence was magnetic, and he brought out the best in those around him.

We will miss his friendship, wisdom, and laughter more than words can express. Though he is no longer with us, his legacy will live on in the many lives he touched.

Farewell, Dan, your memory will always live on in our hearts.

Hoda Bibi - September 05, 2024 at 07:18 PM

TB

“ *The SJHS Community and Board purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Daniel L. Leary.*



The SJHS Community and Board - September 05, 2024 at 01:15 PM

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“ *The SJHS Community and Board planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Daniel L. Leary.*

The SJHS Community and Board - September 05, 2024 at 01:15 PM

GF

“ Tribute to Dan Leary from Gina Frate.

Dan had a unique gift for making people laugh. His humor was a light in our lives, bringing smiles and laughter to those around him. Whether it was a corny pun or a Groucho Marx one-liner, Dan's jokes reminded us of his joyful spirit and his ability to find humor in everyday life.

Dan was the kind of person who always put others first, offering a helping hand whenever it was needed. His generosity knew no bounds, and his caring spirit was a source of comfort and support to many.

One of Dan's most remarkable qualities was his ability to make everyone feel like family. He welcomed his Sasco co-workers into his life with open arms, treating us as if we were his own family members. He invited us to his golf clubs in Fairfield and Bermuda, to his ski house in the Berkshires, and his home for Christmas parties.

We will miss Dan's warmth, his kindness, and his laughter. He leaves behind a legacy of love and generosity that will continue to inspire us. Though he may no longer be with us, his spirit lives on in the memories we share and the lives he touched.

I last saw Dan at Sasco's office about a year ago. Dan and Linda visited at lunch time, no food though because Dan and Linda routinely skipped lunch. When the visit ended, we walked towards the door through the lobby. Dan and I were a few steps away from the group and started talking about his health, Sasco, my daughter. For the first time in my life, I turned to him and said, "I love you, Dan." Without hesitation, I heard, "I love you too."

Rest in peace, Dan. You will always have a special place in my heart.

Gina Frate - September 04, 2024 at 11:22 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Daniel L. Leary.*



September 03, 2024 at 12:33 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Daniel L. Leary.*



September 02, 2024 at 06:47 PM



“ *Mac, Tina and Jordan McIntyre planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Daniel L. Leary.*

Mac, Tina and Jordan McIntyre - September 02, 2024 at 06:47 PM



“ *Linda and family ... I am so sorry to hear of Dan's passing. He was always very kind to me. May he rest in peace in our Lord's heavenly home. My prayers are with you.
Love, Margaret Henderson Mouco*

Margaret Henderson Mouco - August 31, 2024 at 09:14 AM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Daniel L. Leary.



August 29, 2024 at 06:50 PM



“ Love, VaNita and Jim planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Daniel L. Leary.

Love, VaNita and Jim - August 29, 2024 at 06:50 PM



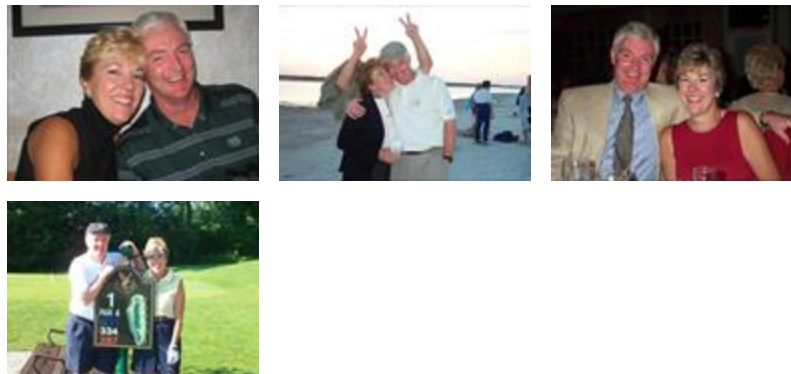
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kathleen soukup - August 25, 2024 at 06:27 PM



“ 4 files added to the album Couldn't have a better friend!!



Sean Duerr - August 22, 2024 at 02:37 PM

BB

Great photos of a wonderful couple.

Bob Berchem - August 24, 2024 at 01:59 PM