



## Daniel Mattei

June 22, 1936 - August 12, 2021

Daniel Mattei (Pop), 85 of Estero FL, passed away peacefully, surrounded by the love of his family and friends at the NCH Baker Hospital in Naples FL on Thursday, August 12, 2021.

Dan is survived by his adoring children, Donna Mattei D'Addario (Adam) of Cherry Hill NJ, Diana Mattei Richardson (Chris) of New Haven IN, Daniel Mattei (Tammy Williams) of Tampa FL, Anthony Mattei (Karol) of Estero FL, Anita Mattei (the late Jason Gruner) of Durham NC, Andrea DeRosa (Jimmy) of New Castle DE, Gary Lanette (Jill Pisano) of Phoenixville PA and Edward Lanette (April) of New Castle DE. His grandchildren, Douglas Welty (Ashley), Ava Mattei, Briana Petalino (Nicholas), Daniel Welty (Kacie), Mattei Richardson, Joseph Mattei Gruner and Adriana Mattei Gruner. Pop loved all of his extended grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

His surviving siblings are Ruth DiGiampietro (the late Armando) of Blackwood NJ, Reynold Mattei (Domenica) of Blackwood NJ, and Donald Mattei of Lake Worth FL. He is preceded in death by Delia Iannelli (Leo), Samuel Mattei (Ann), Esther Cavicchia (Guido) and Timothy Mattei (Fran).

Dan was born in 1936, in Newport Township PA and raised in Philadelphia PA by his late parents, Rinaldo and Dina (Fiorani) Mattei. He was a beloved husband to the late Clementine Mattei of 42 years.

Dan was a USMC Veteran and served honorably from 1955 to 1958. He retired after 40 plus years as a Post Press Manager for three major city newspapers, The Philadelphia Bulletin, The Journal Gazette - Fort Wayne, IN and The News and Observer - Raleigh, NC. After retiring, he worked another 16 years as a Security Enforcement Officer for Bonita Bay in Bonita Springs, FL. He enjoyed being a member of the Italian American Club where he socialized, danced and played Bocce Ball.

Dan's legacy is his unwavering love of All people, he never met a stranger, and his dedication to his family was always his focus and was displayed in the decisions he made for us all, throughout his life.

The family would like to thank you for loving him and being a part of his life.

"What we have once enjoyed we can never lose. All that we love deeply becomes a part of us."

He is going to be greatly missed....

There will be a Memorial Service honoring his life at the Sarasota National Cemetery at a later date. If you would like to be notified, please send your contact information to Diana Richardson at [sweetpea-one@msn.com](mailto:sweetpea-one@msn.com)

Love, The Mattei Family

To sign Dan's guest register or to leave online condolences, please visit [www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com](http://www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com)

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home and Crematory, Family Owned and Operated since 1978.



# Cemetery Details

## Sarasota National Cemetery

9810 State Road 72  
Sarasota, FL 34241

# Events

**Details are pending.**

# Tribute Wall



“ Daniel Mattei

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



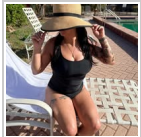
“ I worked for Dan for about 13 years at the N&O in Raleigh. Dan was great to work with. Dan got me started in production planning, a job I would grow with all through the Hey day of Newspaper Inserting and my career. Semper Fi my friend.

Les Shelton - September 30, 2021 at 06:37 PM



“ You were always a funny man. I got to see you a lot the last couple of years. We had a great time in Indiana last summer and I got to have lunch with you at the end of July this summer. You will be missed !!! ❤️

Ricky Lightle - September 07, 2021 at 12:19 AM



“ You truly were the greatest dad ever. I have and always will look up to you as being the most incredible loving fun fair father/role model. My favorite memories is us in Indian princesses together. That was my time! I only hope I can one day find some one just like you in every way. I love you always and yes it was an honor to be your baby girl. See you one day!! Dance with mommy. And have a few chats with Jason

Anita Mattei - September 02, 2021 at 06:03 PM

DM

“ Pop, it is my honor to be your son. You are the role model that I always tried to follow. I miss you and love you so much. The next time I go skydiving, I know that you will be with me, enjoying the ride. You will always be in my heart!!

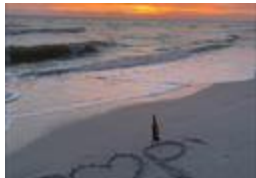


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**Dan Mattei** - August 30, 2021 at 08:39 PM

DM

“ 8 files added to the tribute wall



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**Donna Mattei** - August 26, 2021 at 05:18 PM

DM

“ loved you the moment I laid eyes on you, (as little as I was) the most important MAN in my life!!  
It was an honor being your daughter!!  
I LOVE YOU!!

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**Donna Mattei** - August 26, 2021 at 04:50 PM

JC

“ My uncle Danny was the best. He loved his family, he was a awesome man. I remember all the times he came down and stayed at Nan's house and we used to all go over there to hang out and laugh even the memories when we were younger staying with them in Raleigh for a couple of days when we would be heading to Florida. They are all together up there as angels down here! RIP Uncle Danny.

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**Jeanine Cavicchia** - August 23, 2021 at 07:49 PM

DM

*I believe they are together, all my love and appreciation for sharing a memory.*

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**Donna Mattei** - August 26, 2021 at 04:52 PM

FW

“ Dan was a proud, humble man whose character brought admiration from all who knew him. He loved bocce and coaching Collier Special Olympians. I mourn the passing of this American Family Man.

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**Frank Wyland** - August 19, 2021 at 06:32 PM

BR

*Dan was such a nice man. I am fortunate I got to know him while at The News & Observer. He was always smiling and had a cheerful thing to say every time I saw him. Thanks my Friend.*

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**Butch Robertson** - August 23, 2021 at 09:59 AM

GA

*I am so saddened to learn of Dan's passing. God Bless you my friend and prayers to your family. Giovanni Amabile*

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**Giovanni Amabile** - August 25, 2021 at 12:34 PM

DM

*Frank, Butch & Giovanni, thank you so much for your heartfelt condolences and admiration...Donna Mattei*

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**Donna Mattei** - August 26, 2021 at 04:59 PM