



Daniel Mercaldo

August 9, 1939 - January 7, 2021

Daniel Mercaldo, 81, of Bonita Springs, FL passed away Thursday, January 7, 2021 at Naples Community Hospital. Formerly of Parlin, NJ, he had been a seasonal resident of Bonita Springs for the past 15 years before making it his permanent home last year. Dan was born August 9, 1939 in Brooklyn, NY a son of the late Isaac and Rose (Giangola) Mercaldo.

As a young child he was cured of the polio disease through the power of prayer and decided to devote his life to Christ. He graduated from Central Bible College in Springfield, MO.

In 1965, sixteen dedicated people joined Rev. Dr. Daniel Mercaldo, to establish an Interdenominational Bible Church in Staten Island, NY. He served as Senior Pastor at what is known today as Gateway Church for 55 years before retiring. Rev. Mercaldo served on The Legacy Imperative Board, the National Association of Evangelicals Board as well as many other missions boards.

He was an avid reader and enjoyed golfing and shooting at the gun range.

Survivors include his beloved wife of 62 years, Evangeline (Spencer) Mercaldo; loving children, Timothy (AnnMarie) Mercaldo of Fords, NJ Deborah (Livi) Toderic of Fort Lauderdale, FL and ; siblings, Stephen (Florence)

Mercaldo of Lancaster, PA, Andrew (Betty) Mercaldo of W. Chicago, IL and Mary (David) Hudson of Alpharetta, GA; sisters-in-law, Karen Mercaldo of Northport, NY and Linda Mercaldo of Wiconisco, PA; cherished grandchildren, Jenna, Gabrielle, Natalie, Erika, Christie and Evelyn; and adored great grandchildren, Elleanora, Jameson, Oliver, Allistair, Thaddeus, Grey and Emilia Rose.

A memorial service will be celebrated on Sunday, January 24, 2021 at 2:00 PM at Covenant Presbyterian Church, 6926 Trail Blvd., Naples, FL 34108. Burial will follow in the church memorial garden.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be sent to Gateway Church, Staten Island NY (<https://gcnyc.org/give>) in memory of Rev. Dr. Daniel Mercaldo, Founding Pastor.

Contributions can also be sent to The Daniel Mercaldo Legacy Fund | Legacy Imperative | 4200 Kensington High Street, Suite 202 | Naples, FL 34105, or can be made online at <https://legacyimperative.org/donate/> ["Legacy Imperative wishes to honor its esteemed board member, Dr. Daniel Mercaldo, with this memorial fund to help recruit and mobilize 10 million grandparents to evangelize and disciple their grandchildren."]

If you would like to share any photos or memories you had with Pastor Mercaldo, please email them to pastormercaldomemories@gmail.com.

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

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN **24**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Covenant Church of Naples
6926 Trail Blvd
Naples, FL 34108

Tribute Wall



“ *Daniel Mercaldo*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Happy first Birthday in Heaven Rev Mercado !! I am sure our Father has you doing something that brings you joy as you serve Him.*

Scott Rose - January 17, 2022 at 07:30 AM



“ *I have prayed for Pastor Dan for over thirty years and I know he prayed for me. As I was praying for him this morning, I was led to look him up on the internet. What a shock to find out that he passed. Pastor was an incredible man of faith in God. When I was a young pastor I met him at a Concert of Prayer. He spoke so much encouragement into my life. He made visible the love of Jesus in his concern for my ministry on Long Island. I will pray for his family (especially Tim and his family) that they will know the peace of Christ in an intense way these next weeks and months. Now Dan has received his reward in the arms of Jesus. Well done good and faithful servant. Bishop Craig Bates*

Craig Bates - January 14, 2022 at 08:57 AM

DA

“ *Dan's love and concern for people made him a man you loved and would think about often and always remember.*

We first met when he traveled to New Jersey - 90 minutes from his home - to attend the funeral service for a Sunday School teacher from the church he attended as a child. It was the perfect example of a man who remembered and cared for people his entire life! He loved people and would go out of his way to show it!

My wife and I were saddened to learn of his passing and will so miss the occasions to see him from time to time and renew fellowship.

David Auterson - October 27, 2021 at 02:17 PM

MO

“ I first met Reverend Mercado when I was very young.. He and his family purchased the house and property on Clarke Ave right next door . I have great memories playing softball. He could hit ball from the street to the woods. I always stood in amazement. We all wanted him on our team. We played automatics by the hours. My brothers and I and Timmy and Joey Viola drove golf balls in the field . Before the church was built. We played in the woods with adventures of ice skating and sleigh riding It was a great neighborhood and he was a wonderful neighbor and friend to my mom and all of us.

Timmy and Debbie grew up with us . Debbie to remember when you were hit by the car while you me and my brother were crossing the street. While it was a traumatic experience we were all consoled and cared for by the kindness of your dad. I have wonderful memories of your Dad . It was his generous offer to purchase my moms house during some turbulent times in our lives that showed his true spirit of kindness . That was a long time ago 1974 but I remember it well. I also remember his kind note he sent in 1993 when my grandmother passed away. He was a man you remembered those whose lives he touched.

My thoughts and prayers to the entire Mercado Family God Bless you all

Matt Osterberg

matthew osterberg - March 02, 2021 at 01:46 PM



“ Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Daniel Mercado.



January 21, 2021 at 12:01 PM

CB

“ It feels like it was yesterday I was a child and I was attending different types of services that my mom would take me and my sister to growing up .. this amazing Pastor ran Gateway cathedral no he was I Gateway Cathedral .. this church started out so many small places a bank a basement a park , and then it turned out to be one of the biggest church on Staten Island .. what can I say Pastor Mercado is a wonderful man he was compassionate he was loving handsome , and kind ..he was the matriarch I believe of all churches , he set a path for all the ministers to follow .. he Was a example of a pastor that I feel all pastors would want to be ... like ...he was truly a man of God.. my childhood was completely memorable due to going to many services he would preach .. I would remember the peace in my mom eyes watching her take notes... we went to Christmas ,shows Easter services, camp and all kind of concerts ... Many years ago I had a two-year-old daughter that fell she almost died Pastor Mercado was at the hospital praying with her Sent stuff to my home flowers and food and all sorts of things when my daughter was recuperating.. I will never forget that .. I will never forget that he was a good man .. as my mother would say (dimple Beauchamp) this man Cheryl he is truly anointed by God.... I'm so sorry for your loss but know this he lives on in all the people that he touched.... he is with God now and I'm sure has a seat right next to him because he was such an amazing man ...my prayers go out to the family.... I'm sorry for your loss..

cheryl Beauchamp - January 13, 2021 at 10:47 AM

RS

“ My wife and I met Daniel and Vangie on December 15th at the Pelican Grand Beach resort restaurant over breakfast before we left for the airport and fly back to Kansas City. We had a wonderful conversation and learned a great deal about each other. As we were parting, we ended in prayer praying for a safe return home. Thereafter, Daniel and I connected and exchanged messages ahead of him getting sick. I know one thing that he is now with our Lord in Heaven for eternity! Blessings to Vangie and their family! You remain in our prayers.

Rob Sweeney - January 12, 2021 at 11:30 AM