



## Kent Daniel Durante

January 12, 1998 - November 16, 2016

Kent D. Durante, 18, of Ft. Myers died Wednesday, November 16, 2016, at his residence after a valiant yearlong battle with cancer. He was born January 12, 1998, in Greenwich, CT, a son of David M. Durante and Betsy Kent Durante. He had been a resident of Southwest Florida since he was just 6 weeks old, when his family moved to the area from Norwalk, CT.

He attended Bonita Springs Middle School and graduated cum laude from Estero High School this past year, a feat he accomplished from his hospital bed. He was an inspiration to all. He was also a member of the Estero High School Jazz Band.

Kent spent the past 12 years as a Boy Scout in Troop 165 of Naples. On November 15, 2016, the night before he died, he attained the rank of Eagle Scout. Eagle Scout is the highest achievement or rank attainable in the Boy Scouts of America. He was also a Project C.O.P.E. instructor.

He was a parishioner at Our Lady of Light Catholic Community in Ft. Myers.

He is survived by his mother, Betsy K. Durante of Estero, FL; his father, David M. Durante of Ft. Myers, FL; his sister, Sarah Durante of Estero, FL; his maternal grandmother, Helen Kent of Greenwich, CT; his paternal grandparents, Daniel and Diana Durante of Bonita Springs, FL; and numerous

aunts, uncles, and cousins.

A memorial Mass to celebrate his life will be held Monday, November 21, 2016 at 7:00 PM at Our Lady of Light Catholic Community, 19680 Cypress View Drive, Fort Myers, FL, 33967 with the Rev. Hugh J. McGuigan, pastor, officiating.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations in Kent's name be made to either the Boy Scout Troop 165, Naples, 388 1st Ave. So., Naples, FL 34102 or to the Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida, 9981 S. Healthpark Dr., Fort Myers, FL 33908.

Online condolences may be offered by visiting [www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com](http://www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com).

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

# Previous Events

## Memorial Mass

NOV **21**. 7:00 PM (ET)

Our Lady of Light Catholic Community  
19680 Cypress View Dr.  
Ft. Myers, FL 33967

# Tribute Wall



“ *Kent Daniel Durante*

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October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Dear Diana,  
So very sorry to hear of your grandson's death. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Our deepest sympathy, Jim and Connie Buchta*

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**Connie Buchta** - February 02, 2017 at 07:00 AM



“ *Dear Diana, Danny, Betsy, David and Family,*

*We are so sorry to hear that your grandson and son, Kent, passed away.*

*You're in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Love,  
Carolyn & Ron Dominici & family*

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**Carolyn Dominici** - December 01, 2016 at 08:08 PM



“ *Betsy- my deepest condolences for you and your family I'm so sorry for your loss. I remember when Kent used to come to work for all the family functions. He was such a sweet boy. If you need anything at all please let me know.*

*Melissa Merrifield*

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**Melissa Merrifield** - November 28, 2016 at 12:11 PM

PB

“ Always enjoyed Kent's visits and hearing crazy Boy Scout camping stories. He was such a positive and easy going young man, even with all the set backs and challenges with his therapies. My thoughts and prayers to the family. He will be missed.

*Pam Bolton ARNP  
Peds Oncology*

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**Pam Bolton** - November 28, 2016 at 09:03 AM

VA

“ On behalf of Carl, Myself & our family, I would like to say how deeply sorry we are for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. God Bless you all. Love & Peace from your Conn. cousins, Carl & Vicki Armistead and family.

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**Vicki Armistead** - November 23, 2016 at 07:24 AM

DH

“ To Diana and the Durante Family: I am so sorry to read about the passing of your 18 year old grandson. I, too, have an 18 year old grandson and I don't know how anyone can comprehend that kind of loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and the family. God Bless you all. Prayers for Kent.

*Diane Langlois Hyzy  
Norwalk, Connecticut*

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**Diane Hyzy** - November 22, 2016 at 03:37 PM

MM

“ From behalf of the McMullin Family, we send our love, hope, thoughts, and prayers to you. you have helped us in a time of need, now we are here for you.

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**Marcus McMullin** - November 21, 2016 at 03:50 PM

RL

“ Dear Betsy, I am so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Please let me know if you need anything.  
*Rhonda Mason - Longbrake and family.*

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**Rhonda Mason - Longbrake** - November 21, 2016 at 08:00 AM

LC

“ Love, Charlene purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Kent Daniel Durante.



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**Love, Charlene** - November 21, 2016 at 12:02 AM

JP

“ Betsy and family: My sincerest condolences to you at the loss of your son, Kent. Know you are in my thoughts and prayers. God Bless you all.  
With deepest sorrow,  
Jan Pappas  
Gartner Stamford HQ office

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**Jan Pappas** - November 20, 2016 at 07:35 PM

Jl

“ Cindy and I were greatly saddened to hear of Kent's untimely passing. I still recall his walking home from school on several occasions and my stopping to give him a ride. Our deepest condolences to all of you. Jay and Cindy Ide

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**Jay Ide** - November 20, 2016 at 12:03 PM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Kent Daniel Durante.*



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November 19, 2016 at 10:59 AM



“ *Dan, Diana and family,*

*We are so very sorry to hear of your loss.  
You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Bill & Jennifer Unwin*

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**Bill & Jennifer Unwin** - November 19, 2016 at 09:12 AM



“ *Words seem inadequate to express the sorrow felt by the loss of Kent. My heart is with you. I pray through your sorrow you may find peace and I pray through time you may find healing to your soul. Our deepest sympathy. Sherry Mlagan-Hernandez and Family.*

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**Sherry Mlagan-Hernandez** - November 19, 2016 at 07:33 AM



“ *Dave and Betsy,*

*I am so sorry for your loss. Without even knowing Kent, I can tell that he truly lived life til the fullest. My deepest condolences.*

*Doug Flam*

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**Doug Flam** - November 19, 2016 at 06:08 AM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kent Daniel Durante.*



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November 18, 2016 at 07:25 PM



“ *I have no words, no inkling of the pain you must be going through, no way to make it better. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. - Laraine*

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**Laraine** - November 18, 2016 at 12:14 PM

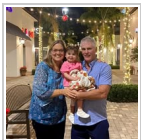


“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



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**Jennifer Ann** - November 18, 2016 at 12:11 PM

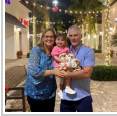


“ *Therese Hood sent a virtual gift in memory of Kent Daniel Durante*



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**Therese Hood** - November 18, 2016 at 11:05 AM



*So sorry for your loss. My hope is your love and memories will surround you in comfort.*

**Therese Hood** - November 18, 2016 at 11:15 AM

MP

*May Eagle Scout Kent Durante be at peace and free of pain with our Lord. Love, the Poillon family 🙏🙏😊*

**mattha poillon** - November 18, 2016 at 09:09 PM

DP

*Dear Betsy & Dave, I can only imagine what you are feeling. You have our most sincere condolences, love and continued prayers.*

*All our love,  
Donny & Sharon*

**Dominick Pellegrino** - November 19, 2016 at 08:11 AM

ML

“*Hi Betsy - from both myself and the whole of the UK we offer our heartfelt condolences. There are no words that we can express adequately that will assuage the feelings of sadness and despair that you will be going through. His memory will live on in your heart and mind. He will have brought great happiness and given much love to you and nothing can take this away. We are all thinking of you and our prayers are with you. Mike*

**Michael Lithgow** - November 18, 2016 at 09:11 AM



“*Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Kent Daniel Durante.*



November 18, 2016 at 08:53 AM

MO

“ *My deepest condolences to you and your family for your loss. You and your family is in our prayers.*

*Mirsad Osmic,*



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**Mirsad Osmic** - November 18, 2016 at 08:51 AM

ET

“ *Hi Betsy and family, I wanted to share my condolences for this tragic loss. Know that although we are far away, we are thinking of you. Stay strong and know in your heart that the pain will get less and good memories will prevail. I wish I could give you a big hug but a virtual one will have to do. Take care, stay strong and know we will always be here to listen and support you. Els*

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**Els Tobac** - November 18, 2016 at 02:51 AM

AG

“ *Dear Betsy and family, please accept my deepest condolences on the loss of Kent. I'm lost for words but just want you to know that my thoughts are with you during these heart breaking and difficult times.*

*Anja Gilat  
Gartner Consulting  
Egham, UK*



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**Anja A Gilat** - November 18, 2016 at 02:44 AM



*“ It is with my deepest sorrow that I send my condolences for the loss of your son Kent. My sincerest hope is your faith, family and friends provide comfort in your time of healing.*

greg cute - November 17, 2016 at 09:05 PM



*“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kent Daniel Durante.*



November 17, 2016 at 05:55 PM



*“ I will always love and miss my bestest bud.*

Dave Durante - November 17, 2016 at 03:54 PM