



M. Neal Daniels

October 12, 1948 - November 27, 2023

M. Neal Daniels, 75, of Northampton, MA, passed away on Monday, November 27, 2023, at the Holyoke Veterans Home. Neal was born on October 12, 1948, in Springfield, MA to the late Montefiore and Anita (Letourneau) Daniels.

Neal graduated from West Springfield High School and began attending UMass Amherst before entering the Army. Neal served in Vietnam from 1970–1972, after which he returned to UMass to earn a degree in Accounting and Business. Neal worked most of his career at Erving Paper Company, and later at MassMutual.

A generous soul, loved by many, Neal gave from his heart to help people in need through church and community programs. He enjoyed woodworking, gold panning, and hiking.

Neal leaves behind Martha, his loving wife of 50 years; daughter Kelly and son-in-law Jeff (grandchildren Samantha and Benjamin) of South Deerfield; son Steven and daughter-in-law Agnes (grandchildren Dominik, Lisa, Lily-Ann) of Hettenleidelheim, Germany. He also leaves behind six siblings: Carolyn Lawry, Mark, Brian, Russell, Deborah Daniels-Bleyendaal, Christine Devlin; as well as cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Calling hours will be held from 9:30-11 AM followed by Prayer Service at 11 AM on Friday, December 8, 2023, at the DROZDAL FUNERAL HOME of Northampton. Burial will be private and at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Neal's memory to the Northampton Survival Center or The Red Cross.

For more information or to leave the family a personal condolence, please visit Drozdalfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Calling Hour

DEC 8. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Drozdal Funeral Home
120 Damon Rd
Northampton, MA 01060
(413) 584-5306
<https://drozdalfuneralhome.com/>

Prayer Service

DEC 8. 11:00 AM.

Drozdal Funeral Home Of Northampton

Tribute Wall

KA

“ Deborah, As you are Neal's sister, the man on the far left who is Montefiore Daniels, must be your grandfather. He is my grandmother's younger brother. My Uncle Ray, Raymond Daniels, my grandmother's youngest brother, must be one and the same as your Uncle Ray. Again, my grandmother was Winifred Daniels, the oldest of the Daniels siblings. I also have a picture of our great grandfather Carlos Daniels, father to your grandfather Montefiore, my grandmother Winifred, and Uncle Ray - and Aunt Marion. I have a complete family tree on ancestry.com, which goes all the way back to the original Joshua Montefiore and beyond - from whom the name originated. I also have the Daniels tree back to 4th great grandfather, Simeon Daniels. This picture of Carlos Daniels was taken in Northampton, probably at their house on Prospect Street. Glad you liked the share.
Your cousin, Katherine



Katherine - December 08, 2023 at 06:05 PM

CD

Katherine, thank you so much for sharing all of this family history with us. I am Neal's youngest sister, Christine. The Montefiore name continued to my father, Monte Jr., on through my brother, Montefiore Neal Daniels, my older brother Brian's son, Montefiore Daniels as well as my son, Michael Montefiore Devlin. My father and his siblings were very close to Uncle Ray and Aunt Elsie. We still have contact with one of Uncle Ray's granddaughters...

Christine Devlin - December 08, 2023 at 10:28 PM

AF

“ *The entire staff of the Sunderland Public Library and many library patrons send their sincerest condolences to Kelly Daniels Baker for the loss of her beloved father, Neal. Our hearts go out to the entire Daniels family at this sad time.*

Aaron Falbel - December 07, 2023 at 10:24 AM

MD

“ *My late husband Dennis and Neal were friends.
The last time I saw Neal was when he attended Dennis' funeral services 21 years ago.
I have kept pictures and other mementoes reminding me of their friendship. Dennis passed on November 26 and Neal on the 27th.
Friends forever in Heaven.
My condolences.
Mrs. Dennis J. D'Alto*

Mrs. Dennis J. D'Alto - December 06, 2023 at 10:21 AM

KI

“ Hello, First, my condolences for the loss of your loved one. Let me state up front, you dont know me, nor I you. My name is Katherine Polkey Irwin, and I am a distant cousin - according to 'ancestry.com' a second cousin to Neal. My grandmother was Winifred Daniels Hodge, the eldest child of Carlos and Florance (nee Cleveland) Daniels. I personally have no memory of Uncle Monte (Neal's grandfather, if I have the generations correct), but my older sister (Winifred) Wraye Polkey Dugundji, does. Wraye currently resides in Hatfield, so she saw Neal's obituary in a local daily newspaper. My memories do include Aunt Marion and Uncle Ray, both of whom resembled my Grammie, I think. The attached picture, taken in 1954, of the Daniels siblings is from Gram and Gramp's 50th wedding anniversary celebration. My Grammie is the big woman in the middle front. From left to right: Uncle Monte, Grammie, Aunt Marion, Uncle Ray. Even though we do not know each other, I am truly sorry for your loss. Sincerely, Katherine



Katherine Irwin - December 05, 2023 at 08:49 AM

DD

Hi Katherine Irwin,
That looks like my Uncle Ray Daniels on the far right and there is a strong family resemblance to the gentleman on the far left. I am Neal's sister, Deborah. We will try and identify further at the funeral. Thanks for sharing with us!

Deborah Daniels - December 07, 2023 at 08:46 PM

JL

“ Jennifer L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of M. Neal Daniels.

Jennifer L. - December 03, 2023 at 08:44 AM

WB

“ William B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of M. Neal Daniels.

William B. - December 02, 2023 at 04:46 PM

WB

“ William B. purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of M. Neal Daniels.



William B. - December 02, 2023 at 04:46 PM