



## Daniel Joseph Killeen

January 16, 1953 - November 8, 2020

Daniel Joseph Killeen, 67 of Ashburn, Virginia, unexpectedly crossed over on Sunday, November 8, 2020, at New Hanover Regional Medical Center in Wilmington, North Carolina. Born Friday, January 16, 1953 in Brooklyn, New York, he was the son of the late Daniel T. and Dorothy (Harbester) Killeen.

Some knew him as a gentleman, others as a friend, and he joined us together as comrades whatever the occasion would be. Dan had a servant's heart, and his faith was his daily companion. A mighty man he was, full of love and happiness and wearing a broad smile. Always asking and willing to help others. Dan loved to dance and played guitar and piano in his high school days. He had a wealth of knowledge where music was involved and knew artists and their stories well. He enjoyed cars and racing in earlier years. He was the proud owner of a 1989 Hatteras which he restored as a retirement home, but his joy was his 1999 Jaguar XK8, a gift from his wife for Father's Day.

Dan and Rose Marie were members of Chesapeake Bay Yacht Clubs Association (CBYCA) and Maryland Yacht Club where they kept their boat 'Everything's Rosie'. In 2019 as Rear Commodore of CBYCA, Dan was instrumental in organizing CBYCA's first Commodores' Summit. The Summit was a tremendous success developing relationships and support in a unified manor to member clubs. Plans are in motion for a 2021 Summit to continue this effort.

As Vice Commodore of CBYCA, Dan embraced the forward momentum started with the 2019

Summit. In addition to building a closer relationship between CBYCA, Delaware River Yachtsmen's League, Yacht Clubs of Maryland, and the Chesapeake Commodore's Club, Dan built a solid platform onto which all CBYCA member clubs could come together, share experiences, provide each other support, and move into the future full of challenges. He was elected to Commodore for 2021 and would have been presented his gavel on 21 November 2020. Rose Marie's wish is for the organization to keep the forward momentum that Dan worked so hard to establish.

Dan retired several times from various entities: the CIA, several contract companies, IBM

& Verizon. He held an Associate Degree in Electrical Engineering with Microsoft certification.

Dan is survived by his loving wife, Rose Marie Killeen and their adopted pet Belle, his daughter Maeghan (John) Nicholson of McFarland, WI, his son Robert (Amanda) Killeen of Viroqua, WI, one grandson, three granddaughters and one granddaughter, Anya Christine Nicholson, due 4 December.

A Funeral service will be conducted from 2:00-6:00 PM on Tuesday at Loudoun Funeral Chapel located at 158 Catocin Circle, SE Leesburg, Virginia 20175. Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.loudounfuneralchapel.com](http://www.loudounfuneralchapel.com)

In lieu of flowers or donations, we ask that you take a moment to hug your child, grandchild, parent, friend or walk in the sunshine after a rainstorm and enjoy a rainbow for a moment, an hour or a day. Time waits for no one.

# Events

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**NOV**   **Visitation**   02:00PM - 06:00PM

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Loudoun Funeral Chapel

158 Catoctin Circle, S.E., Leesburg, VA, US, 20175

# Comments

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“ Dear Rosie, We are so deeply sorry for your loss. May God give you strength to meet the challenges of your recovery and comfort you in this time of great loss. God bless you. Sincerely, Dorothy Vasilchek and John Schultz

**Dorothy Vasilchek** - November 21, 2020 at 09:30 PM

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“ Bye Dad, love you



**Maeghan Nicholson** - November 17, 2020 at 02:45 PM

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“ Dear cousin Rosie,  
I've never met your husband Dan, however, he sounds like he was a very nice man. I am truly sorry for your loss. My condolences and prayers to you and his family.  
Love,  
Michele & Steve,  
Alexandria and Taeghan



**Michele** - November 17, 2020 at 11:33 AM

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“ Denise and Scott Parsons purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Daniel Joseph Killeen.



**Denise and Scott Parsons** - November 17, 2020 at 09:15 AM

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“ Earlier this week, I learned that my buddy Dan had died in a tragic car accident in NC. While I deeply mourn his loss, I’m comforted with the knowledge that his lovely wife Rosie (who was in the car with him) survived the accident. We pray every day asking God to give her the strength to get through each day – to overcome the pain from her injuries and the loss of her beloved Dan.

Today is Dan’s funeral. I’m not sure if Dan would have preferred an Irish wake or a Viking style funeral, but today’s event will be much different than either due to COVID. If I were able to be there, I would deliver the following, and I hope Dan would be proud:

Someone once told me that everyone in life is either a coconut or a peach. Coconuts have a hard, outer shell... but once you get through them, they are soft all the way to the middle. These folks are hard to become friends with, but once a friend you get to know everything. Peaches, on the other hand, are very easy to get to know, but sooner or later you hit that inner hard core that you just can’t get open. These people are very outgoing and yet don’t seem to really have many close friends.

To everyone else in the world, Dan was both a coconut and peach. Hard to get to know, and eventually everyone would find the core of that peach and get no further. To me, Dan was barely a coconut. We shared a lot of life experiences and could have deep conversations on topics most people couldn’t share - and became instant best friends.

We now live in an age where society has devolved – where the masses respect and admire Personality. Dan came from a different era, where Character mattered most - where work-ethic and accomplishments counted for everything. Celebrities produce so little and crave the attention. Dan’s previous life couldn’t have been more opposite – do really impossible tasks with no public reward. It takes great character, confidence, and courage to be that person – and Dan did it well! He was well rounded. Maybe one of the last renaissance men in the world. He could engage in conversations on everything from theology to rattling off the bass lines for tunes from the 80’s. He used to go outside to do an “air check” to sneak some cigarettes while Rosie wasn’t looking (like she didn’t know). I used to think it was a bad idea – now I’m glad he did it and got the enjoyment from them. He loved boating, his recent “furry terrorist” Belle, his kids, and he deeply loved his wife Rosie.

Like all friends, we didn’t agree on everything, but we could work through anything. The Thursday before Dan’s accident, we had a couple of emails and calls and just chuckled through all sorts of goofy things as we worked on a problem he was having. How can anyone imagine that any given call, meeting, or hug will be the last one? Though we both had to run, it was a great call – but like the passing of anyone in our lives, there are always more things you wish you had said. So I echo Rosie’s request – hug the one’s you love, say the things you wish/need to say, and hold on to their memories dearly and regularly for the rest of your life – it is the ultimate tribute to Dan and his remarkable life!

So in true Irish fashion – raise your glass to Dan Killeen: “You were a good man, and you’ll be missed by one and all. May you be in heaven a half-hour before the devil knows you’re dead!!”

-Tom (Dan's "twin brother from a different mother"), Michelle, Jack, Bryan and Steven Costello

**Tom Costello** - November 17, 2020 at 08:17 AM



“ You so captured the friendship you two shared. Yes, he loved & respected you, Tom. Thank you for all you shared. Rose Marie

**Rosie Killeen** - December 29, 2020 at 09:11 PM

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“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Daniel Joseph Killeen.



November 16, 2020 at 09:43 PM

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“ Tom, Michelle, Jack, Bryan, and Steven Costello purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Daniel Joseph Killeen.



**Tom, Michelle, Jack, Bryan, and Steven Costello** - November 16, 2020 at 07:09 PM

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“ Dan and Rosie were members of the Herring Bay Yacht Club (HBYC) for several years. Everything's Rosie , their beloved Chris Craft, was berthed at Herrington Harbour South in North Beach, MD. They gave Kathy and me a tour of their boat as Dan was up-grading her to be their retirement home. He proudly explained what had been done and outlined what was to come.

Dan served as the HBYC delegate to the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Clubs Association (CBYCA). His reports of activities and actions meant to improve boating on the bay, keeping our members well informed. He enthusiastically encourages member response to key issues. His strong belief in the work of CBYCA led him to leadership positions. As in-coming Commodore of HBYC, I was looking forward to working with Dan when he became Commodore of CBYCA. His leadership will be missed. The boating community has lost a strong supporter.

Kathy and Gregg Borchelt  
North Beach, MD

**Gregg Borchelt** - November 16, 2020 at 10:53 AM

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“ We were very sorry to hear about Dan. You and your family are in our thoughts and our hearts. Dan made a difference in so many lives. He was a loving husband, father and friend to many.  
Our sympathy and love.  
Emory and Pamela Quaskey  
Past Commodore Maryland Yacht Club

**Emory** - November 16, 2020 at 10:30 AM



“ Thank you, Emory.

**Rosie Killeen** - December 29, 2020 at 09:12 PM

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**Emory & Pam Quaskey** - November 16, 2020 at 10:30 AM

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“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Daniel Joseph Killeen.



November 15, 2020 at 10:07 PM

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“ Love Adam & Shawn Bell purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Daniel Joseph Killeen.



**Love Adam & Shawn Bell** - November 15, 2020 at 07:22 PM

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“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Daniel Joseph Killeen.



November 15, 2020 at 06:09 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album Ashburn Friends



**Hoat Nguyen** - November 15, 2020 at 11:09 AM

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**Hoat Nguyen** - November 15, 2020 at 11:07 AM



“ Thank you for your friendship to both Dan and me. Thank you for the photos, the visits and the times we spent together. You and Lethu will always be part of our family. Rose Marie

**Rosie Killeen** - December 29, 2020 at 09:16 PM

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“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Daniel Joseph Killeen.



November 15, 2020 at 09:48 AM

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“ 4 files added to the album CBYCA



**Robert Naylor** - November 15, 2020 at 09:42 AM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Daniel Joseph Killeen.



November 15, 2020 at 08:48 AM

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“ Hoat and Lethu Nguyen purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Daniel Joseph Killeen.



**Hoat and Lethu Nguyen** - November 14, 2020 at 05:40 PM

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“ I have friend

I've left memory of my younger days friendship,  
On other side of the Pacific Ocean,  
For some time finding the friendship, I did forgo.

But then I have friends who not spoke my mother tongue,  
We look far apart of difference,  
But close enough to care as brotherly...

Dan who passed away  
Dan and I shared of many things including an outdoor spirit,  
Dan was a one off of friends,  
We share the love passion: searching for a perfect balance...

I look to Dan of thing that I did not own  
Like, Dan's quickness of survival and words of sense,  
I would tell Dan, the truth of what I didn't know...

We trust each other to the point seen like  
nothing stood our ways.  
In me, our friendship was not have double,  
Gratefully, I possess...

Dan, RIP

To DJK 1953-2020  
Ashburn Nov 2012-2020, Hoat Nguyen

Hoat Nguyen - November 14, 2020 at 02:39 PM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Daniel Joseph Killeen.



November 14, 2020 at 12:23 PM

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“ Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Daniel Joseph Killeen.



November 14, 2020 at 11:28 AM

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“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Daniel Joseph Killeen.



November 14, 2020 at 10:34 AM

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“ Betty Murray purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Daniel Joseph Killeen.



**Betty Murray** - November 14, 2020 at 08:24 AM

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“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Daniel Joseph Killeen.



November 14, 2020 at 08:12 AM

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“ Dan Killeen ..... what a wonderful man!

Our lives have been enriched just by knowing you.

He was a best friend, kind, funny, lovable, humorous, intellectual and extremely humble.

You will forever be missed, loved and forever in our hearts .....

Until we meet again .....

Brian and Mary

**Brian and Mary Brown** - November 13, 2020 at 08:40 PM

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“ Both of you gave Dan & I some fond, fun memories. Thank you for such a close & wonderful friendship. May it continue forever. Rose Marie & Belle

**Rosie Killeen** - December 29, 2020 at 09:21 PM

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“ Brian And Mary Brown lit a candle in memory of Daniel Joseph Killeen



**Brian and Mary Brown** - November 13, 2020 at 08:36 PM

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“ Mary L. purchased the Heavenly Sentiments Spray for the family of Daniel Joseph Killeen.



**Mary L.** - November 13, 2020 at 08:31 PM

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“ 7 files added to the album HBYC & Friends



**Betsy Pugh** - November 13, 2020 at 06:14 PM

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“ 8 files added to the album CBYCA



**Robert Naylor** - November 13, 2020 at 04:18 PM

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“ I am so sad to hear about Dan’s death. Dan and I had worked together at IBM for a long time, much of it developing and delivering business process education. We travelled together across the US and around the world. Our first class was in Austin, Texas, my home. We took the students out to a local restaurant. My six-year old daughter was entranced by Dan and they spent most of the meal chasing each other through the restaurant. Another great time was our trip to Australia; Dan, his “brother” Vic, and I brought along our families. I had the great privilege of meeting and spending time with Rose Marie, another wonderful human being. She and I discovered that we had both grown up within only a few miles of each other in Western PA. There was Paris, London, São Paulo, and many others. When the technology became available, Dan worked to make our education delivery on-line and again did a great job. I missed seeing him face-to-face but we still got to work together.

Dan and Rose Marie hosted me several times when I travelled to DC. On one trip they took me to visit the steps from The Exorcist and the mall from True Lies. My daughter was with me on another trip and they took us all around Georgetown. It was always wonderful to spend time with them.

Dan was tireless in his work, dedicated to all his co-workers, and always in love with Rose Marie.

Dan, I love you buddy and will sorely miss you.

**Rick McMaster** - November 13, 2020 at 03:58 PM



“ Thank you for the reminders of such wonderful memories, Rick. Yours was a friendship Dan treasured. Rose Marie & Belle

**Rosie Killeen** - December 29, 2020 at 09:26 PM

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**Robert B. Naylor** - November 13, 2020 at 03:55 PM

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“ There was a period of time when Rick saw Dan more than I saw Rick. The two were thrown together by chance on a contract and became fast friends. Laura remembers the visit she and Rick made when she shopped at a thrift shop in Georgetown. She doesn't wear the silk dress but its still hanging in the closet because it was such a wonderful excursion for a young lady. We were all looking forward to celebrating Laura's wedding with Dan and Rose Marie last May. There are many of us who will never forget Dan.

Leslie McMaster

Leslie McMaster - November 13, 2020 at 03:53 PM

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“ Bob Naylor and Amy Short - CBYCA purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Daniel Joseph Killeen.



Bob Naylor and Amy Short - CBYCA - November 13, 2020 at 03:41 PM

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“ My heart is very heavy. Just new Dan a few years. What a gentleman. We share the same pier at MYC. Dan loved his Belle. Moreover, Dan was so in love with his Rosie. I am so trying to keep the memories of Dan at the Club and sharing our pier. Dan was so kind to offer Joe and I any assistance, with any problem, we would experience with our floating bank on the water.I have been absolutely devastated. Knowing the good Lord will wrap His arms around Rosie to help her bear this unbelievable pain in her heart. Fondly, Linda and Joe Grunder

linda - November 13, 2020 at 02:35 PM



“ Thank you, Linda. You have touched my broken heart.  
Rose Marie

Rosie Killeen - December 29, 2020 at 09:28 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Daniel Joseph Killeen.



November 13, 2020 at 12:52 PM

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“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Daniel Joseph Killeen.



November 13, 2020 at 12:10 PM

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“ Kamal and Laura Ghazzar purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Daniel Joseph Killeen.



**Kamal and Laura Ghazzar** - November 13, 2020 at 11:24 AM

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“ We are saddened to hear of Dan's sudden passing. Dan had a tremendous heart. We will miss his humor, his good nature, and his presence. May he rest in peace and watch over us all with his smile and infectious laughter. Blessings and prayers to his family and friends. We lost a good person but heaven gained an angel.

With love, Kamal and Laura Ghazzar

**Kamal and Laura Ghazzar** - November 13, 2020 at 11:18 AM



“ We shall always treasure the fun times and great memories with you. Rose Marie

**Rosie Killeen** - December 29, 2020 at 09:29 PM

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“ May God bless you and keep you Rose Marie and all of the family. Dan was a wonderful man of great kindness. Our lives were made better by having him even if only for too short a time.

Paul and Mary Dolan  
Past Commodore  
Maryland Yacht Club

**Paul Dolan** - November 13, 2020 at 11:02 AM



“ Thank you

**Rosie Killeen** - December 29, 2020 at 09:30 PM