



Obituary for Daniel Dean Kaufmann

On August 20, 2023, Daniel Dean Kaufmann, 79, passed away suddenly at home with his beloved wife, Brenda Worthey Kaufmann by his side.

Danny was born in June of 1944 to Harold Kaufmann and Martha Hokit of Harlingen, Texas. He grew up with four siblings, including two brothers, Tommy and Terry, and two sisters, Donna (Sullivan) and Carla.

Danny married Brenda in 1971, and had four children including one son, Lonnie, and three daughters, Daenene (Fisher), Deana (Kilgore), and Kristina (Hill). Together, his children have given him 11 grandchildren, Christopher (Reed), Kayla (Howe), Jonathan (Reed), Brandan Kaufmann, Kyler (Kilgore), Brittney (Kilgore), Samantha (Thrash), Christian (Hill), Cheryl (Adams), Tyler (Fisher), and Christine (Fisher); and 8 great grandchildren, Oliver (Reed), Kalista (Reed), Cyrus (Reed), Braelyn (Howe), Ashlyn (Howe), Deklyn (Howe), Evelyn (Thrash), and JoAnna (Thrash). He was more than an uncle to his many nieces and nephews.

Danny enlisted and served in the US Air Force as an F4 Phantom mechanic during the Vietnam War. After returning home, he worked for HEB Grocery for the next 32 years. In 2001, Danny retired as a Refrigeration Service Manager.

After retirement, Danny and Brenda traveled to visit their children and grandchildren who all lived in different states. He was proud that each of his daughters followed in his footsteps and enlisted in the military. He loved nothing more than to spend time with his adult children, whether he was fixing something broken, attending graduations, weddings, and births of grandchildren. He had a passion for creating and giving life to every idea or invention that came to mind, giving his son-in-laws a hard time, embarrassing his daughters, “tinkering” with things

on the back porch, fishing with friends and family, and helping neighbors. He loved his family and was always there to provide support, comfort, encouragement, and words of wisdom. Danny was a hero to his children, confidant and best friend to his wife, and an all around great friend and brother.

Danny was preceded in death by his parents, Harold Kaufmann and Martha Hokit, his two brothers, Tommy Kaufmann and Terry Kaufmann, and his beloved sidekick and companion dog, Hermione.

The family would like to thank the San Antonio Police Department, San Antonio Firefighters, and San Antonio First Responders / Paramedics that did everything they could. They stayed with our mother, treating her with respect, and offering words of comfort and support until family members could be by her side. The family, and our mother, feels they went above and beyond in our time of need.

There will be a viewing for friends and family on Friday, August 25, from 1-4pm at Funeral Caring USA, at 2621 Moss Rock, San Antonio, Texas. A veteran memorial and internment will follow at a later date in Corpus Christi, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, and in his memory, the family would request that donations be made to Haven for Hope, Veterans Services, 1 Haven For Hope Way, San Antonio, Texas, 78207, which supports homeless veterans, and provides many services to veterans in need. Danny was a proud veteran who served his country with honor, dignity, respect, and courage, and wanted only the best for all service veterans.