



Daniel R. Pleis

November 18, 1946 - September 15, 2018

Daniel R. Pleis, "Dan", age 71, passed away on September 15, 2018 peacefully at his home in Clayton, NJ, surrounded by loved ones.

Beloved husband of 48 years to Jean L. Pleis (Geortler) whom he met in Kindergarten. Devoted father of Danielle Morganti and her husband, John; Ray Pleis and his wife, Annie; Jeff Pleis and his wife, Sindy; as well as his dog, Elsa, who never left his side. Devoted grandfather to John (Morganti), Brady, Andrew, Sarah, Evan, Avery and Jaden. Dear brother to Barbara Zimmerman, Ronald "Ronnie" Pleis, and Deborah "Debbie" Witte; and dear brother-in-law to Jack Zimmerman and Milton Witte. Dan was predeceased by his mother, Lillian and father, Raymond.

Dan graduated from Clayton High School in 1965, and then enlisted in the Navy. He worked as a salesman for most of his career, served as Councilman and was a member of the School Board in Clayton. He volunteered as a coach for Little League, as a Patient Volunteer for Samaritan Hospice, as a driver for the American Red Cross, provided support and a listening ear through the Prisoner Visitation and Support Program, and was certified as a Court Appointed Special Advocate of Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem Counties (CASA). Dan was also an active member and volunteer at Christ Church in Woodbury where he served on various committees and boards as a member of vestry and was a licensed chalice bearer by the Diocese of NJ as well as lay reader. Most recently Dan was a crossing guard for the town of Clayton where he loved to bring his dog to work and help ensure the safety of the children in his home town while coming to and from school.

In September of 2015, Dan received a Certificate of Commendation for Honorable Military Service on behalf of the citizens of Gloucester County, a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition for outstanding and invaluable service to the United States of America, a Senate and General Assembly Citation for exemplary service and dedication to the United States Armed Services and was awarded the 2015 Gloucester County Federal Military Medal.

In his free time, Dan enjoyed his family and made sure everyone was having a good time. He loved adventures. He took annual whitewater rafting trips with his children and grandchildren, went on many hiking trips with his son, grandsons, and brother, and every October he spent a night on the Battleship with his grandsons. He and Jean enjoyed traveling since retirement, and there was the annual family vacation week down the shore.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend a visitation Thursday, September 20, 2018 from 6pm to 9pm in The Chapel at BOUCHER FUNERAL HOME, 1757 Delsea Dr., Deptford, NJ J08096.

Mass of Christian Burial Friday, September 21, 2018 at 11am at Christ Episcopal Church, 62 Delaware St., Woodbury, NJ 08096.

Interment Gloucester County Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Williamstown.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Samaritan Hospice, 5 Eves Dr., Marlton, NJ 08053 or Christ Episcopal Church Building Fund.

For directions, to sign online guest book and to view Dan's Video Tribute visit <http://www.boucherfuneralhome.com>.

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Cemetery

Gloucester County Veterans Memorial Cemetery

240 S. Tuckahoe Road
Williamstown, NJ, 08094

Events

SEP 20 Visitation 06:00PM - 09:00PM

The Chapel at Boucher Funeral Home, LLC
1757 Delsea Drive, Deptford, NJ, US, 08096

SEP 21 A Mass of Christian Burial 11:00AM - 12:30PM

Christ Episcopal Church
62 Delaware St., Woodbury, NJ, US, 08096

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Boucher Funeral Home, LLC & County Cremation Service - September 19, 2018 at 04:42 PM



“ what a wonderful tribute,
Lois and Sam DeMore

lois DeMore - September 20, 2018 at 01:49 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Daniel R. Pleis.



September 21, 2018 at 12:30 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Daniel R. Pleis.



September 20, 2018 at 09:02 AM



“ 61 files added to the album LifeTributes



Boucher Funeral Home, LLC & County Cremation Service - September 19, 2018 at 03:39 PM



“ My sincere condolences to Jean and the entire Pleis family on the passing of this kind and gentle man. Reading his obituary this morning, I became aware, but was not at all surprised to see all the remarkable things he did for others throughout his life. Serving in the military, his local government, CASA, prisoner listening program, and school crossing guard all speak volumes of the quality person we lost, and heaven has now gained.

Tom Kuhar - September 19, 2018 at 08:35 AM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Daniel R. Pleis.



September 18, 2018 at 11:11 PM



“ My name is Mary Samuels. I was sorry to read about Dan's passing in our local paper this morning. I knew Dan from the Prisoner Visitation Program. I liked him right away. I knew instinctively that he was a good, kind man, and this was confirmed when I read about all of the volunteer work that he was involved in.

Even though I only saw him when we visited at Fairton, we developed a good, although short, friendship. He told me about his trip to Ireland with his wife and how much he enjoyed it. I also remember that he really liked Bob Dylan and was happy when Bob received the Nobel Prize for literature.

I checked in with him via email every six months or so to see how he was doing. I always hoped that he would be able to resume visiting at Fairton one day, but it was not meant to be.

He made life better for so many people, and I think that is the best tribute anyone could ever have.

Sincerely,

Mary Samuels

Mary T Samuels - September 18, 2018 at 05:29 PM



“ We met Dan and Jean Pleis, when our families were joined together by the marriage of our children. Although our relationship has not been that long, we must say that they are one of the sweetest couples we have ever met. Dan's wonderful smile and warm personality, always made you feel welcome. We are so very sorry for your loss, and hope that time, and the love of friends and family will help heal your pain. Our thought are with you, Marcie and LT

marcie - September 18, 2018 at 12:45 PM



“ Mary Bess lit a candle in memory of Daniel R. Pleis



Mary Bess - September 18, 2018 at 10:28 AM



“ I worked with Dan for many years at Amsco Sales Corp in Sewell, NJ. He was one of the most meticulous and kind person I've ever known. I'm proud to be able to call him friend. God bless his family and bring them comfort during these trying times.
Bill Sumiel

Bill Sumiel - September 18, 2018 at 10:20 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Daniel R. Pleis.



September 17, 2018 at 06:37 PM