



## Daniel Clayton Geralt

June 17, 1946 - March 9, 2024

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Daniel Geralt, a beloved husband, father, brother, papa, and esteemed member of our community. After a valiant battle with colon cancer, Daniel peacefully departed from this world on Saturday, March 9, 2024, surrounded by his family. He was 77 years old.

Born on June 17, 1946, Daniel lived a life defined by love, service, and unwavering dedication to his family and country. For 38 years, he shared a deep love with his devoted wife, Carleen Geralt. Together, they raised three children, James, Danielle, and Lois Ann, who brought joy and pride into his life. His legacy continues through his beloved grandchildren, Grace, Josh, Carlie, Jameson (his Bosun), Micah (his Navigator), and Naomi, whom he adored beyond measure.

Daniel's commitment to his family was matched only by his dedication to his country. A proud veteran of the Vietnam War, Daniel served his nation with honor and distinction. His sense of duty extended far beyond the battlefield, as he remained a dedicated military reservist, serving his country for over 40 years. Daniel embodied the principles of service and sacrifice throughout his life.

In addition to his military service, Daniel found fulfillment as a science teacher at John Burroughs Middle School, where he inspired countless young minds. His impact on his students extended far beyond the classroom, leaving an indelible mark on their lives for years to come. Known for his boundless

generosity and zest for life, Daniel had a love for entertaining that brought joy to all who knew him. He delighted in hosting gatherings where he would insist, with a twinkle in his eye, that "if you leave here hungry, it's your own fault." His love for adventure took him to the Kern River Valley, where he explored its beauty from boyhood as a Boy Scout well into adulthood, creating cherished memories that he shared with friends and loved ones.

Music was another passion of Daniel's, and he found great joy in playing the guitar and mandolin, singing and composing songs, often accompanied by his brother or the light of a campfire. His love for music lives on through his son and granddaughter, who inherited his talent and appreciation for music.

Daniel Geralt's life was a testament to the power of love, courage, and resilience. He lived by the "Code of the West, the Call of the Wild, and the Law of the Seven Seas," embodying the spirit of adventure, integrity, and honor in all that he did.

# Tribute Wall

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“ He was such a lively person and he was always willing to jump in and help at church. I always appreciated having conversations with him; he was a scholar, an intellectual - articulate and well spoken. He left a wonderful legacy, the kind that never stops.

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**Pamela Miller** - March 26, 2024 at 04:22 PM

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“ Dan you are such a kind and genuine person. We will always remember your speech at our wedding, it was the highlight of our day. Your bright eyes, smile and sharp wit is something I will always remember you for. You will be severely missed by all who ever got the pleasure of meeting you. I hope you know the positive impact you had on everyone's life and how deeply loved you are. You will live in our hearts forever ❤️

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**Christina Miller** - March 26, 2024 at 02:29 PM

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“ My most heartfelt condolences go out to the Gerald family. Danny and I have enjoyed each other's friendship since our young teen years. He is the truest friend, and will be missed. Our world was a better place when Danny was a part of it. R.I.P. dear friend, and I'll see you down the road. Butch Smith (a.k.a. Harold R. to Danny)

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**Harold Smith** - March 26, 2024 at 01:11 PM

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**Lynn and Forrest Story** - March 26, 2024 at 08:27 AM