



Daniel James Canzoniero

January 23, 1953 - November 28, 2018

Daniel James Canzoniero, who passionately lived and loved life, his family, and his communities, passed away on November 28, 2018.

He was a long-time resident of Easton, MD, and Vero Beach, FL, and devoted husband to his wife, Kathy Lewis Canzoniero, proud father to his children, Sarah Canzoniero Blutter (Paul), of Birmingham, AL, James Milton Canzoniero (Jenna), of Baltimore, and grandfather to grandchildren, Selena Eliza, Juliana, and Christopher.

Dan was born on January 23, 1953, in Yonkers, NY, the son of James George Canzoniero and Josephine Faramo Canzoniero. During his childhood, Dan developed a passion for entrepreneurship, working in his father's business, American Monument Company. He also began his lifelong love for travel and foreign language, spending a summer in Santiago, Chile, and hosting an exchange student from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. After graduating from Briarcliff High School in 1971, he spent a summer traveling through South America. Dan spoke fluent Spanish and French.

Dan met Kathy at Principia College, in October 1971, in chemistry class. They married in the evening of June 2, 1974, in Elsah, IL, after attending church and receiving their Bachelor's degrees at college graduation that same day.

Dan started his first business, Hallmark Card & Gift Shop in Aurora, OH, with Kathy, while in college. They grew and ran the business together and eventually opened four stores in the Cleveland, OH, area. The fourth store was a joint venture among Dan, Kathy, and Kathy's parents, Milton and Shirley Lewis. This company was a precursor to his future business career, intertwining family, hard work, and business. While running the greeting-card business, Dan also earned his CPA license, his MBA at Baldwin-Wallace College, and provided accounting services to businesses.

At 32, Dan became President of Gamse Lithographing Company, a printing company in Baltimore. He purchased and grew the company into a large, successful business, which he owned and ran with his son Jimmy.

Dan was optimistic and generous, shining brightly in his many areas of interest, such as spending time with his children, grandchildren, cousins, and friends, playing golf, investing, fine dining; sports, reading, and cars. Dan brought joy, enthusiasm, laughter, value, and caring to every situation and relationship. He had a huge, outgoing personality and loved getting to know everybody. Dan made a positive impression on everyone he met; he made people feel special and important.

Dan loved boating from an early age and cherished all the time he spent on boat trips with family and friends throughout the East Coast. Dan traveled the world extensively with Kathy, his family, and friends.

Dan actively served his communities with sound analysis and practicality, as a member of: Young President's Organization Gold; Chief Executive Organization; World Trade Center Institute, Baltimore; the Avalon Foundation, including on the Board; Academy Art Museum, including on the Board; Talbot Country Club; Tred Avon Yacht Club; Annapolis Yacht Club; Johns Island Club; Chesapeake Bay Yacht Club.

He is survived by his wife, children, grandchildren, sister Julia Canzoniero Tomasulo (Joseph), of Somers, NY, sister-in-law Becky Lewis Blough (Gregory) of Cleveland, OH, nephews, nieces, and cousins.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, December 7, 2018, at 11:00 am, at Christ Church, 111 South Harrison Street, Easton. Memorial donations may be made to the Academy Art Museum in Easton, 106 South St, Easton, MD 21601.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

DEC 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

Christ Episcopal Church, Easton
111 S. Harrison Street
Easton, MD 21601

Tribute Wall



“ *Daniel James Canzoniero*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Daniel James Canzoniero*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Daniel James Canzoniero*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM

PM

“ *It was just about 4 years ago that I remember reaching out to Dan to say hello as I had started managing a local appliance store - Landers Appliance - right up the road from Gamse.*

Way back in the day I spent several years working with Dan as his personal trainer. As everyone who knew him knows Dan certainly liked good food so my goal was to keep him as healthy as possible so he could enjoy that food and work off some stress!

Spent many a day down in the basement gym on Brookstone Ct we had set up and after almost 30 years in the training business I can't say I've met a nicer guy than Dan.

I just heard about his passing today when Wilbur stopped by our shop today and I struck up a conversation when I saw his Gamse shirt. So glad to hear that his son has continued the Canoniero legacy with the company and just wanted to pass on my condolences to the family.

Pat Marsh - August 22, 2022 at 12:19 PM

JT

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Julia C Tomasulo - December 28, 2018 at 01:36 PM

JT

We love you my dear brother, Dan, Joey & Julie

Julia C Tomasulo - December 28, 2018 at 01:38 PM

JB

“ Kathy, I am so sorry for your loss. Dan passed away way too soon. I met Dan through the Printers Forum in the Young Presidents Organization. Dan was a great forum mate and brought a lot to the group. I sold my company in 2000 and had to leave the group. I ran into Dan at an event in Philly about 10 years ago. He is well respected in the industry and has left many wonderful memories. He will be greatly missed!

John Braceland - December 13, 2018 at 11:19 AM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Daniel James Canzoniero.



December 07, 2018 at 09:57 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Daniel James Canzoniero.



December 06, 2018 at 01:38 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Daniel James Canzoniero.



December 06, 2018 at 08:54 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Daniel James Canzoniero.



December 05, 2018 at 11:08 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Daniel James Canzoniero.



December 05, 2018 at 06:25 PM



“ *Gloria Thomas & Family* purchased the *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* for the family of Daniel James Canzoniero.



Gloria Thomas & Family - December 05, 2018 at 06:23 PM



“ *Enduring Grace* was purchased for the family of Daniel James Canzoniero.



December 05, 2018 at 03:30 PM

LN

“ Worked for Dan for about twelve years, a few things I will always remember are, back in 2008-2009 when the economy was hit hard Dan had a meeting at work to I think rally the troops, I have never forgot him saying that Gamse has been around over a 100 years and it's not going down on my watch, he made you feel like everything would be ok no matter what. And last him walking through the plant shoulders back, head up & a big smile, always wondered what he was thinking. A life truly lived well. Best of memories and deepest condolences.
Lou, Renee, Jaden & Ryen Newberger

Louis K Newberger - December 05, 2018 at 02:49 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Daniel James Canzoniero.



December 05, 2018 at 11:36 AM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Daniel James Canzoniero.



December 05, 2018 at 10:36 AM

FH

“ 3 files added to the album Memories Album



Fred Haines - December 04, 2018 at 08:31 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Jimmy Canzoniero - December 04, 2018 at 06:21 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Daniel James Canzoniero.



December 04, 2018 at 02:53 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Daniel James Canzoniero.



December 04, 2018 at 01:54 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Daniel James Canzoniero.*



December 04, 2018 at 11:21 AM



“ *Dan was such a nice person with a very kind heart. He was always so positive and upbeat and the love he had for his family was very evident. Dan looked for the good in everything and everyone and his spirit will be missed. I will never forget and greatly appreciate his kindness to me in the 10 years I worked with him in The Graphic Source. My sincerest condolences to Kathy, Jimmy and Sarah for Dan was an exceptional human being who brought light into this world. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Lori Temple - December 04, 2018 at 09:30 AM



“ *Patricia Hamer purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Daniel James Canzoniero.*



Patricia Hamer - December 04, 2018 at 08:44 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Daniel James Canzoniero.*



December 03, 2018 at 05:56 PM

CS

“ Danny was an exceptional person on every front - he was interested in and cared about others, he had a zest for living and learning, he gave support and grace to any in need. The qualities that he expressed so freely - Love, Life, Principle, Truth, etc. can never be squelched.

May comfort and peace guide your steps.

*Much Love,
Claire Sinclair*

C. Sinclair - December 03, 2018 at 02:59 PM

DN

“ To a man who always treated my fair and who I could always talk to when I worked at Gamse. Retired in 2012. Rest in peace and sorrow to the family
Don Nally--Paper Cutter.

Donald Nally - December 03, 2018 at 01:01 PM

TB

“ Dan was a fair man with great integrity. I will miss his positive attitude and straight forward manner.

Tim Birdsong

tim birdsong - December 03, 2018 at 11:03 AM

KC

“ Dan generously drove my father and I to my wedding in Vero Beach last February. After a snafoo with the car I had lined up, I saw his beautiful white Bentley at John’s Island and boldly left a note asking if he would ever extend this kindness to me on my wedding day. He called me about an hour later and happily agreed! My father and I enjoyed his company so much we begged him to join us at our reception at the club later that evening. He and Kathy seamlessly joined in the celebration and the story of Dan and his became the hit of the wedding. Everyone loved him and this generous act truly defines what a happy, optimistic, generous person Dan was everyday. My family and I will never forget what a wonderful addition he was to our wedding day. I’m so sorry we will not share many more memories at John’s Island with Dan and Kathy. I was looking forward to introducing him to our baby due in March. My sincere condolences to Kathy, his children and grandchildren whom he spoke so proudly of on our ride to the church! Xo Kerryn Connolly

Kerryn Connolly - December 03, 2018 at 11:03 AM



He was so excited about this and showed me pictures. Do much of his life was about learning people's stories and making his own to share. This was one of the best ones.

Jimmy Canzoniero - December 04, 2018 at 06:27 PM

JL

“ Joanne L. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Daniel James Canzoniero.



Joanne L. - December 03, 2018 at 11:02 AM

MT

“ I was in total shock and disbelief when hearing this, Dan has been a very great person and a great mentor as well to me for the past 25 year. As a ink contractor I often told Dan that he was my boss and he loved hearing that. My condolences to the family...God Bless

Mike Thompson - December 03, 2018 at 07:54 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Daniel James Canzoniero.



December 03, 2018 at 07:37 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Daniel James Canzoniero.



December 02, 2018 at 10:29 PM

LC

“ Love, The Caravellas purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Daniel James Canzoniero.



Love, The Caravellas - December 02, 2018 at 07:24 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Daniel James Canzoniero.*



December 02, 2018 at 06:06 PM



“ *Our family is just hearing about this and we are all mourning your loss and our loss of the beloved Cap'n Dan. We always called him that after one very special trip in the '90's in his boat out on the Chesapeake Bay, pulling in for some crabs at Cantler's. Dan's joy in every thing he did and in everyone he knew was inspirational and he was one of the smartest guys we ever knew. He could talk knowledgeably about a wide range of topics and it was always an education to be around him! Our sons enjoyed him immensely and always loved to hear news of Cap'n Dan and his family's adventures. So much love to Kathy, Sarah and Jimmy, from Wayne, Liz, Jon, Paul, Chris, and Ben Hawkins.*

Elizabeth Hawkins - December 02, 2018 at 05:33 PM



“ *I'm very sorry to read about your loss. I'm sure you'll always keep him in your thoughts and words, so his spirit will live on.*
Warmest regards,
Mark Montagna

Mark J Montagna - December 02, 2018 at 02:48 PM

SG

“ Whenever I was with Sarah’s dad, he made me feel important and special. I will miss him, but I know Sarah will continue pass on his values and fill people’s hearts with joy.

Shereen Salam Glover - December 01, 2018 at 08:10 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Daniel James Canzoniero.



December 01, 2018 at 07:48 PM

TN

“ Our hearts are broken at the loss of your beloved Dan. He was truly larger than life and we have been blessed to share so many memories together. WE will miss him more than words can say. Sending our love and prayers to you and your family.

Love,
Kevin and Terry Nolan

Terry Elizabeth Nolan - December 01, 2018 at 08:13 AM

SP

“ Words cannot express how saddened and shocked I was to hear of your loss. Dan was very well liked and respected by me and my family. I have worked for Dan for over 30 years, he was there for me when my dad passed and when my husband became very ill. The compassion and care he showed me helped me to get through some of the hardest times in my life, I will always remember him with kindness and love. Wishing you all courage to face the days ahead, peace to bring you comfort and loving memories to forever hold in your hearts.
Cathy, Sarah, Jimmy and family...You are all in my thoughts and prayers



Sue Pace and Family

Susan Pace - November 30, 2018 at 07:28 PM

RM

“ Honoring Dan and his wonderful family, with deep sympathy and love,

"The tide recedes, but leaves behind bright seashells on the sand. The sun goes down, but gentle warmth still lingers on the land. The music stops, and yet it lingers on in sweet refrains. For every joy that passes, something beautiful remains."

*Rest in peace, dearest friend.
Doris & Bob*

Robert & Doris Fischer Malesardi - November 30, 2018 at 01:20 PM

MD

Dan brought the sunshine wherever he went and to everyone he spoke with. His generosity of spirit and time are characteristics few display. Our deepest sympathy and love goes out to all of the Canzoniero's from The Caravellas from New York.

Sal, Monica, Rachel, Wayne Massey, Elira Massey, Sal Jr., Ashley Pica, Michele and Stephen Bishop.

Monica Diamond-Caravella - December 01, 2018 at 08:17 PM

HW

So sorry to hear of Dan's passing. I enjoyed working with Dan years ago in the printing community. Please accept my sincerest sympathy. I know his passing is a loss to all. Take care.

Helene Waranch

Helene Waranch - December 02, 2018 at 03:11 PM