



David Mandrell Gannon

July 2, 1947 - June 26, 2022

David Mandrell Gannon of Easton, MD, passed away at his home on June 26, 2022, after a brief battle with brain cancer. He was 74 years old.

Dave was the son of Daniel J. Gannon, Sr. and Ida Mae Mandrell Gannon of Carmichael, MD. Dave graduated from Centreville High School in 1965. After graduation, Dave enlisted into the US Army. He entered and graduated from the US Army's Officer Candidate School as an Artillery Officer. He then entered the Army's Aviation Training School and graduated as a helicopter pilot. He served two tours of duty in Vietnam, earning him Senior Army Aviation Wings, two Distinguished Flying Crosses, the Bronze Star medal, thirty-two air medals, the Army Good Conduct medal, three Army Reserve Components Achievement medals, Vietnam Service medal with 1 Silver and 1 Bronze Battle Star, Armed Forces Reserve medal with Bronze Hour Glass, Army Service Ribbon, Army Overseas Service Ribbon, Republic of Vietnam campaign medal, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation, Vietnam Civil 1st class Civil Actions Unit Citation, Expert Pistol Badge and Sharpshooter Rifle Badge. After his return from his second tour, Dave remained in the US Army and US Army Reserves, retiring as a Major in 1983.

Dave also had careers after the Army as a building contractor and then became Chief Pilot with US Air, flying the shorts 330 and DHC-7 and -8 for over 20 years.

In 1967, Dave married the love of his life, Susan Drummer, settling in Longwoods, MD in the home he built for his family.

Dave cherished his family, enjoyed reading and wood working projects, visiting his close friends, and constantly feeding his desire to learn new things.

He is survived by: his devoted wife of 54 years, Susan Drummer Gannon of Easton; daughters Rachel Himelright (Rob) of Easton, Martha Patchett (Leonard) of Easton, Sarah Gannon (Juan Taylor) of Cambridge; special niece Lindsay Moore of Federalsburg; grandchildren Abby Patchett, Zaviun Taylor and Bishop Taylor; brothers Daniel J. Gannon, Jr. (Patricia) of Grasonville, MD, and J. Richard Gannon (Debra) of Inverness, FL; and many special nieces and nephews, wonderful friends, and very special neighbors.

Dave was preceded in death by his parents and a grandson, Connor J. Patchett.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Talbot Hospice.

Cemetery Details

Woodlawn Memorial Park

11365 Ocean Gateway
Easton, MD 21601

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 30. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Easton Church of God
1009 North Washington Street
Easton, MD 21601

Funeral Service

JUN 30. 11:00 AM (ET)

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1009 North Washington Street
Easton, MD 21601

Burial

JUN 30. 12:00 PM (ET)

Woodlawn Memorial Park
11365 Ocean Gateway
Easton, MD 21601

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a D. Gannon Funeral Service in memory of David Mandrell Gannon*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - June 30, 2022 at 10:46 AM



“ *David Mandrell Gannon*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *David Mandrell Gannon*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *David Mandrell Gannon*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Although I was a Mechanic Supervisor in the 2122nd USAG and worked in the hanger for 10 years I didn't have much contact with the Pilots. I only knew Dave in passing. I was sorry to hear of your loss. My prayers go with the whole Gannon family.*

Ward Wensch - July 05, 2022 at 11:38 AM

LV

“ Great guy to work with. Doing our Dash 7 types together is a memory I'll cherish forever. More fun than anyone deserves. RIP Dave.

Lon Volberding - July 04, 2022 at 11:06 AM

DN

“ I am sorry to see this. He was a great man!
Love, Debbie Nash



Debbie Nash - July 01, 2022 at 10:23 AM

DK

“ Will always fondly remember a friend, pilot and fellow instructor at Piedmont Airlines.

Dennis Kochan

Dennis Kochan - July 01, 2022 at 10:09 AM

PS

“ Susan,
We were sorry to hear about your loss. May God give you love and comfort in the days to follow.
Harold & Patricia

Patricia Smith - June 30, 2022 at 07:12 PM

C1

“ CHS CLASS OF 1966 sent a virtual gift in memory of David Mandrell Gannon



CHS CLASS OF 1966 - June 30, 2022 at 08:36 AM

PT

“ Penny Trice lit a candle in memory of David Mandrell Gannon



Penny Trice - June 30, 2022 at 06:12 AM

SH

“ My thoughts and prayers to the family. Dave was my chief pilot for a while, but before that, I spent many hours of Dave running me through procedures in the simulator for check rides and a few late nights/early mornings training in the skies over MD. Dave was always very tough, very professional, very knowledgeable, but very fair. He loved what he did for the many years we flew together. Let your wings soar old friend and RIP.

Scott Hudson - June 30, 2022 at 12:17 AM

GP

“ Gene And Lynda Palmatary sent a virtual gift in memory of David Mandrell Gannon



Gene and Lynda Palmatary - June 29, 2022 at 05:51 PM

SR

“ To the Gannon family,
In the first picture, "who is in this picture" other than your family, is
Becky Sharp and Granddaddy Gannon. The person on the swing is
not clear, however Grandmother must have been on the porch
unless she was in the kitchen frying chicken and making biscuits. To
your family, we are so sorry for your loss and may our Lord God
grant you comfort and peace. With our sympathy to all.

Sherry, Bill and Rozann

Sherry, Bill & Roz - June 29, 2022 at 04:34 PM

FP

“ Frank And Tish Palmatary sent a virtual gift in
memory of David Mandrell Gannon



Frank and Tish Palmatary - June 29, 2022 at 03:34 PM

RA

“ Rachel, Rob, Courtney & Nova Ann purchased
the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of
David Mandrell Gannon.



Rachel, Rob, Courtney & Nova Ann - June 29, 2022 at 11:05
AM

ML

“ A true hero....rest in peace

mark lappen - June 29, 2022 at 10:50 AM

BT

“ Our thoughts & prayers are with the entire Gannon Family!



Bruce & Patti Tarr - June 29, 2022 at 09:26 AM



“ 26 files added to the album Life Tributes



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - June 29, 2022 at 09:10 AM

BB

“ Bill, Nancie And Bryan lit a candle in memory of David Mandrell Gannon



Bill, Nancie and Bryan - June 29, 2022 at 07:39 AM

NH

“ Nancie Hall lit a candle in memory of David Mandrell Gannon



nancie hall - June 29, 2022 at 07:30 AM

NH

Sue, my dearest friend, I am so sorry. I was there the night you decided that tall dark handsome fellow was your forever. You both have experienced wonderful adventures and raised three beautiful daughters. The memories and love you and Dave shared all those wonderful years will help you during those down moments. God Bless you and your family. Nancie "Lewis" Hall

nancie hall - June 29, 2022 at 07:38 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of David Mandrell Gannon.



June 28, 2022 at 09:16 PM

JP

“ our sincere sympathy to Sue and family from the CHS class of 1965. He will be greatly missed by all of us.

Joan J Pinder - June 28, 2022 at 08:21 PM

DF

“ *Dan & Joanne Drummer and Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of David Mandrell Gannon.*



Dan & Joanne Drummer and Family - June 28, 2022 at 07:40 PM

CJ

“ *Claudia Jewell lit a candle in memory of David Mandrell Gannon*



Claudia Jewell - June 28, 2022 at 07:33 PM

DD

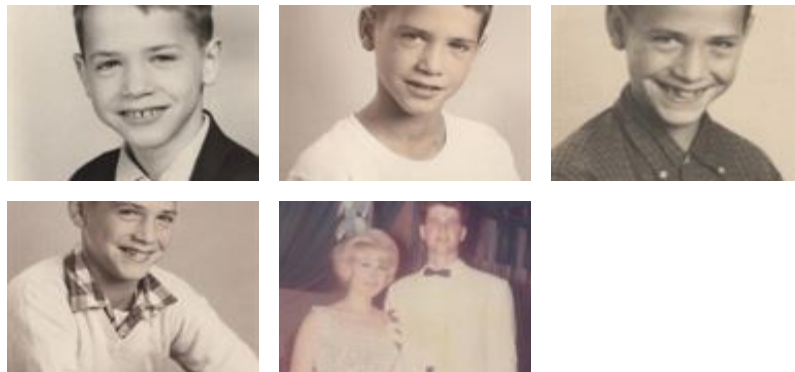
“ *Dan Drummer lit a candle in memory of David Mandrell Gannon*



Dan Drummer - June 28, 2022 at 07:22 PM



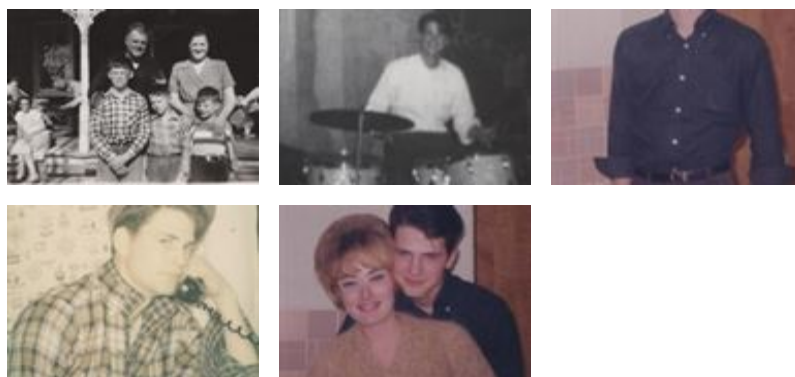
“ 51 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - June 28, 2022 at 04:59 PM



“ 22 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - June 28, 2022 at 02:59 PM



“ *Robyn Gannon lit a candle in memory of David Mandrell Gannon*



Robyn Gannon - June 28, 2022 at 01:43 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of David Mandrell Gannon.



June 28, 2022 at 10:55 AM



“ Bob & Sheila Willis sent a virtual gift in memory of David Mandrell Gannon



Bob & Sheila Willis - June 28, 2022 at 08:51 AM



“ Nancy Connolly lit a candle in memory of David Mandrell Gannon



Nancy Connolly - June 28, 2022 at 08:13 AM



“ Billy, JoAnn, & Kristy lit a candle in memory of our dear friend David Mandrell Gannon.



j vorwald - June 27, 2022 at 09:23 PM

CM

“ Cynthia Drummer Mason lit a candle in memory of David Mandrell Gannon



Cynthia Drummer Mason - June 27, 2022 at 08:32 PM

GS

“ Gary And Sylvia lit a candle in memory of David Mandrell Gannon



Gary and Sylvia - June 27, 2022 at 07:48 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of David Mandrell Gannon.



June 27, 2022 at 07:32 PM

SO

“ Sara Ans Paul O'Neil lit a candle in memory of David Mandrell Gannon



Sara ans Paul O'Neil - June 27, 2022 at 06:10 PM

SO

Dave was a wonderful friend and neighbor. He was loved and our hearts are broken. Prayers lifted for his wife Sue and extended to his entire family.

Sara ans Paul O'Neil - June 27, 2022 at 06:14 PM

DZ

Dear Sue and the whole Gannon family we are sending our thoughts; prayers and love to you for the passing of Cousin David. He was truly a kind and caring human being.

Mary Beth Triplett, Joanne Roland and Dottie ZurNedden (Calary Family)

dorothy zurnedden - June 30, 2022 at 11:36 AM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of David Mandrell Gannon.*



June 27, 2022 at 06:09 PM

KP

“ *Our hearts ache for Mrs. Gannon and the rest of the family. He was a kind man and we were happy to have him as a neighbor. I will miss waving to him as he walks to his mailbox or cuts his grass. He always had something interesting to talk about. May he rest in peace.*

Kim & Greg Price

Kim & Greg Price - June 27, 2022 at 05:51 PM

GP

“ Greg Price lit a candle in memory of David Mandrell Gannon



Greg price - June 27, 2022 at 05:46 PM

KA

“ Kristen Alvis purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of David Mandrell Gannon.



Kristen Alvis - June 27, 2022 at 05:26 PM

ED

“ Eric & Ruth Drummer purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of David Mandrell Gannon.



Eric & Ruth Drummer - June 27, 2022 at 04:26 PM