

*Reception to Follow*  
*Please join us in celebrating Dan's life*

*Elks Lodge*  
*229 West 20th Avenue*  
*San Mateo, California*



*"I thought of you today, but that is nothing new.  
I thought about you yesterday and days before that too.  
I think of you in silence, I often speak your name.  
All I have are memories and your picture in a frame.  
Your memory is a keepsake from which I'll never part.  
God has you in His arms, I have you in my heart."*



*In Loving Memory*



*Daniel Duane Eckert*

*August 21, 1956 ~ July 25, 2024*

*Daniel Duane Eckert, affectionately known as "Danny, Dan-O, Big D, and Pop Pop"; to his friends and family, passed away peacefully on July 25, 2024, in his hometown of San Mateo, California after a valiant fight with cancer. Born on August 21, 1956, to Nancy Eckert and Duane Eckert, Danny was known for his quick wit and his love for the outdoors, sports and family.*

*Danny was a proud, fourth generation San Matean whose early years were spent in the shadow of Emerald Bay at Lake Tahoe with the company of his siblings, Lori, Tom and David. Danny's love of Lake Tahoe would last a lifetime. Danny attended St. Matthews Catholic School, as was the family tradition started in the mid 1930's by his mom and continuing with his own children. He graduated from Junipero Serra High School in 1974. In 1983, Danny married his high school sweetheart, Lisa Thomas. Together they created a family, whom he loved with every fiber of his being.*

*Danny loved anything to do with his cherished teams- the Giants, Warriors and Forty Niners. He pursued his passion for football by announcing and scorekeeping for the College of San Mateo (CSM) Football team. Danny was also a member of two CSM Adaptive PE classes for more than 15 years. He was beloved by his peers at CSM for his gregarious, inclusive nature and was appreciated by those he came in contact with.*

*Danny was dealt a very challenging hand early in life. He handled his multiple sclerosis, stroke, and cancer with remarkable strength and courage. Despite his struggles, Lisa's undying devotion and his girls' strength helped him through his disease. His wit and humor kept him and those around him laughing and in good spirits throughout his life. Danny's enduring, positive attitude will be remembered by all.*

*Danny's memory is honored and kept alive by his loving hero of a wife, Lisa, his children, Danielle (Nathan) Ripaldi and Hailey (Michael) Carter, his grandchildren Jackson Carter, Rhys Ripaldi, and one granddaughter on the way, his sister Lori (Frank Johnson) Eckert, brother Tom (Lindee) Eckert, brother David Eckert, nephews Glen and Travis Eckert, niece Marlo Eckert, grand-nephews and nieces, cousins, classmates, colleagues, neighbors, his devoted friends including Scott Kelly, and his beloved dog Sparky. Danny was loved deeply by all he touched.*

## ***Memorial Service***

10:00 a.m.

Friday ~ August 30, 2024

*Sneider & Sullivan & O'Connell's Funeral Home  
977 South El Camino Real  
San Mateo, California*

### ***Celebrant***

*Fr. Stephen Idoko*



### ***Order of Service***

***First Reading - Wisdom 3: 1-6, 9  
Hailey Carter & Danielle Ripaldi***

### ***Responsorial Psalm***

*"The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want."*

***Second Reading - John 14: 1-6  
Susan Cozad***

### ***Gospel & Homily***

*Fr. Stephen Idoko*

### ***Prayers of the Faithful***

***Response: "Lord hear our prayer"  
Randy Cozad***

### ***Word of Remembrances***

*Lindee & Lori Eckert*