



Daniel Edward Smolenski

August 5, 2022

Daniel Edward Smolenski, 65, of Middletown, Rhode Island, passed away on August 5, 2022 surrounded by loved ones.

Daniel was born to Walter and Leila Smolenski on April 14, 1957, in New London, Connecticut. After he graduated from Robert E. Fitch Senior High School (Groton, CT), he went on to get his bachelors in Electrical Engineering and a Masters degree in Control/Communication Theories from the University of Connecticut. Daniel served in the Air Force for 4 years, and finished his career by working 41 years at the Naval Underwater Warfare Center (NUWC) in Newport, RI.

Daniel always impressed others with his quick wit, charming smile, contagious laugh, and empathetic heart. He was the life of every party, fully enjoyed every day of his life, and never took anything for granted. Daniel was known for his passion for golf, love of the Green Bay Packers, work ethic, and charming personality. He cherished his friendships and loved referring to his best friends as his “brothers-from-another-mother”.

Daniel married his second wife Gemma Smolenski last September, and is survived by her. He is also survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Matthew and Ashley Smolenski, his daughter Kellie Smolenski; his step-daughter Stephanie and Dustin Penno, their three children: Dustin, Donovan, and Darren

Peno; his five brothers (David, Walter & Kathy, Steven & Denise, John, and Mark & Lisa Smolenski); as well as an aunt and uncle, his first wife, and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. Daniel was predeceased by his parents Walter and Leila Smolenski and his daughter Amy Smolenski.

A Celebration of Life is to be scheduled for a future date.

His family would like to thank the hard working teams at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute for the treatment he received over the last few years.

Donations in his memory can be made to Golf Fights Cancer organization (<https://golffightscancer.org/>) or to Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, (<https://www.dana-farber.org/how-you-can-help/ways-to-give/>).

Tribute Wall

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“ I'll always remember Dan's 1gregacious "hello" whenever our paths crossed in the hallway. He always had an upbeat smile and a made you feel good when in his presence. He will be dearly missed.
- Deepest Sympathies to the Smolenski family.

Ron Vien - August 17, 2022 at 06:01 PM

CB

“ thanks for the little time that we share with you, your teachings and wisdom, rest in peace my friend . Carlos Brown

Carlos Brown - August 17, 2022 at 10:07 AM

QD

“ We will miss you uncle dan. Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity. Thank you for loving our mommy gem. We love you.
Rest in eternal peace ❤️



Queenie Decena - August 16, 2022 at 06:12 AM

JS

“ My top 5 in no particular order: Visiting the hospital the day Matt was born; jumping in the Atlantic Ocean on New Years Day 2000; watching the Giants vs Packers at Yale Bowl; cruising to Nova Scotia with Dad and Gram; witnessing his hole in one at Norwich golf course. Love you Dan

John Smolenski - August 15, 2022 at 09:01 PM

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“ CherylKnowles lit a candle in memory of Daniel Edward Smolenski



CherylKnowles - August 14, 2022 at 08:42 PM

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Dan was a great person and will be missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him ❤️

Cheryl Knowles - August 14, 2022 at 08:44 PM