



## Danielle Margaret French

November 22, 1949 - March 29, 2020

Of Springfield, VA, died on March 29, 2020 at the age of 70. She was born in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, the daughter of the late Harold N. and Cecily T. ("Terry") French. Ms. French was also preceded in death by her sister, Deborah L. French. She is survived by her brother, H. J. Duane French (wife, Frances French) of Oak Harbor, Alaska as well as a large, extended family which originates in Trepassey, New Foundland, and has spread throughout parts of Canada and into parts of Maine and Texas.

Throughout her career, Danielle was active in the Banking and Housing Finance Services Industries. Following a period of service at Fidelity Savings and Loan in Jacksonville, Florida, Danielle moved to Washington DC where she began a 30 year career of service to the American Bankers Association and its predecessor organizations. These included America's Community Bankers, (formerly known as Savings and Community Bankers of America) and the U.S. League of Savings Institutions. She retired from the American Bankers Association as Vice President for State Relations, and was recognized throughout the industry for her knowledge of the industry and passionate dedication to member service.

An Art History graduate of Mercer College, Danielle never lost her interest in all things art and served for a time as a volunteer Docent at the Corcoran Art Gallery in Washington DC. She was an intrepid traveler and had been known to enjoy an occasional fly-fishing outing. Above all, Danielle was genuinely devoted to her family, friends, colleagues and her beloved puppies.

Interment will be private and will take place in Jacksonville, FL on a date to be determined. Communications of condolence may be left on this website. Remembrances may be made in the form of contributions to the American Cancer Society (<http://www.donate3.cancer.org>), the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research (<http://www.michaeljfox.org>) or to your local animal shelter.

# Comments

---



“ My sincerest condolences to Duane, Fran and all of Danielle's family members, colleagues and friends who are spread so far and wide over the North American continent. I know her passing will leave a huge hole in your lives as it will in mine. I'm just blessed to have enjoyed my association with her as a colleague, friend, and travel buddy for the past 35 years.

**Mary Mason** - April 30, 2020 at 11:32 AM



“ Thank-you Mary, Danielle had two families, her family and then all her friends, they were like family to her as she lived so far away from her family. She will be missed, it is still hard to believe, such a shocking surprise to all, her sudden passing. May Danielle Rest In Peace, she was fortunate to have good friends like you!

**Dawn Le Feuvre** - May 01, 2020 at 03:39 AM

---



“ Danielle and I have known each other since 1992 when we met while working for the same organization. She was the longer tenured expert and I was the nearly new kid on the block. I think it is safe to say that early on, I peppered her with questions. Thankfully, she always cheerfully supplied the answers and was quick to lend a helping hand until I caught up. The co-worker relationship matured and then morphed into a friendship that continued into retirement. Outside of work, both of us loved gardening and we would exchange samples of our favorite iris plants. As I write this, the buds on her yellow iris are about to open into sunshine-colored trumpets. When I think of Danielle, the first thing I see is her fabulous smile and the first thing I hear is an infectious laugh. I will miss both but... yellow iris and good memories will always be there. Safe travels, Danielle!

**Debra Holland** - April 27, 2020 at 10:05 PM

---



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



**Laura Paul** - April 26, 2020 at 04:40 PM



“ Photo of Danielle at one of our many courtyard gatherings.

**Laura Paul** - April 26, 2020 at 05:10 PM

---



“ We were saddened to hear of our niece Danielle French's passing. Our condolence to Duane & Family. < Cyril & Kathleen Ryan >

**Cyril & Kathleen Ryan** - April 17, 2020 at 08:10 AM

---



“ My fondest memories of Danielle are of her experiencing the joys of life - gardening, good food, friends (2 and 4-legged), and travel! She had great stories of all of them. Those memories will remain in my heart forever.

**Monique Derfuss** - April 16, 2020 at 04:27 PM

---



“ 3 files added to the album Memories Album



**Dennis** - April 16, 2020 at 03:42 PM

---



“ I'll miss our balcony chats, exchanges of recipes and meals, and our beautiful flower boxes! Thanks for being a good friend and neighbor. Homestead Gardens, Fairlington Pizza, Clydes, courtyard parties--all wonderful memories. And of course, the bathroom remodeling, walking the dogs, and the Board meetings. Will miss you, Dennis

Dennis - April 16, 2020 at 03:06 PM

---



“ Danielle made my years at SCBA and ACB all the more pleasant because of her ever-positive attitude and joyful presence. She was a true professional and always the first to jump in and help in anyone's time of need. She will be missed and remembered.

Shannon Savage - April 16, 2020 at 02:17 PM

---



“ Danielle French was a doer. In our neighborhood, The Arlington, she served on the condo board and on the landscape committee. When she turned 50 and was asked what kind of celebration she wanted, she asked for a courtyard planting party. Of course, many neighbors got involved. Danielle knew everyone. After retirement, when she started taking Encore Learning classes, she volunteered as class aide. In retirement, she also got involved with Arlington 55+, taking trips and classes. She attended concerts at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church and participated in Senior Masses. When she moved from The Arlington to Greenspring, we had two sendoffs for her, a restaurant brunch and a courtyard picnic, so that all her friends could be involved. At Greenspring, she reported getting involved in a few committees, as well as a Parkinson's Support Group. Worsening Parkinson's and arthritis had slowed her, but she still had dreams of one more river cruise. She will be missed.

Laura Paul - April 16, 2020 at 09:41 AM

---



“ Dani was a dear friend and class member of the Terry Parker Class of 1967 in Jacksonville, FL. She will be missed by all of us who new and loved her. We are so glad we were able to celebrate our 50th Class Reunion with Dani!



**carolyn edwards** - April 16, 2020 at 08:47 AM

---



“ I was blessed to become part of Danielle's work "family" many years ago, and she was a key ingredient that made it a family rather than just a place to work. We worked hard, had fun, and shared friends and memories never to be lost. I'll miss her, knowing she was one of the better among us.

**Bob Davis** - April 15, 2020 at 07:55 PM

---



“ I worked with Danielle at America's Community Bankers and then at American Bankers Association. She was a dear sweet person with a true caring for our members and her colleagues. We were truly lucky to have had her in our lives. Peace be with her now and with her family and friends.

**Gloria Becker** - April 15, 2020 at 05:44 PM

---



“ I attended Terry Parker with Dani. I always admired her kindness and intelligence. Her smile lit up a room. It was good to reconnect at our 50th TPHS reunion. Praying fond memories strengthen her family and close friends.

**Debbie Sellers Fugate** - April 15, 2020 at 04:03 PM

---



“ Dani was a great friend in high school! It was such a great thing to have her attend our 50th reunion! I, fortunately, got to spend a lot of quality and fun time with her there! She will be greatly missed! We all loved her!

**Martha Middleton** - April 15, 2020 at 02:27 PM



“ She will be missed I won't forget her. See you on the other side my friend

**Michael Gimbel** - April 15, 2020 at 03:49 PM

---



“ Danielle was a lovely woman with a heart of gold and an infectious smile. We always looked forward to her visits to Newfoundland and in later years, my sister Dawn and I were able to visit with Danielle while visiting Washington, DC. She will be missed by all her family and friends. I wish there was more time. RIP Danielle. Condolences to you Duane.

**Nadine Ryan** - April 14, 2020 at 11:40 PM

---



“ My deepest sympathies to Danielle's family. I worked with Danielle at ABA for nearly 20 years. I considered her my "mom-away-from-mom" and always valued her opinion. Not only did she look like my mom, she had the same personality, outlook on life, and even had the same penmanship! When my mom (who was visiting from Mass.) and Danielle finally had the opportunity to meet over lunch, they hit it off so well that it was like they had known each other for years. And when my mom and I went on vacation to the Italian, Austrian and Swiss Alps, we were in constant contact with her throughout the trip. I will always treasure my memories of her and all she taught me. She was a beautiful person with a huge heart, love for life, her puppies and her puffins. I have attached a few photos of her with some of her longtime ABA friends at a coworker's retirement celebration.

Karen Call



**Karen Call** - April 14, 2020 at 05:50 PM

---



“ We were saddened by the sudden news of your passing, praying that you didn't suffer. Even though distance was far we still managed to stay in touch, with an occasional visits, numerous phone calls. Our thoughts are with other family, especially Duane and his wife Frances, and your large circle of friends, we will keep all our lovely memories of you close to our hearts. May you Rest In Peace Danielle, I am happy that you will be laid to rest with Aunt Theresa, Uncle Harold and cousin Debbie!

I have posted a few pictures of Danielle's last trip home to Newfoundland and a picture of my sister and I with Danielle on a visit to Washington, DC

The Le Feuvre's

Greg, Cousin Dawn, Kathleen, Kennedie and Ryan



**Dawn Le Feuvre** - April 14, 2020 at 04:15 PM

---



“ I will always remember your warm smile and your contagious personality  
Your parents were like my second parents they were always so good to me  
May you RIP my sweet dear cousin Danielle  
Love your cousin Terri Pennell Myers  
Longview Texas

**Terri Pennell Myers** - April 14, 2020 at 04:02 PM

---



“ Was a neighbor of Danielle in Arlington . Always ready for a “beach party “ at our condominium quad . Danielle was a kind hearted warm person and I enjoyed getting together with her at various functions . Will miss her . So sorry we weren't able to celebrate her 70th due to the coronavirus pandemic. Carl

**carl burke** - April 14, 2020 at 03:04 PM



“ Danielle, Dani as I referred to her Was looking forward to retiring and living next door to us in Maine she had purchased a piece of land from me 15 years ago. When she got old and tired I could tend on her as she tended on me when I was a wee lad and she was my babysitter when she come home to Newfoundland. She loved her trips to Newfoundland . Rest in peace . Her visits were always a big deal. She surely was loved. My condolences to Dwyane and his wife.

**terry ryan** - April 14, 2020 at 04:11 PM



“ To Duane and family, and all her friends, Dani spent many visits to my parents Cyril and Kathleen's home in Newfoundland. We always had a special bond as her mom Aunt Theresa was my Aunt and godmother. We always stayed in touch , even if it was just a Christmas card..I will never forget onetime UPS came to my door with a beautiful painting that Aunt Theresa left for me. Danielle made sure her mom's wishes were granted. I have that piece of Art hanging in my dining room in Edmonton, Alberta. Our deepest Condolences sent to you Duane, Frances, and family and to all her close friends that were like family ,may Danielle rest in Peace.

Your first cousin,

Jill Ryan Luther, Craig and Family

**Jill Ryan Luther** - April 14, 2020 at 06:06 PM



“ I remember so many good things about Dani. When I had my second child in Corpus Christi Texas, Dani Was 14 And actually traveled to Corpus Christi Texas to help Me.She Debbie and Dwayne we're very special. My husband was transferred to Jacksonville Florida And it was so wonderful to be around family. We lived there for four years and visited each other often. When she was in high school she would come over and stay with me and I taught her how to sew. my children and I helped her several times to go to Newfoundland because she didn't want to travel alone and we enjoyed every minute of it. She will be missed I am so pleased she will be buried with the rest of her family. Condolences to Duane, Francis and family. From her aunt Mary, David ,Dale and Donna Kuck

**mary** - April 14, 2020 at 09:38 PM