



## Daniel Joseph Callison

November 22, 1981 - November 27, 2023

Daniel Joseph Callison passed away on November 27th, 2023 with his mother and daughter by his side. Dan was born November 22, 1981. Son of Madeline Day and Kelly Callison, and brother to Bryan Callison. Dan was a happy and playful young boy. During his early years he moved around the country with his family as part of his father's Coast Guard postings. Despite attending different schools, he would easily make friends and build new relationships. He was always passionate about bringing people together and helping friends in any way he could.

Dan attended Holy Spirit School and Bishop O'Connell Catholic High School where he met Erick Bautista who would become one of his closest friends, the best man at his wedding, and Godfather of his daughter.

After high school, Dan attended NoVa Community College where he befriended many of the members of the Hispanic Student Union. Through the relationships he created there, he found a group of friends that would continue to be a part of his life, from attending wedding celebrations, kids' birthday parties, and regular weekend gatherings.

It's during this time that he met his wife, Laura, moved to Stafford, Virginia and had their child Eliana. While in Stafford his welcoming nature attracted yet another group of friends in the Woodstream community, and he eventually

became a part of the HOA board.

He regularly DJ'd parties for friends and did several public events in the community, being able to express his deep love of music. For Dan, the music was also a way to connect with the world around him. He saw himself and the life he lived in lyrics. As his daughter grew up, he shared his love of music with her—taking guitar lessons together, collaborating on playlists and even attending concerts together.

Dan was also passionate about sports. On any day of the week, you could find him reading about his favorite sports teams, playing fantasy football, or sharing a TV with a group of friends as they cheered, ate and drank together. He shared this love of sports with his daughter Eliana, inspiring her to play on multiple teams, Dan coached her Braddock Road Youth Club soccer team for multiple years.

Family and friends were the heart and soul of Dan's nature. He cherished the bonds of friendship and loved nothing more than creating lasting memories with loved ones. His outgoing nature brought people together, fostering a sense of joy, unity, and a shared love for life.

Dan had a heart filled with love and kindness. He had a natural ability to uplift others, offering support, and a shoulder to lean on during challenging times. His spirit was accompanied by a genuine warmth that touched the lives of many.

As we bid farewell to our beloved Dan, let us remember the joy and laughter he brought into our lives.

A celebration of Dan's life will be held on December 10, 2023 at Jefferson Funeral Chapel in Kingstowne, Virginia from 3-7pm. Mass at Holy Spirit

Catholic Church to follow on Monday December 11, 2023 at 11am.

Dan's daughter cared deeply about his health and she would like to raise awareness about an area of public health that is important to her, the risks of smoking and tobacco consumption especially among her peers. In lieu of flowers you may make a donation on his honor to "The Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids"

<https://www.tobaccofreekids.org/get-involved/ways-to-give?form=EOY>

# Previous Events

## Viewing

DEC **10**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Jefferson Funeral Chapel  
5755 Castlewellan Dr  
Alexandria, VA 22315-5516  
(703) 971-7400

## Funeral Mass

DEC **11**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Holy Spirit Catholic Church  
5121 Woodland Way  
Annandale, VA 22003

# Tribute Wall

DB

“ I have many fond memories of Dan. I spent a lot of time with his brother Bryan and Dan was always the cool older brother, the one with the Will Smith CD, new car, even letting us ride his motorcycle. It was always fun hanging out with my older cousins Dan and Eileen when I lived in DC. Dan was generous with giving rides, none moreso than when he was in town for the Day Christmas party and woke at 4am to drive my very nervous parents on their first international trip for my brothers wedding in the Dominican Republic. Always was eager to talk about sports too.

He had a distinctive chuckle/laugh that he constantly let out and I can still hear now. I pray he is sharing that same laugh with family and strangers alike in heaven.

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**Dave Baran** - December 10, 2023 at 01:20 PM

TO

“ I will always remember Dan as my cool, older cousin.

He would invite me to throw the football around whenever we visited Madeline and family in Virginia.

One time, Dan asked me if I wanted to go for a ride in his car. I said sure. Only to discover it was a convertible! He drove fast with the top down and it felt so exhilarating as a kid to have the cool breeze throttling at my face.

Better yet, on the way home, he stopped at McDonald's and got me a Big Mac. What a cool cousin!

God bless Dan. I'll always remember those fun memories and how he made me feel - cool. 😎

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**Tom** - December 10, 2023 at 01:12 PM

VC

“ Danny boy, we used to call you Danny boy. We played basketball with the girls and also remember we had fun playing guitar here. Playing Monopoly and Risk! We had special rules for those games. You will be missed Danny Boy. Thank you for all the memories. We will keep them close to our heart. We promise to always love and support your “little monkey” Eliana.  
Aldo and Virginia

Virginia De Castro - December 09, 2023 at 07:17 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Daniel Joseph Callison.



December 09, 2023 at 04:44 PM

AV

“ Aldo and Virginia. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Daniel Joseph Callison.

Aldo and Virginia. - December 09, 2023 at 12:50 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Daniel Joseph Callison.



December 09, 2023 at 12:50 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Daniel Joseph Callison.*



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December 07, 2023 at 04:35 PM



“ *Dan gave me a countless number of rides to the metro, to the airport, back from the metro, back from the airport throughout the years that I lived in DC, when I was visiting the city, and when I was visiting Madeline. On one of those rides, we started talking about politics, quickly to discover we were on opposite sides of the spectrum. However, it was a really refreshing conversation where we both listened to each other rather than talking over each other. Neither of us left convinced by the other's arguments, but it was really nice. The car ride ended with Dan playing some country music and singing. I had never heard him sing before, and he had an amazing voice!!*

*His loss is tragic. Praying for him and for the entire family.*

*Lots of love, Sarah*

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**Sarah** - December 05, 2023 at 01:12 AM

DB

“ Dan was a fun cousin and a good guy. We always had a nice time visiting him, Madeline and Bryan during visits from Cleveland. He was easy-going, fun-natured, and had a good heart.

*I remember during one of our visits his dog (or was it Madeline's?) ripped apart my favorite football while we were outside on the trampoline. Dan, seeing how upset it made me for whatever reason, showed up the next morning with a brand new (better!) football for me.*

*During another visit he let me (10 years old at the time maybe?) ride his brand new motorcycle around the block with one of my older brothers behind me. That spoke to his fun-natured personality and easy-goingness. After my short ride, I pulled back into the driveway with no idea how to park or put up the kick stand of this giant bike that felt like it weighed five times more than me. So, sure enough, it just kind of toppled and fell onto the driveway - surely getting scraped and dinged up from the fall. Dan, rather than get mad or be worried about his new bike, just looked at us and laughed. That spoke to his good heart.*

*Gone tragically way too soon and to be missed by all who knew him - God Bless you Dan.*

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**Dan Baran** - December 04, 2023 at 05:27 AM

AM

“ *I can't believe you're gone so soon. I know the last couple of years we hadn't talked but never thought that the last time we spoke would be the last time. Rest easy Dan.*

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**Anthony McClees** - December 02, 2023 at 08:55 PM