



## Dan Eldredge

July 28, 1962 - July 10, 2020

Retired Captain Daniel Everett Eldredge, United State Navy, of Alexandria, Virginia, passed away on Friday, July 10, 2020.

He is survived by his loving parents; Robert and Kathleen Eldredge, beloved wife; Ginette Alomar Eldredge, cherished sister; Maureen Elizabeth Eldredge (Miles Brooks), and adoring brother; Michael James Eldredge (Wendy Blizzard Eldredge). He also leaves many nieces, nephews and dear friends.

Dan was born in Chelsea, MA at a Naval Hospital on July 28, 1962. Growing up as the son of a US Army Lt. Colonel, Dan lived in Alabama, Puerto Rico, and Germany until the family was stationed back in the US in his hometown of Ayer, MA. He graduated from Ayer High School in 1980. He was awarded an appointment to the United States Naval Academy, Class of '84, in Annapolis, MD. After USNA commissioning week in 1984 he completed nuclear propulsion training and submarine training before reporting to the USS Casimir Pulaski, SSBN 633 (Blue). In May 1989 he left active duty to attend Tulane Law School in New Orleans, Louisiana. He graduated cum laude in 1992. In 1994 Dan graduated with honors from Naval Justice School and reported to Naval Legal Service Office, Northwest, Whidbey Island Detachment where he served as defense counsel and legal assistance officer. During his Naval career as a JAG (Judge Advocate General's Corp) he completed tours in New Orleans, Norfolk, Puerto Rico, Washington State,

Oregon (where he graduated cum laude from Lewis & Clark Law School in 2005 with an LL.M. in Environmental and Natural Resources Law), California, Hawai'i and DC at the Washington Navy Yard. After 27 years in the Navy he retired and became the Admiralty Counsel for the Navy's Supervisor of Salvage and Diving since 2016. In that same year, he earned an M.A. in Defense and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College.

In May, he and Ginette celebrated 18 wonderful years of marriage. Dan lived life to its fullest. He was an avid runner, cyclist, rower, chess player, voracious reader and overall sportsman. At the time of his passing, he lived in Alexandria with his wife and their golden retriever Niebla. He will be forever missed. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to any of these charities close to Dan's heart: American Cancer Society, Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, Mass General Fund, Naval Academy Alumni Association Greater Washington Chapter.

A visitation was held at Jefferson Funeral Chapel, 5755 Castlewellan Dr. Alexandria, VA 22315, on Friday, July 17, 2020 from 2-4 & 6-8PM.

A funeral service will be held at Arlington National Cemetery on Wednesday, February 2, 2021 at 9AM.

To view the service remotely please see the following link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=errNpdtwPrA>

# Cemetery Details

## Arlington National Cemetery

1 Memorial Drive  
Arlington, VA 22211

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 17. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Jefferson Funeral Chapel  
5755 Castlewellan Drive  
Alexandria, VA 22315  
(703) 971-7400  
[info@jeffersonfuneralchapel.com](mailto:info@jeffersonfuneralchapel.com)  
<https://www.jeffersonfuneralchapel.com>

## Visitation

JUL 17. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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## Graveside

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FEB 2. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Arlington National Cemetery  
1 Memorial Drive  
Arlington, VA 22211

# Tribute Wall



“ Jefferson Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Dan Eldredge



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Jefferson Funeral Chapel - December 22, 2021 at 03:54 PM



“ Jefferson Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Dan Eldredge



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Jefferson Funeral Chapel - July 14, 2020 at 01:46 PM



“ Dan Eldredge

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October 27, 2022 at 09:45 PM

FT

“ *RIP shipmate Dan.*



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**Frank Titus** - December 29, 2021 at 10:29 AM

RC

“ *Dan was a wonderful person and highly trusted colleague. It is with a heavy heart to learn of his passing. He will be missed by so many, especially the members of the National Response Team. God bless you Dan and all your family and friends. I am so grateful to have had the experience.*

*Reggie Cheatham, Director  
USEPA, Office of Emergency Response  
Chair, National Response Team*

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**Reggie Cheatham** - August 23, 2020 at 12:59 PM

GI

*Thank ya for such kind words.*

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**Ginette** - August 23, 2020 at 09:34 PM

GI

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**Ginette** - August 23, 2020 at 09:34 PM

JB

“ I am crushed to learn of Dan’s passing. He was one of the most influential leaders in my development as an attorney and a naval officer. Dan gave me opportunities to attempt the difficult work and to sit in important meetings so that I could develop my confidence and abilities. Then, he would always help me repair what I broke... and usually make me laugh in the process.

One evening at the Eldredge home, my (then) six-year-old son inquired about Dan’s chess board. Dan asked him if he would like to play and then engaged in a full match. Dan played my son closely but allowed him to win. After we left, my son said, “I had a lot of fun, but CDR Eldredge sure is not very good at chess.” My wife replied, “but wasn’t it kind of him to take the time to play with you?”

Contrary to what my son thought at that moment, Dan was one of the most intelligent people I knew. For morale purposes during one combined exercise at Second Fleet, Dan started writing chapters of a story he set in the exercise scenario. He incorporated members of our exercise legal team as characters. On day three, he emailed out the third chapter to the legal team. It was two pages in length and full of precise diction and vivid imagery. I went to his office to inquire (respectfully) how he had time to spend (what I perceived was likely the entire morning) writing a story. It would have easily taken me a full workday to write something even close to it. I asked him how long it took him to write such a masterpiece (with the intent of implying it might be more helpful if he would support our work efforts instead). Dan’s answer: 25 minutes.

As he did playing chess with my son, Dan gave his time generously. In January, I was TAD in Washington, D.C. for a few days and asked if he would meet me for dinner. Despite having lived apart for eight years, Dan agreed without hesitation. He and Ginette met me at their favorite restaurant in Alexandria for a very lively and fun evening. I am blessed and so thankful to have had such a wonderful final visit with my great mentor and friend.

**John Bartlett** - August 11, 2020 at 02:41 AM

GI

*Thanks for sharing these amazing memories. He was such a great storyteller and writer. He could made the simplest event a magical or fun story. If you still have a copy of what he wrote I would love to read it. I am so happy we were able to spend that evening together.*

**Ginette** - August 23, 2020 at 09:33 PM

BA

*“ I am so saddened with the passing of my dear friend. Dan and I met when he was the JAG at CNIC and I worked as a government employee. We had many sit down discussion on numerous events. Of course our true bond was we were both "Submariners". We discussed our times on the boats, to our jobs at CNIC and of course Dan's bicycle rides to and from work. He also always had M&Ms in his office for visitors like me :) our paths crossed again, when he retired and came to work at NAVSEA, where I was the Security Director. I jokingly said to him, I'm not sure I could agree to giving him a security clearance LoL. We continued our many discussions. I'm sure going to miss him. A great "Submariner" JAG Officer and true friend. Rest in peace my friend and until we meet again.*

**Bill Ashton** - July 30, 2020 at 07:16 PM

GI

*Thank you for sharing such wonderful words.*

**Ginette** - August 23, 2020 at 09:28 PM

DC

“ I went to nuke school and sub school with Dan and we both ended up on the USS Casimir Pulaski (SSBN 633) blue crew starting in January 1986. I got out of the Navy in September 1988 while Dan still had one more patrol left. We stayed in touch over the years. We had plans to get together in D.C. in April of this year and get caught up on everything when COVID wrecked our plans. That just really hurts me. Dan was a great friend - he always made me laugh so hard during all of those underwater days when there wasn't much to laugh about. He loved to imitate the Nav, Weps, XO, and CO and I would try to not laugh while we sat at the end of the wardroom table. What a truly great guy. I miss you Dan. Ginette - I wish I would have made it up there in April to finally meet you. My deepest condolences.



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**Damian Cook** - July 27, 2020 at 12:09 PM

GI

*Thank you Damian. He always was able to make me laugh even during the toughest days he faced until he passed. He is and always will be the love of my life.*

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**Ginette** - August 23, 2020 at 09:26 PM

BG

“ *Bob and Kathy and all of his family. I am so sorry for your loss, I did not know Dan personally, however, he must have been quite a good fellow from all the tributes. I am certain that you both were extremely proud of him, not just for all of his professional accomplishments, but for the great son, husband and Naval Jag Officer he was. Kathy, I am certain your father, my former high school history teacher, would have felt deep satisfaction for all Dan's degrees, especially with honors. May all your fond memories provide you all with comfort and solace in this time of sadness. Bobby Gardner, Ayer, Massachusetts*

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**Bobby Gardner** - July 26, 2020 at 09:22 AM

JG

“ When I reported as the newest Ensign aboard the Pulaski more than thirty years ago, Dan was the officer I aspired to be. He was two years my senior, sharp, wickedly funny, and most of all, an exemplary submariner.

While on my first patrol, Dan talked me into joining him and two other shipmates on a bike trip to Boston when we got back to port. Unfortunately, our trip was over almost before it started when a semi clobbered two of us on the way out of Charleston. Three days later, Dan picked me up from the hospital and took me to his beach house to recuperate. When the Navy, in its infinite wisdom, decided I was fit for sea the next patrol, Dan made sure I never went into the battery well or anyplace else my crumpled back wasn't ready for.

I was not surprised when Dan resigned his commission to go to law school. He had the wit for the law and he'd chafed at a lot of the petty bureaucracy and profoundly uninspiring officers we served under. When we caught up at Tulane a couple of years later, he stunned me by going into the JAG corps. He explained that it had never been the Navy he didn't like; he'd loved it at the Academy and admiralty law appealed to him. From what I gathered when we'd reconnect every few (too many) years, and from the comments I read below from those he's served with over the last three decades, he made the right choice.

When I went searching tonight, it was only on a whim to see if Dan was still in DC and to figure out if we could get together for a beer (COVID willing). I was shocked and saddened to find this instead.

My deepest condolences to you, Ginette, and to your and Dan's families on this sad occasion.

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Jon Guyer - July 24, 2020 at 12:00 AM

GI

*Jon, thanks for sharing. Your message reflects exactly who Dan always has been, a caring, witty, generous and driven. He told me about this experience when we were dating. His actions were exactly what defined him. He was my better half. My life. Like you I still can't believe he is gone. Next time you are in DC place don't hesitate to reach out to me.*

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**Ginette** - July 24, 2020 at 05:38 PM

JG

*Ginette, we actually live in DC and I kick myself for not seeing more of Dan while I still could. Let me know if there's anything we can do, or if you'd just like to get together to talk about what an exemplary man you married.*

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**Jon Guyer** - July 24, 2020 at 09:28 PM

GA

*Jon, I would love to meet to talk about Dan. We can Zoom or do a face to face following the covid protocols. My email is [ginettepr@gmail.com](mailto:ginettepr@gmail.com)*

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**Ginette Alomar-Eldredge** - July 26, 2020 at 05:33 PM

KS

“ With many tears rolling down my face as I write this...Ginette, my heart is with you and I know Dan loved you with all his heart and soul and that you were also his best friend. I met Dan as an awkward third year law student when he was getting his LLM. Nearly 20 years my senior, he quickly became a dear combination of friend and mentor, both of which I badly needed. Being Dan, of course he realized that and stepped up to be both. When we got back in touch in February after my daughter finished cancer treatment, he was there as friend and mentor again. Dan was bright, kind, supportive, a wonderful story teller, intuitive, and curious, a friend I was lucky to have and mentor I respected. I will always remember him in class, meeting my eye from across the room when the professor said something unintentionally funny or questionable and then hearing the comment that was running through his head. Sometimes I couldn't meet his eye at all because it would be too hard to keep from laughing if I did. I will always remember his kindness. Ginette, Dan, my love to you both.

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**Kara Sorbel** - July 22, 2020 at 05:54 PM

GI

*Thank you Kara for sharing...he was so witty and wonderful. He great mentor and friend to everyone who knew him.*

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**Ginette** - July 23, 2020 at 09:37 AM

CW

“ I had the privilege of Dan's friendship since 2016, when we both arrived at SUPSALV, me as the Undersea Medical Officer and Dan as the Admiralty Counsel. With a tear running down my face right now, I am heartbroken to hear the news. Dan and I spent countless hours chatting about current events, the OOC mission, a full range of medical topics, and occasionally, work. It's a natural alliance you know, the DOC and the JAG, serving as a counterbalance to the Line :) Dan was full of great medical questions, it was clearly a field that interested him. Ultimately, these turned to his own health and we both dove into the medical literature about his condition looking for answers and recommendations as he wrestled with big decisions and expert opinion. The positive attitude he maintained, the strength he displayed, the drive to beat this thing he demonstrated were inspiring. And when I left NOVA last August, I thought he had...

*Ginette, it was wonderful meeting you the few times that we did, and I feel privileged to have met Dan's family as well. I am so so sorry that Dan left us all way too soon.*

*Fair winds and following seas, Dan. Hooyah, Deep Sea. You are missed.*

V/R,  
Ted (Doc) Waters

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**CAPT Edward Waters** - July 18, 2020 at 06:53 PM

GI

*Thank you Doc. Specially for your support during his first cancer diagnose and following up as he recovered. These past few months at home while he worked he really enjoyed your conversations. Thanks for always checked on him.*

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**Ginette** - July 23, 2020 at 09:39 AM

PK

“ To a Gentle Giant & Extraordinary Person ,  
Sir, just as I told you the last time I saw you last year, you are one of the most amazing people I have met in my 18 year career. I admired your intelligence, kindness, charisma, and ability to connect with people. People are drawn to you and you're good energy. You & your wife we're two of the only people there with me in my absolute darkest hour of life many years ago. I was depressed, confused, and did not want to continue life. Your encouragement, leadership, guidance, and most importantly kindness helped me navigate out of that space. You were my Supervisor and didn't not have to invest that amount of time and energy to help me sort through my personal life...but you did. And for that I am forever grateful. Very Respectfully, Senior Chief Kelly



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**Patrice Kelly** - July 18, 2020 at 02:56 PM

GI

Patrice, thanks for such wonderful words. He was an amazing person, Naval officer and human being. He didn't think twice about being there for you. He was so proud of your accomplishments. We were happy to be there for you. ❤️

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**Ginette** - July 19, 2020 at 08:11 PM

MR

“ Dan was my boss at SECOND FLEET in Norfolk VA. He taught me a lot about leadership, mentorship, and about so many other things. The man was a living encyclopedia. We'd often go to lunch to break up the work day or go on ungodly long runs. I'd be lucky to get a few sentences in...he loved to talk, which was just fine because I was eager to hear what he had to say. Still, Dan was an exceptional listener too...always there to help in whatever way possible.

My last direct communication was in April 2020. He had read a comment I posted concerning an ongoing Navy JAGC Comprehensive Review, and he reached out to me offering his insight on the issue. Of course, his perspective on the topic at hand helped me further formulate my position. That's Dan—Brilliant, unselfish, and he just cared.

He made me better like so many others. They broke the mold with Dan.

Much love, respect, and admiration.

V/r CAPT Marc Rosen

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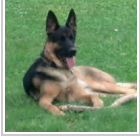
**Marc Rosen** - July 18, 2020 at 12:00 PM

GI

Thank you Marc ❤️

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**Ginette** - July 19, 2020 at 08:12 PM



“ Dan

*We will miss you! You were the first Neighbor to greet us when we moved in 5 years ago. And you helped our family settle in to our new community. You were kind, We shared beers (and tools), enjoyed awesome conversations and, of course, you fixed our bikes...a wonderful neighbor and friend.*

*Much love,*

*Mike, Alyssa, Sam & Hannah*



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**Michael LipaLip** - July 18, 2020 at 11:36 AM

JB

*Dan, a friend @ first meeting.*

*Kind & caring, loved Ginette, completely💜*

*Thankful to have known you.*

*Jan & Jim Burns*

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**Jan Burns** - July 18, 2020 at 12:20 PM

JP

“ *CAPT Eldredge was my CO at RLSO NDW and ever after he was my friend. He is the person I aspire to be and the world just isn't as bright without him in it. He always had a way of finding the positive and had an enormous impact on everyone whose lives he touched. He helped me through tough times and always made me laugh. Thank you Ginette for sharing him with the rest of us. My prayers are with you and the rest of your's and Dan's families.*

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**Justin Pilling** - July 18, 2020 at 10:58 AM



*Thanks Justin*

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**Ginette** - July 19, 2020 at 08:12 PM

“ I first got to know Dan when we taught environmental law together at the Air Force JAG school. The Air Force was trying to save money that year by cutting out the big lecture hall, so it was just Dan and me in a little closet of a TV studio, broadcasting to bases around the world. Decades before Zoom, we had lots of technical problems with the satellite feed dropping. I was getting frustrated and tight, until Dan used his trademark sense of humor and a little razzing to help me loosen up.

Dan made everything entertaining. Even years later, after we were close friends, he still could often get me going with some tall story. His straight-faced, deadpan delivery usually kept me from catching until it got ridiculous or I'd see a hint of that mischievous little "Dan smile." One time I was sure he was kidding but he wasn't, when he introduced me to an offbeat Alaskan fundraiser called "Moose Marble Madness." This involved us buying some wrapped up pieces of moose "marble," which were tossed from a helicopter with 2,000 others, and the person whose marble lands closest to a bullseye gets to designate the charity.

Dan was one of the smartest lawyers I ever met, and I would often consult him for advice on a gnarly legal problem, or how to deal with the Navy bureaucracy. He helped keep lots of admirals out of trouble. Some of those admirals attended his retirement party from uniformed service, and everyone spoke of how much he had helped them, too. I realized that we are all members of a club who have been helped, and touched, by Dan. It was here, too, that I was honored to meet wonderful, brave Ginette.

Dan had an incredible array of interests and a zest for life, as others have noted. One interest we shared was a love of cycling. Dan and I were both bike commuters (Dan, almost every day) and we would sometimes commute part way home together and share the news of the day. On a 50mi bike ride over rural Mt. Weather with Dan and a couple of his young Navy friends, I badly overdid it and got seriously ill. Dan stayed behind with me, gave me his salt tablets and fresh

*water, nursed me the last 15mi back to my van, then drove me home so I could get medical attention. Dan literally saved my life.*

*Ginette, thank you for sharing your Danny with us. I will miss him greatly.*

*Paul Atelsek*



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**Paul Atelsek** - July 18, 2020 at 09:31 AM

K'

“*Dan joined The Class of 1984 in Annapolis 40 years ago and worked, played and laughed along with us as we became Sailors and Marines. Beyond Commissioning and Retirement from Service, we remain Classmates and Shipmates forever.*

*God Bless You and your family, Ginette.*



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**Kevin Monahan USNA '84** - July 18, 2020 at 08:51 AM

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“*The world has lost one great human with the passing of Dan. He was always quick with a smile and kind words. Serving alongside him throughout our JAG careers was an honor. May his family find peace in knowing how many lives he made better by knowing him.*

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**Stephanie Smart, Captain, JAGCorps (Ret)** - July 17, 2020 at 11:20 PM

BA

“ I am deeply saddened by Dan's passing. He was smart, funny, and kind. He possessed too many superlative attributes to list here but reflect a life well-lived. The world was a far better place with him in it. His legacy will live on in all of us who were lucky enough to have known him. We worked together in the JAG Corps, and I will always remember him as a man of great character and empathy who would do anything to help a colleague and friend. My thoughts and prayers are with the Eldredge family. -- Brad Appleman

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**Brad Appleman** - July 17, 2020 at 09:53 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dan Eldredge.



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July 17, 2020 at 06:16 PM

CA

“ I will miss talking about bicycles while drinking coffee with Dan. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Ginette.

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**Colleen & Derek Allen** - July 17, 2020 at 04:57 PM

KS

“ I'm going to greatly miss Dan's wise counsel and wide ranging and amusing conversation at SUPSALV... A great human and professional. kemp Skudin

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**kemp skudin** - July 17, 2020 at 02:51 PM

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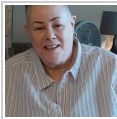
“ Danny was always so funny. Laughing all the time a big holster. ELROD was his nickname. He was our guide one because of his height. Man I will miss him. Thanks for great memories Dan

Mike Yu USNA 84 2nd company USMC - July 17, 2020 at 01:34 PM

KK

“ Danny has been a dear friend of mine and my family for many, many years. We shared so many great times together, stateside and overseas and I will miss him dearly. You were among the finest, smartest, most honest, funniest and greatest people I've known in my life Danny. I am heart broken that you are no longer physically with us but know that you will always be with us spiritually and in heart. We'll meet again my friend when it's my time to move on. Heaven has gained a true angel. To the entire Eldredge family, my sincere condolences. Life isn't always fair and Danny was taken far too soon, but take pride in the wonderful impact he had on so many people's lives. My blessings and my love.

Kevin Klinch - July 17, 2020 at 10:12 AM



I only met Dan a few times, but know his wife and mother in law. What a beautiful family.  
To the entire family, my condolences and prayers are with you all.

Donna Southers - July 17, 2020 at 07:01 PM

PW

Please accept our sincere condolences on the loss of your son Dan. We know his soul is with our God in Heaven...Phine and Don Wallace.

Phine and Don Wallace - July 18, 2020 at 09:19 PM

RJ

“ Dear Ginette and family,  
Thinking of you and wishing you moments of peace and solace during this sorrowful time. We are keeping all of you in our thoughts and prayers. And we share in your sadness as we remember the memories of first meeting you and Dan in Washington State in 2002.

Our sincere sympathy,

Robert & Patricia Johnson

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Robert & Patricia Johnson - July 17, 2020 at 12:52 AM

NH

“ I met Dan my first day of law school at Tulane. We worked on the Maritime Law Journal together and drove cross country to Seattle to our first jobs as newly minted law graduates. He (and these other two gentlemen) were my best friends in law school. My most cherished memories of this time included him. I fondly remember late night chess games, riding a tandem bicycle atop the levee from New Orleans to Baton Rouge and his frequent (but alas unsuccessful) efforts to turn me into a runner. He was unselfish with his time and supportive through all that transpires in law school. But, it is his infectious laugh and indomitable good humor that I will miss most. My condolences to Ginette, his family, friends and colleagues. He will long be loved and remembered by us all.



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Nicholas Hopkins - July 16, 2020 at 06:17 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dan Eldredge.*



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July 16, 2020 at 05:34 PM



“ *Ginette & the rest of Dan's family,*

*I am heartbroken with the news of Dan's passing. He was hand's down one of the smartest, most professional lawyers I know. In addition, his humor, his kindness, and his humility made him a titan in the environmental law community. I will miss him more than I can express. My thoughts and prayers go out to you.*

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**Jillian Morrison** - July 16, 2020 at 04:01 PM



“ *We met Dan and Ginette through their dog, Niebla! What luck for us that they found our business and as you can imagine they became not just clients but friends. Patrick and I have noticed over the years that dogs often take on the personalities of their owners. Niebla is the most adorable, confident, and happy dog we have met. We ache for Ginette as we did watching Dan get sick. I marveled at the love they had for one another and it kills us that they had to endure such pain, a pain that is everlasting for Ginette. You are forever in our hearts.*

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**Mary Kenkel** - July 15, 2020 at 11:30 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Dan Eldredge.*



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July 15, 2020 at 10:02 PM



“ *I just heard this sad news today from a mutual friend. I met Dan when he was at Tulane Law School and I had just moved to NOLA myself. We had the same group of friends and had many good times all together. He was such a gifted, ambitious and accomplished man with a wonderful sense of humor and everyone looked up to him. My deepest condolences to his wife, parents, siblings and everyone else who loved him. I am so very sorry that he is gone.*



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**Jeanette Andonian** - July 15, 2020 at 03:52 PM



“ *Dan's sister, Maureen, has been a part of the Hutchinson Black and Cook law firm family for many many years. We know how much Maureen loved Dan and we have all been touched by her devotion to him. Maureen has taught and continues to teach us about the importance of family and showing dedication to loved ones in particularly hard times. Our thoughts and love go out to Maureen and all those who are feeling the loss of Dan, as they also find space in that grief to celebrate his presence in their lives. (We have made a donation in Dan's honor to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and hope that others who are able can do the same). Chris Ford, on behalf of Hutchinson Black and Cook.*

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**Christopher Ford** - July 15, 2020 at 12:39 PM

DK

“ I write to echo Jerry's tribute. I too served with Dan at Whidbey Island. I agree that Dan was an excellent lawyer and officer. But what really separated Dan from the crowd was his passion for life. He had so many interests and an insatiable appetite to try new things. He was also remarkably upbeat and optimistic. Dan was generous and a great friend. I last visited with Dan in October along with our Whidbey Island shipmate Shannon Hamilton Kopplin. Dan described the ordeal he had been through but did it in a way that left me confident that he was on the mend. I was very surprised when I learned he had taken a turn for the worse. It is of course Dan's love of life that makes his untimely passing so sad. I pray that Dan's family can take some comfort from the fact that those who Dan touched loved him and will miss him. Dan was such a positive influence on all those around him. We will never forget you Dan.

*Thanks again Dan for the wonderful memories,*

*Your friend,  
Doug Kay*

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**Douglas Kay** - July 15, 2020 at 10:51 AM

JM

“ My sincerest condolences to your family. I met Dan when we served together in the Navy JAG Corps at Whidbey Island Naval Air Station NLSO, in Whidbey Island, Washington around 1994. We had a small, but very tight group there, and Dan was the primary motivating force behind it. Apart from our work together, he insisted that we get together frequently to socialize, most often around some outdoor event that he planned. I remember fondly many long runs together in the rain, always pushing us to go further. He loved spending time outdoors, exploring the area's incredible beauty. More than that, however, he loved spending time with people, sharing with and caring about them, and encouraging others to do the same. Dan was always positive and full of life, kindness, energy and curiosity. He also had the best laugh, which he used often to make fun of himself. Thank you for the wonderful memories, Dan. You were truly an officer and a gentleman. Fair winds and following seas, Shipmate. Jerry McMillen

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**Jerold McMillen** - July 15, 2020 at 07:09 AM

EL

“ Eileen Lightbody sent a virtual gift in memory of Dan Eldredge



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**Eileen Lightbody** - July 15, 2020 at 12:17 AM

EL

“ Dear Ginette and family, my deepest sympathies to you and the Eldredge family. I'm truly saddened to hear of the loss of your husband, a wonderful man, and the love of your life. May Dan now rest in peace and my prayers of comfort for the entire family as you mourn the loss of Dan.

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**Eileen Lightbody** - July 15, 2020 at 12:15 AM

KM

“ Dan is one of the nicest people I have ever met. He was a role model for the entire JAG Corps. I had the great fortune of meeting him while we were both stationed in San Diego. His enthusiasm for fitness and the great outdoors was contagious. I ran with his running group (which was open to any and everybody!) while training for two marathons – San Diego and Big Sur. Dan was a great reminder that it was not about winning – because few of us rarely did! Rather, it was about being out there and doing it. And that is what Dan did, to the fullest.

*Ginette and family, thank you for sharing him with us.*

*Love,  
Kim McCann*

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**Kim McCann** - July 14, 2020 at 11:48 PM

PA

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



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**Paul Atelsek** - July 14, 2020 at 03:19 PM

BS

“ I worked with Dan for years on the Marine Board, and his pure joy and enthusiasm for every activity, conversation, and moment that he experienced was unparalleled to anyone I have ever met. I am endlessly appreciative for Dan's example of true gratitude for life.  
-Brie Anne Schwartz

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**Brie Schwartz** - July 14, 2020 at 02:06 PM

SA

“ Such heartbreaking news to learn of Dan's passing. We know him because of Ginette, and were always happy to see him with her at different gatherings of the Department, at the GALA theatre, and even at my Homenaje in Lexington, Kentucky. He was such a charming and thoughtful person. Words cannot express how sorry we are that he no longer will be among us in person, but may his memory be a blessing.

SMC

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**Sandra** - July 14, 2020 at 12:13 PM

NS

“ I had the honor of taking Naval War College courses with CAPT Eldredge when he was Commanding Officer of RLSO NDW and I was assigned at OJAG Code 11 (Admiralty). He was such a kind and supportive person, and his humor brightened up the room. I was grateful for the mentorship he provided to me. He was also an outstanding Admiralty attorney, and had a great perspective on cases. I am deeply sorry for your loss.

Very respectfully,  
Nick Stampfli

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**Nick Stampfli** - July 14, 2020 at 12:06 PM

PL

“ *Ginette and family,*

*Heartbreaking news. Dan's mentorship from SECOND Fleet and Fleet Forces when I was a JO made a lasting impact. Thoroughly enjoyed working with and learning from him then as well as all the times we worked together during this past four years while Dan was at SUPSALV. I enjoyed his sense of humor, kindness, willingness to take an extra minute to help or explain something, and our mutual nuclear backgrounds - great icebreaker when we first met!*

*He is missed. I wish you, Dan's family, and your family the best. Keeping you all in my thoughts.*

*Very respectfully,  
Patrick Lahiff*

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**Patrick Lahiff** - July 14, 2020 at 11:56 AM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Dan Eldredge.*



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July 14, 2020 at 11:09 AM

EP

“ I met Dan in Puerto Rico in 2000, where he and my husband, Pat, worked together at COMUSNAVSO. Dan was a great friend and an integral part of our time together there. We taught him to play Ultimate Frisbee; in turn, he taught me the art of drinking beer in the ocean (the trick is to hold the beer carefully above the waves) near his house in Luquillo, and cooked us many amazing meals with cilantro and basil from his own little garden. Weekly frisbee games led to memorable on-field battles against the Seabees and, later, in an intramural league we put together that included both Navy and local players from San Juan. Dan was also our SCUBA sidekick, and we passed many weekend days with him, exploring local dive spots and diving off the back of our powerboat. I nicknamed him "Gadget Man," because he owned – and used – every SCUBA accessory in existence; when he was underwater, the dangling gadgets would float around his body like a cartoon cloud of tools. Puerto Rico was also where he met the love of his life, Ginette. Pat and I were privileged to meet Ginette early on, to hear Dan gush about her to us, and to witness the early start of that relationship before we headed on the next duty station in Monterey. Game nights, disco parties, rainforest hikes, SCUBA, distance running, frisbee, and so much rum... Dan, we love you and you will always have a special place in our hearts.

Love,

Emily and Pat

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Emily Paterson - July 14, 2020 at 10:23 AM

JG

“ Dan, you were the legal counsel when I was the Coast Guard Liaison officer at Naval Station Roosevelt Roads. You were always very busy as you were arguably the most important advisor to the Admiral regarding the historical events surrounding the naval operations in Vieques, Puerto Rico. Because I had an innate talent for being inappropriate at the most awkward times possible, one day I asked you why a tall, handsome, green eyed naval officer and an attorney didn't have a girlfriend. I was actually shocked when you answered back very calmly. You said you were waiting for a very special lady. A serious, accomplished and intelligent woman, well read with an insatiable intellectual curiosity. I told you that I knew that woman, the woman you were describing. Because I'm so rough around the edges, you were obviously very skeptical, but because she was my fiancé's sister, who was, and still is, a very polished and accomplished attorney like yourself, you allowed me to introduce you to Ginette at a command event. I know it's a cliché, but it WAS love at first sight. It was immediately obvious to everyone in that room that it was a metaphysical attraction. To this day, it's one the most surreal things I've ever witnessed. That is a bond that was meant to be and will never be broken. It was my honor and privilege to have been your colleague and friend Daniel. I wish you fair winds and following seas in your continuing journeys. Very Respectfully,  
Johnny Gonzalez.

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**Johnny Gonzalez** - July 14, 2020 at 09:26 AM

NK

“CAPT Eldredge, I first met you when I was a junior officer during my first tour in Norfolk over ten years ago. You were the Staff Judge Advocate at SECOND Fleet and invited us junior officers at the RLSO/NLSO to join your running group for a run in First Landing State Park, Virginia Beach. That simple invitation was, as I quickly learned about you, your signature way of bringing people together -- of connecting them to each other and the simple joys in life, and making them feel so warmly and genuinely welcome. Since our first run together all those years ago, time only confirmed what I immediately sensed about you: you are larger than life.

*I have many cherished memories of you and things I will miss. I will, of course, miss our long runs. I will also miss those many times we'd randomly cross paths on the Mt. Vernon Trail in Arlington. You'd be on your bike, I'd be running, and you'd always ride by with a big smile and arm extended to give me a high five and words of encouragement. I will miss your witty emails and post-run recaps. I will miss hearing you talk so lovingly about Ginette and so fondly of your experiences in the Navy. I will miss your advice and mentorship over coffee on the Navy Yard.*

*I posted two pictures below. One is of your signature group runs in First Landing. (I only wish you were pictured in it too, but as so characteristically selfless of you, you snapped the picture and then sent it out in one of your post-run recaps.) The other is of when I ran into you and Ginette at a race.*

*When you retired from active duty, you made me promise that I wouldn't call you CAPT Eldredge or "sir" anymore. As you know, I could never quite bring myself to call you by your first name despite that promise. (I hope you are smiling about that as you read this from above.) But I will go out on a limb here and say I will miss you in this world, Dan. I am so grateful to have had you as a mentor and friend all these years. I grieve your passing but know your memory and spirit live on in the countless people whose lives you touched in so many ways. My condolences and prayers also go out to you,*

*Ginette, and your families. Thank you for sharing Dan with us.*

*Very Respectfully,  
Nick Kadlec*



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**Nick Kadlec** - July 14, 2020 at 02:39 AM

EP

*This captures Dan's open-hearted spirit so well. Thanks for sharing.*

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**Emily Paterson** - July 14, 2020 at 11:54 AM

MR

“ 1 file added to the album *Memories Album*



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**Melanie Ravan** - July 13, 2020 at 06:30 PM

MR

*This is Dixon Makalapa Ravan Stone-rescued by Dan from the Makalapa Compound in 2009, flown to San Diego and resting comfortably in Liberty Station...*

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**Melanie Ravan** - July 13, 2020 at 06:37 PM

LL

“ 3 files added to the album Memories Album



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**Lisa Lecakes** - July 13, 2020 at 06:00 PM

JH

“ CAPT Eldredge was my first Commanding Officer in the Navy. I showed up in my fanciest uniform (as is custom), and was super nervous. Anyway, my "in-call" (first meeting with the Commanding Officer) with him did *\*NOT\** go as I expected. I figured he'd give me all his rules and tell me not to break them. Nope. No joke, that meeting he created a bike route from my house in Northern Virginia to the Washington Navy Yard and strongly encouraged me to take a bike vice drive to work. He was suuuper excited about this! He was a legit health freak. I went on one long distance run with him and never made that mistake again. He never stopped talking about the Navy and his wife. He's one of the finest public servants I've ever met. Cheers.

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**Jim Howland** - July 13, 2020 at 05:56 PM

HW

“ Dear Ginette and Family,  
I am so very sorry for your loss, and extend my deepest condolences to all of you. I met Dan 40 years ago on I-Day at USNA, where we were company mates. When I look at his picture, I see the same intelligent, caring individual that he always was, from the very beginning of his career. I have a vivid memory of him giving a few of us advice on ways to keep from falling asleep while studying, and it was impossible to tell whether he was putting us on, or not; that hint of a smile, that look. As anyone in our company could tell you, he was a brother to all of us. It was such an honor to know him. May he rest in peace, and may you feel the loving arms of all those around you, near and far in this time.- Helen (Stahley) Williams

Sunset and evening star,  
And one clear call for me!  
And may there be no moaning of the bar,  
When I put out to sea,

But such a tide as moving seems asleep,  
Too full for sound and foam,  
When that which drew from out the boundless deep  
Turns again home.

Twilight and evening bell,  
And after that the dark!  
And may there be no sadness of farewell,  
When I embark;

For tho' from out our bourne of Time and Place  
The flood may bear me far,  
I hope to see my Pilot face to face  
When I have crost the bar.

- "Crossing the Bar", Alfred, Lord Tennyson

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HELEN WILLIAMS - July 13, 2020 at 04:51 PM

DR

“ I had the distinct pleasure of working with Dan for just less than a year. We had a number of common interests including cycling, being from MA and a love of sarcasm. He was a great colleague and consummate professional and I will miss our daily chats. Please accept my sincere condolences. He will be sorely missed. Dave 'Doc' Regis

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**David Regis** - July 13, 2020 at 04:23 PM

SP

“ I did not work for or with Dan, so much as I worked near or simply knew of Dan for the better part of the last 10 years. As so many of the remembrances below reflect, he had a wonderful reputation for giving much of himself to improve the lives of others as a mentor and a leader. He leaves an enviable legacy as a person who helped others to grow more by "starting higher on the tree." I offer these words in his honor, and will go plant an oak tree in his memory - may his family find peace and strength in the shade of such a tree.

*Leaf on the Tree of Life*

*I had my Summer  
And now must Fall  
But before I answer  
The Winter's call*

*I offer you a blanket  
For what it is worth  
To keep you warm  
Until your birth*

*You will Spring  
Into this world  
A budding life  
To be unfurled*

*But you'll start higher  
Upon this tree  
Which grew a little  
Because of me*

*And will grow the more  
Because of you  
And so it goes  
From old to new*

*My condolences to all.  
Scotch Perdue*

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**Scotch Perdue** - July 13, 2020 at 04:11 PM

JR

“ *Mrs. Eldredge and family,  
Please accept our sincerest condolences on the loss of your husband. We at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center have been honored to be involved in taking care of him. CAPT (ret) Eldredge was an exceptional individual, brimming with intellect, and we all were impacted by his grace and tenacity during his fight to beat his illness. I ache for your loss of this amazing person.*

*Joe Roswarski, Walter Reed Hematology Oncology*

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**Joe Roswarski** - July 13, 2020 at 02:51 PM

DL

“ *I did not know Dan well, but his reputation in the Navy JAG Corps preceded him. He was known as exceptionally smart, capable, level-headed, kind, and witty. In my interactions with him I saw these traits on full display. My deepest condolences to all of his loved ones. The Navy and legal community will miss him dearly.*  
*Deb Loomis*

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**Deb Loomis** - July 13, 2020 at 12:13 PM

ST

“ *Ginette and Family,*

*Thank you for sharing Dan with his “Navy family” for so many years. He showed us all how to live life fully, and with a wonderful sense of humor. Dan was my mentor as a new Strike Group lawyer and “showed me the ropes.” He has been a wonderful teacher, counselor, and friend who always had time to help. I will always remember Dan telling me about training for a marathon he had scheduled to run with Ginette. He was undeterred by being deployed at sea and having to train entirely on a treadmill and steel flight deck. That was Dan – set a goal and go after it! I hope that the prayers of Dan’s many, many friends will bring you this comfort during this time. Scott Thompson*

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**SCOTT THOMPSON** - July 13, 2020 at 09:27 AM

TW

“*Reading others’ memories and descriptions and accounts of the way Dan impacted them personally and professionally drives home that Dan was a man for all seasons and a man of the people. I cannot recall specific instances right now, but Dan connected with everyone, made everyone feel as if they were the most important person present, and could find humor in any situation. You had to remain alert when around Dan as his dry sense of humor would emerge and you never knew if he was joking or serious until that slight smile would emerge. Or it would not.*

*Another thing about Dan was his love for Ginette. When he spoke of her, which he always did, you got just a slight glimpse of the depth of his devotion. Ginette, you truly were the wind beneath his wings. Your meeting at a Halloween party was meant to be. You guys were a great team. My heart breaks for you.*

*I am very thankful to have met and served with Dan. I am honored, like so many of his colleagues, to have been considered his friend.*

*Rest In Peace, Dan.*

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**Tom Welsh** - July 12, 2020 at 10:45 PM



“*Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dan Eldredge.*



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July 12, 2020 at 06:44 PM

DL

“ I liked Dan the moment I met him at an Admiral's staff meeting in 2014. As the sole Marine in the room, I assumed the meeting would be the typical Flag briefing--very tight-lipped and strict. At the pre-meeting Dan, then the SJA to CNIC, was pouring on the dry humor which lasted throughout the entire meeting. I was in stitches, it was great way to be integrated on the staff.

Dan is what we all aspire to be: smart, funny, empathic, and completely selfless. I will forever admire him for his strong wit, great courage, and incredible toughness. He is a great friend and teammate, we will all miss him very much.

Our deepest sympathies to Ginette and Dan's family. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

*Semper Fidelis, Dan Lecce*

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Daniel Lecce - July 12, 2020 at 06:31 PM

AL

“ Dan was a friend for over 25 years. I will never forget his positive attitude, his determination to see the best in everyone, or his everpresent dry sense of humor. When we graduated from NJS, we went through a quick Navy orientation that featured familiarization visits to Navy vessels, including a submarine. Dan, a dolphin-wearing former submariner was excused from that but he did take one of our group aside and had him memorize a highly technical question about nitrogen levels. At the end of the tour, the submarine lieutenant who'd let us around asked if we had any questions, and our friend dutifully sprung Dan's question on him. I remember the silence as the poor lieutenant tried to figure out if he was being had. He finally gave an answer that none of us understood enough to relay to Dan later. We will miss you, my friend. What a privilege to have served with someone of your character.

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Andrew Levitz - July 12, 2020 at 06:02 PM

“ *DAN IS IRREPLACEABLE.* Maisie & I are lucky to have known him as a friend and I as a mentor, and Navy JAG Corps colleague for 15 years.

*DAN WAS WICKED SMART.* Unsurprising for a nuclear engineer turned lawyer.

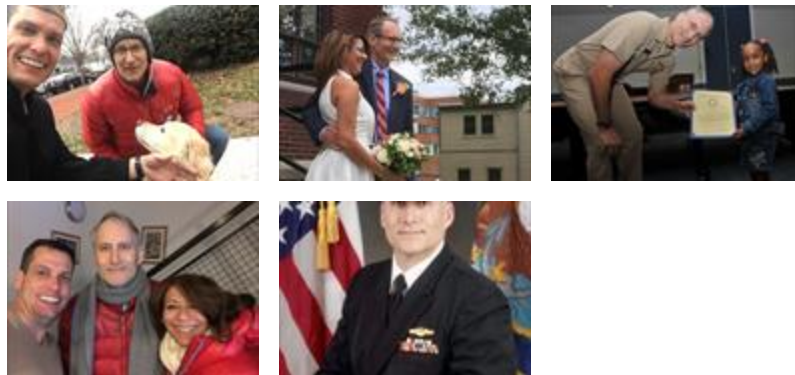
*DAN WAS WICKED GOOD.* Dan truly was an exemplary naval officer. Exceptionally humble, despite his long career replete with distinctive accomplishments. Over the years I learned a ton from him - mostly through his example, how he conducted himself, how he thought through things. Most impressive to me was Dan's bedrock commitment to helping others. Just one example: as a JAG Corps Captain serving as CNIC, Dan took it upon himself to invite junior JAGs he didn't know for lunch at the CNIC Flag Mess, to talk about their careers and the JAG Corps. As busy as he was, arriving early, leaving late & working six or seven days a week, Dan felt strongly about encouraging & supporting junior officers. He never, ever talked himself up. He was relentlessly and authentically humble & upbeat. In fifteen years, I don't think I ever once heard him grumble - not once, not even in tone or tenor, not even close, not about anything or anybody.

*DAN WAS WICKED ADVENTUROUS.* Always high in the running for "Most Interesting Person in the JAG Corps", Dan clearly lived his entire life reminiscent of the old Navy motto "It's not just a job, it's an adventure." The adventures usually involved advanced skill and sustained effort most folks are either unable or unwilling to summon. It was nearly comical. Ultra-marathons, building machines from scratch, ham radio operation, beer-making, boating, fishing, cooking, rowing, reading . . . and on & on. . . Dan lived life voraciously. I think it was a natural to him as getting out of bed in the morning.

*DAN WAS WICKED FUNNY.* He'd delight in pulling out the threads of irony & absurdity which run through most of human endeavors. There were many emails over the years to groups of colleagues, laced with Dan's humorous observations on current events. I remember one from years ago where Dan found it risible that the Navy had established an new organization tasked with leading the

*“Doing More with Less” line of effort . . . Dan “imagineered” what a day in the life might be like there. Funnily, there were times when I was fairly sure (but not positive) that Dan would tell a good, old fashioned tall tale, just for the fun of seeing if you’d pick up on it. One that stands out: Dan’s in his twenties & out fishing in a small boat on a river. He floats under an overpass & somehow a watersnake dropped down an bit him in the lip. Sounded implausible, but with Dan, you couldn’t be sure! He was also witty in subtle & kind ways. Walking with him, I watched him use wit to try and connect personally and authentically with someone he didn’t know, taking extra time to listen to them & let them know he felt the goodness in them.*

*DAN WAS WICKED KIND & CARING. He had a HUGE heart. He was devoted to Ginette, spoke lovingly of his family & there was nothing he wouldn’t do for his friends and for the Navy. His eyes would light up, he’d pause for a few seconds & he’d hit you with paragraph after paragraph of fully formed brilliance. In the Navy, we keep family and friends close to our hearts, even when we’re a long time away. Maybe the everpresent twinkle in Dan’s eye was because he’d cracked the code & found the thing we all seek - how to live a fulfilling life. Maisie & I are heartbroken Dan’s time was cut short. He was always larger than life. Dan was always larger than life. I know he’ll remain that way for me & for everyone who knows & loves him.*



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Rock De Tolve - July 12, 2020 at 05:20 PM

JH

“ Dan was a superb Judge Advocate who was respected and liked by everyone. My two enduring memories of Dan are his conscientious work ethic, and his ironic sense of humor. When you worked with Dan, you had the great opportunity to see both. When Dan was on a project we knew it would be done right. It was my privilege to work with him. Sincere condolences to Ginette and Dan's entire family.  
Jim Houck

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**Jim Houck** - July 12, 2020 at 05:09 PM

GE

*Thank you Jim.*

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**Ginette Eldredge** - July 15, 2020 at 04:19 PM

MR

“ To Darling Ginette From Melanie Ravan-Stone, decade plus friend and OGC law partner of Dan. Ginette, I have spent these days trying to figure out why Dan has left us so very soon. If I was blessed with a brother, I would want him to be Dan. Dan loved you so very deeply...at CNRSW he would share pictures of you and Guany Beast on your daily runs, and leave early to go get you a freshly baked pizza for your dinner...he would delight in your "lazy Sundays" and spending his whole day together with you...he was devoted heart and soul to you. He was proud of your beauty, kindness. love of your hearth and home and dedication to education. He found true love with you.

Dan was kind and compassionate to animals. When my Sweetie Cat was ill, he drew her a card on top of the definition of cats that he literally Xeroxed from the dictionary and wrote on...he said, "Sweetie, I hope you are on all four paws soon!" When Sweetie crossed the Rainbow Bridge, he found our replacement for her as a stray at COMPACFLT HQ, Dixon Makalapa Ravan-Stone...he arranged with a JAG friend whose husband was a Hawaiian Airlines pilot, Carmel Tomlinson, TO FLY DIX TO US...and he is here today, silver haired like Dan.

Dixon Cat does not have 4 advanced degrees like, Dan, that would just be showing off a massive IQ... But he is inquisitive, moves like lightening and has a beautiful sounding voice, like his Cat Uncle Dan. Dan's speaking voice was unique. I was enchanted when he spoke. His voice sounded like pulverized granite blended with polished silver-powerful and compelling. I just loved to sit with him and listen to him ruminate about EVERYTHING...he was a wonder of interest. I was so fortunate to sit next to him for two years and just listen to him.

The last time I laid eyes on Dan was when he was our CNIC HQ SJA. He was in his office one day cracking himself up with one of his classic emails with his own brand of clever commentary about some ship that was not where it was suppose to be...I can see him

*now, with that bemused smile on his face. He loved to laugh and pretty much ended all his statements with a grin or laugh. Human sunshine. He had a "home built" bike in his office, literally, he BUILT HIMSELF A BIKE. And rode it from his beautiful place in Alexandria down the GW Parkway to the Washington Navy Yard. Classic Dan.*

*My husband got to see Dan one more time last year in person in WDC. I have asked him this weekend to retell what he had to say as my last memory is being together on teleconferences and sending gigglesome emails to each other about the topic at hand... Alex said Dan was still "cracking himself up"...I can see him today, laughing and being full of humor and wit, making his "observations".*

*He was not my brother but he was a friend who acted as a brother to me. A rare gift in a lifetime. There were difficult days where he would square my shoulders and say, "go get it". Like a supportive brother would.*

*The only way I can rationalize this loss is that Dan needed to show us not to be afraid, not to spend time in worry, but to bravely take the step into the eternal future. I will not be so afraid now knowing Dan is a beacon still in the afterworld, guiding us towards eternity. I know he will indeed rest in peace, sharing that peace with those of us who love him. We love you so very much and recognize your deep loss today. We hope you will also be at peace as we know he will share with you eternity. Love always, Melanie and Alex*

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**Melanie Ravan** - July 12, 2020 at 01:46 PM

GE

*Thank you Melanie...what a wonderful email about Dan.*

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**Ginette Eldredge** - July 15, 2020 at 04:22 PM

BG

“ My condolences to Ginette and the Eldredge family. Dan was a phenomenal Naval Officer, friend, and mentor, who would drop whatever he was doing to provide guidance and assistance. I am the Naval Officer I am today because of Dan. A truly unselfish person. I also loved his dry sense of humor, which always uplifted everyone around him in challenging times. He was one of a kind and he lived life to the fullest. We will miss him, but his legacy lives on, and I know he will be watching over all of us. God bless my friend!



**Bruce Gragert** - July 12, 2020 at 12:39 PM

GE

*Thank you Bruce*

**Ginette Eldredge** - July 15, 2020 at 04:22 PM



“ Dan couldn't get enough of talking about his love for Gina and his bicycle. I didn't see him after we graduated from high school, but I was not surprised how wonderful a man he grew to be. It was great to stay in touch on Facebook way long after our lives diverged.

*Dan had to reassure us once that he was not in the building where there was a shooter. We were all relieved. I can't imagine what Gina and the family are feeling now.*

*My deepest best wishes to the entire family.*

*Marianne (Fudge) Pelletier, Ayer High School Class of 1980*

**Marianne Pelletier** - July 12, 2020 at 11:59 AM

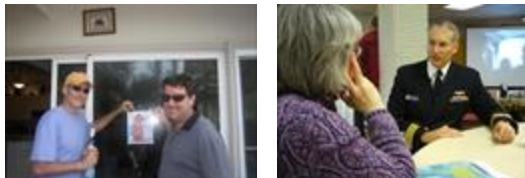
GE

Thank you Marianne.

Ginette Eldredge - July 15, 2020 at 04:23 PM

JO

“Ginette, and extended Eldredge family, my heart aches for you at this time and wish you strength through this grief. Dan was a great colleague, friend and mentor. I got to work with him over the course of many years. He helped me apply to and get into Lewis and Clark's LLM program, and overall showed us all how to live life to the fullest and do it with honor, humility and a lot of laughter. There are so many times outside of work where Ginette and Dan opened the home to many for socials, dinners even when I was just passing through town. Dan even took the time to check in when down in Norfolk for work. I always valued our mentor-mentee discussions like that so much. When we worked together in Hawaii, he never ceased to keep our jobs filled with humor. I recall countless times i was in stitches from laughing so hard over the stories he could tell and it would brighten my day when I would receive a comedic email from him on some subject in the years that followed. His tenacity in running 100 mile hurt runs in Hawaii or biking the C&O canal trail or getting the latest fishing gear to head out on the Potomac always impressed me. I will cherish and honor the last gathering with him in February 2020 when we were at a course together with fellow E-law counsel. He again kept us reminiscing in laughter. And he gave me two great books to read, as he always passed on recommendations. God bless you, Dan. May you rest in peace. (Yes I think Dan posted that picture of Hasselhoff in the picture I uploaded, circa 2008)



Joan - July 12, 2020 at 11:56 AM

GE

*This is wonderful...thank you Joan.*

**Ginette Eldredge** - July 15, 2020 at 04:23 PM

DN

“ *Dalby, Nancy, Ninangely, Nathalie and Naylanie purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of Dan Eldredge.*



**Dalby, Nancy, Ninangely, Nathalie and Naylanie** - July 12, 2020 at 10:58 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dan Eldredge.*



July 12, 2020 at 10:28 AM

M(

“ *My heart goes out to Dan's family during this difficult time. As my sister Rebecca mentioned, we grew up close to Dan's family in Ayer. Dan (& his siblings) were the inspiring "big brother/big sister" kids we were lucky to have. I will forever remember Dan as smart, outdoors-loving, accomplished and caring (most of all)...he would drop anything to help others. I'm sorry for your loss.*



**Monica Lane (Andrews)** - July 12, 2020 at 10:04 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Dan Eldredge.*



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July 12, 2020 at 09:18 AM



“ *I am so deeply saddened to hear of Dan's passing. He was our neighbor growing up in Ayer & will always remember him coming to try to put out our House fire. I am sure he has touched many people's lives & his memory will live on. So very sorry for all his family.*



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**Rebecca Matthews** - July 12, 2020 at 08:51 AM



“ *To Dan's family: Dan was a wonderful person who always made me smile, laugh, and appreciate life. I had the great honor and privilege to serve with and learn from Dan over the past 20 years. Although I never worked for him or in the same office with him, he had a profound and positive impact on my life and career -- he embodied professionalism, kindness, and sincere and honest caring for the well-being of others. He was a man of great moral courage and personal character; the type of man I aspire to be every single day. His life brought value, energy and enthusiasm to everyone he knew him. Thank you for sharing him with the Navy JAG family. -- Dustin Wallace*

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**Dustin Wallace** - July 12, 2020 at 07:08 AM

BF

“ Dear family of Dan, my most sincere condolences at the loss of your beloved husband, son, family member. His love of you was apparent. He treasured his hometown. I stopped there one day when I was home in NH and called him from the train station just to hear his response when I asked “guess where I am?” A dear man. I’m so sorry for your loss. *Becky Kimball Faunce*

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**Becky Faunce** - July 11, 2020 at 09:01 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dan Eldredge.



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July 11, 2020 at 03:38 PM