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Daniel Timothy Cooney, 68, went to his heavenly home on Thursday, July 7th, 2022. He was a beloved husband and father, an Airline Captain, and a follower of Christ. He is survived by his wife, Cathleen McDonald Cooney, and their children, Frances Nevin and her husband Joe, and Katie Cooney. He was preceded in death by his parents, Richard Cooney and Frances Hill Cooney, and his brother, Richie.

Dan was born on March 13th, 1954 in Los Angeles, California. He graduated from Loyola High School in Los Angeles, CA in 1972, and Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington in 1976. At a young age, Dan fell in love with Aviation and after college, he pursued a commercial pilot's license. He met the love of his life, Cathy, while working at Eastern Airlines. After a decade there, he achieved the lifelong dream of joining TWA. He moved his family to Saint Louis, Missouri and spent most of his career as Captain on the MD-80, eventually retiring from American Airlines.

Dan was an avid adventurer. He traveled extensively in his life, starting with a year in Florence, Italy during college. He continued that throughout his career, traveling all over the world with TWA, and instilled that love in his family, frequently taking them on wonderful trips to see new parts of the world. Dan was passionate about antique cars, having owned and restored his grandfather's 1956 Ford Thunderbird later in life. He loved to cruise around town in that bright red convertible, showing it off at every opportunity, from stop lights to Antique Car Shows. Dan was proud of his Irish heritage - always telling anyone who would listen that he was '100% Irish!' He spent every day of his life with the Lord. Dan read his Bible cover to cover many times over and had a strong relationship with Jesus Christ. His personality could light up any room, and laughter followed him. Dan touched many lives and will be so deeply missed.

Flowers may be sent to Cathy Cooney, 14407 189th Ave Court East, Bonnie Lake, Washington, 98391.

James Funeral Home of Huntersville is serving the family. www.jamesfuneralhomeLKN.com



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Tom Arredondo posted:

To The Family of Capt. Dan, It brings me great sadness of hearing of his passing. His smile and awesome character will live forever in my heart. As the years have passed us by, maybe simply life, when I heard that he was living up in Washington, it was John Fahey and myself to visit him during the summer. Of course if it would be okay. But now, I will pray and have the blessing of of his wonderful friendship. A impeccable character and man, Good memories go far, even from Loyola High School. I would love to hear from anyone and possibly visit one day his lovely wife. Tom ArredondoEmail: tearredondo@yahoo.com

June 7 at 11:49 AM



Madeleine Ross posted:

My husband Mike and I are shocked and saddened to hear about Dan. I met Dan my freshman year at Gonzaga while he was a Sophomore. He greeted me as a member of the Knights. He looked good in that uniform as he did in a pilot uniform. He got excited when The Beach Boys came to Missoula MT and drove many of us to that concert returning in the wee hours of the morning. Dan was fun and kind. May his family know God's comfort until they see him again. Maddie (McLaughlin) Ross

December 23 at 9:55 AM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Cooney family.



July 14 at 11:59 AM



Craig Crotteau posted:

Dan was a true friend. Optimistic, with good humor, energy, and compassion, he was a positive spirit in my life since our early days at Gonzaga. A devoted family man, father, and husband, he always kept the Cooney clan first. Dan was self actualized, an inspiration as a self made airline pilot. A principled Patriot and Christian. What a joy to have known him in this life. To be continued, when we join Dan with the Lord. Mary and I send our prayers to Cathy, Frances, and Katie.

July 14 at 7:44 AM



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Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Cooney family.

July 13 at 3:54 PM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Cooney family.

July 13 at 11:42 AM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Cooney family.

July 11 at 8:09 AM



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Lisa posted:

Such a beautiful and true obituary of Danny. He was very special and will be truly missed. Grateful for our hope in Jesus and that he is with him now. All of our love and prayers for you Cathy, Frances and Katie ❤️ Lisa and Marc Rosellini

July 9 at 9:20 PM



Joe Gaudio July 11 at 8:12 AM

I'm so grateful for the time that I spent with Dan. Unfortunately and selfishly I wish there was more of it. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you he truly was an amazing man. All my love! Joe Gaudio



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Kay Yarbrough posted:

My deepest sympathy to Cathy and the girls at Dan's passing. I find it hard to believe as he was "larger than life" and brought such joy and laughter to every situation. I will cherish the good memories from EAL and send prayers and condolences to the family. I can't help but think he is reunited with Rich and they are enjoying brotherly times again. Love, Kay Yarbrough

July 9 at 4:52 PM



Mark Dye July 9 at 6:46 PM

Dan certainly touched my life. He was my good friend while I was a Eastern Airlines many years ago. RIP my friend. 🙏🙏🙏



Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Cooney family.



July 9 at 3:30 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Daniel by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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