



## Daniel A. DesRosiers

July 12, 2024

Daniel A. DesRosiers, 74, of Clay, NY, passed away on July 12, 2024 following a long illness with Parkinson's Disease.

Dan met his wife Mary Lou on the school bus at the age of 14 and married in 1970. They built their home on Maple Road and welcomed two children together.

Dan was a dedicated and hardworking father and husband with a quick wit and an incredible sense of humor. He was the owner of Safeway Sealing Company for more than 40 years, a member of the Teamsters Local #317, and retired from the US Postal Service.

Dan could identify the make, model, and engine size of any vintage car at a glance. He was a talented mechanic, could drive anything with wheels and was selected to compete in the tractor trailer rodeo as a professional driver. Dan attended Drafting School and could design and draw construction plans to scale on the back of a napkin while sitting at a diner counter.

Dan always enjoyed a good cigar and was known for his verbal talent in the creation of colorful and intricate profanity, which he considered a form of art. He is remembered for executing legendary pranks amongst his friends and telling grand, sometimes absurd, stories that could keep anyone enthralled. Dan's humorous antics may be best remembered by friends and neighbors whom he would visit in costume on Halloween.

Dan was a very generous person, often looking to help people in need without seeking recognition. For his community, Dan had served as a Town of Clay

Volunteer Firefighter, a Boy Scout leader, and member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church Council.

As a small business owner, he provided jobs to many young people over the years – who most often referred to him as “Uncle Danny.” He was willing to pay well for a good day of hard work, which always included a stop for lunch, hot lemonade, and a lot of laughs.

Dan was most proud of his children and grandchildren. Dan’s grandchildren often benefited from his generous nature and slight-of-hand–palming money when he thought their mother was not looking.

Dan was predeceased by his parents, Cyril & Therese (Richer) DesRosiers; three brothers, in-laws Wallace and Arlene (Rogers) Breed, brother-in-law James Breed, and several dear friends.

Surviving to cherish his memory are his wife of 54 years, Mary Lou (Breed); son, Scott (Jessica); daughter, Anne E. Killen (Patrick); and two grandchildren, Mary Katherine and Daniel Killen. He is missed by his beloved dog, Sadie, and many nieces and nephews.

Calling hours will be Thursday, July 18th from 4 to 7 pm at Fergerson Funeral Home, 215 South Main Street, North Syracuse.. Funeral services will be at Noon, Friday, July 19th at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 4947 State Route 31, Clay followed by burial in Pine Plains Cemetery, Clay.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Dan's memory may be made to Camp Good Days, 1332 Pittsford-Mendon Rd, P.O. Box 665, Mendon, NY 14506 or Immanuel Lutheran Church, Clay, NY.

# Cemetery Details

## Pine Plains Clay

8686 Henry Clay Blvd.  
Clay, NY 13041

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

JUL 18. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Ferguson Funeral Home, Inc.  
215 South Main Street  
North Syracuse, NY 13212  
(315) 458-1970  
<http://fergersonfuneralhome.com/>

## Funeral Service

JUL 19. 12:00 PM (ET)

Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church  
4947 Route 31  
Clay, NY 13041

# Tribute Wall

VW

“ *At times we don't understand why so soon but as time passes, we understand and celebrate how much our loved one has given to us and others. May you find comfort in the memories of your father and share them with others every day. Dr. Wicks*

Veronica Wicks - July 26, 2024 at 08:58 AM



*Thank you very much, Dr. Wicks, I appreciate your kind words and thoughts for our family.*

Anne Elizabeth - July 27, 2024 at 08:46 PM

JC

“ *A very sad time for all of those who knew and love Dan and his family, our cousins. Dan was Best Man at our wedding, a good friend and always fun to be with. In his memory, we made a contribution to Smile Train, to give children born with a cleft palate beautiful smiles, because if anyone could make one smile, it was Dan. We love you Dan, fly high, and hug all of our loved ones on the other side for us. We will see you again for sure.  
Jack and Cindy*

Jack and Cindy - July 18, 2024 at 10:30 PM



*It is so hard to lose our dad, but we know that he is having one heck of a reunion in heaven!*

Anne Elizabeth - July 27, 2024 at 08:47 PM

YF

“ Your IPEX family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Daniel A. DesRosiers.



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Your IPEX family - July 17, 2024 at 06:54 PM

YF

“ Your IPEX family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Daniel A. DesRosiers.

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Your IPEX family - July 17, 2024 at 06:54 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Daniel A. DesRosiers.



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July 17, 2024 at 05:18 PM

VE

“ Vesta planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Daniel A. DesRosiers.

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Vesta - July 17, 2024 at 05:18 PM

SC

“ Sweet-Woods Memorial Co. purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Daniel A. DesRosiers.



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Sweet-Woods Memorial Co. - July 17, 2024 at 11:17 AM

SC

“ Sweet-Woods Memorial Co. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Daniel A. DesRosiers.

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Sweet-Woods Memorial Co. - July 17, 2024 at 11:17 AM

MG

“ I have so many fond memories of my Uncle Danny growing up on Maple Road. Bon fires in the back lot, riding around in his dune buggy, watching tug-of-war 4x4 trucks against the neighbors in front of his house, and driving his Corvette convertible which he loaned me up and down the street. I mostly remember the conversations and laughs we had as I worked with him sealing driveways and basements in the old blue bread truck. My childhood was much richer because of him.

*Godspeed Danny, until we meet again.*

*Greg Margetin*

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Margetin, Greg - July 17, 2024 at 10:06 AM



Thank you, Greg. 💕💕

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Anne Elizabeth - July 17, 2024 at 05:29 PM

DM

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you in your time of grief. May your memories bring you comfort. President & Sr. Staff, Northeast College of Health Sciences

Dr. Michael Mestan - July 17, 2024 at 08:46 AM



Thank you, Mike.

Anne Elizabeth - July 17, 2024 at 05:30 PM



“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Daniel A. DesRosiers.



July 16, 2024 at 03:11 PM

NW

“ Nancy, Breed's, DiVeronica's and Weiners planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Daniel A. DesRosiers.

Nancy, Breed's, DiVeronica's and Weiners - July 16, 2024 at 03:11 PM

L&

“ Love Donna & Mike purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Daniel A. DesRosiers.



Love Donna & Mike - July 15, 2024 at 06:57 PM

LF

“ Love from Martin & Ruth Maltz and family purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Daniel A. DesRosiers.



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**Love from Martin & Ruth Maltz and family** - July 15, 2024 at 04:38 PM

LF

“ Love from Martin & Ruth Maltz and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Daniel A. DesRosiers.

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**Love from Martin & Ruth Maltz and family** - July 15, 2024 at 04:38 PM

BR

“ So sorry to hear about Danny's passing. We offer heartfelt condolences and sympathy. I wish I could have known Danny better but distance kept us apart. What I do know is that Danny was a likeable guy and fun to be around. He was always a gentleman and most gracious. I know he will be missed by many.  
Mary Lou, Scott and Anne, may God's promise, comfort and sustain you during this difficult time.

*Love from your cousins,  
Bob & Grethe Richer*

*scott*

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**Bob Richer** - July 14, 2024 at 02:26 PM



*Thank you, Bob and Grethe.*

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**Anne Elizabeth** - July 17, 2024 at 05:31 PM

MK

“ I met Mr. Desrosiers when in school with Scott, he was such a great man. I am very sorry for your loss

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**Mike Keyes** - July 14, 2024 at 12:20 PM

JP

“ 🤔 *will always remember him for the love he showed my mom!  
She lived for Tuesday coffee hour and loved the conversation and  
humor!!*

*Danny you became a member of our family and we will miss you 🥺  
! Thank you for the stories, humor and your ☐ hugs!!  
Love you!! 🥰*

*She*

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**Judi Phillips** - July 13, 2024 at 09:40 PM