



## Daniel Caldera

July 24, 1936 - July 7, 2025

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Daniel “Dan” Caldera. He was a devoted husband, father, Pop-Pops and friend. Dan struggled over the last couple of years with Lewy Body and vascular dementia and passed on July 7th, 2025, peacefully at his home in Louisville, Ky.

Dan served 20 years as a U.S. Army veteran. He began service in 101st Airborne Div, followed by Ranger School and became a Green Beret. With total dedication to his country, he served 5 tours in Vietnam and was an honored recipient of both the Bronze Star and a Purple Heart.

Once retired, he opened his first business, Radcliff Door Company, followed by D&E Homes and lastly, C&S Gov contracts.

Dan was preceded in death by his son, Bruce Caldera and his wife Carla and son-in-law John E Wheeler III, all of Elizabethtown, KY; sister, Lydia and husband Bruce Reid of Reno, NV; and brother, Ralph Santiago of Salinas, CA.

Dan is survived by his wife of 53 years, Martha Kay Caldera “the love of his life” and their 5 children: daughters Cindy Caldera Wheeler and Dee Dee Caldera Minino of Omaha, NE; sons Tony Caldera, Danny Caldera/wife Tonya Caldera and Dwayne Caldera/wife Davina Caldera.

Dan’s greatest joy in life was his posterity which includes his 10 Grandchildren, 10 Great Grandchildren, and 1 Great-Great Grandchild.

Dan served his church faithfully for 45 years. He was known and admired by many members of his LDS church family. He was not only a member, but he also served as a Bishop, a teacher and a temple worker. Dan became a Wood

Badge Master Scout and in June 1983, he was commissioned as a Kentucky Colonel. Dan and Kay also served an 18-month Couples Mission in St. George, Utah for the Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints.

Owen Funeral Home, 5317 Dixie Hwy, Louisville, Ky will host a visitation on Friday, July 11th, 2025, from 2-7 p.m. with a service to begin at 3 p.m.

The burial service will be held Monday, July 14th, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. at Kentucky Veterans Cemetery in Radcliff, Ky with full honors and graveside service.

# Cemetery Details

## Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Central

2501 N Dixie Blvd  
Radcliff, KY 40160

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 11. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (est)

Owen Funeral Homes - Dixie Highway  
5317 Dixie Highway  
Louisville, KY 40216  
(502) 447-2600  
<https://owenfuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

JUL 11. 3:00 PM (est)

Owen Funeral Homes - Dixie Highway  
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Louisville, KY 40216  
(502) 447-2600  
<https://owenfuneralhome.com>

# Tribute Wall

FG

“ *My Deepest Condolences to Family and Friends Prayers*



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**Faye Gunning** - July 11, 2025 at 09:29 PM

ER

“ *Eric and Pattie Robinson purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Daniel Caldera.*



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**Eric and Pattie Robinson** - July 10, 2025 at 03:42 PM

CC

“ *Constellation Trust Company purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Daniel Caldera.*



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**Constellation Trust Company** - July 10, 2025 at 01:25 PM

RG

“ *Rebecca A Giewald purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Daniel Caldera.*



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**Rebecca A Giewald** - July 10, 2025 at 12:45 PM

BR

“ I'm truly sorry for your loss. I could tell how loving of a grandfather he was and the special place he held in Lindsay's heart. Thinking of you all during this difficult time and hope you find comfort in the wonderful memories you shared with him.

Brandy - July 10, 2025 at 12:20 PM

KD

S sorry for your loss

Karon Warman Davis - July 10, 2025 at 02:39 PM

JO

“ With deepest sympathy to the Caldera family. While I didn't know Dan, I know his granddaughter. It has been clear over the years that his commitment to family and faith has been. I just learned of his distinguished service to our country. I can see the same level of commitment and care in his granddaughter. What a legacy! May you each find peace and comfort, having been blessed to have a leader like this in your family.

John Opheim - July 10, 2025 at 11:01 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Daniel Caldera.



July 10, 2025 at 09:54 AM

CW

“ Charity W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Daniel Caldera.

Charity W. - July 10, 2025 at 09:49 AM

ED

“ My deepest condolences to all of the family in honor of my coworker in Omaha, Daniel's granddaughter, Lindsay Rezac. Lindsay and I share history of living in Louisville, KY and family there, as well. I am driving down on Friday from Omaha and will stop by to give Lindsay a hug if I arrive in town.

*I am honored and thankful for Daniel's distinguished service for my country, and ultimately my freedom today. May he rest in peace.*

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**Elaine Davis** - July 10, 2025 at 09:44 AM

BF

“ Dan was a wonderful friend, father, husband and genuine example of our Savior's love! He always treated us poor and goofy missionaries with grace and respect. He always respected his wife's desire to learn more about the gospel of Jesus Christ and would later join her in the church.

*I loved when he invited us over for steak frys as he had a special recipe marinating the meat in beer. Of course he assured us the alcohol burned off! I love the Caldera family as if mine! My family prays for our Savior's love and peace to fill your heart at this difficult time. I know we will all see Dan again soon enough on the other side of veil. Sure love you all! Bart Fitzgerald*

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**Bart Fitzgerald** - July 09, 2025 at 10:33 PM

LA

“ PRAYERS AND LOVE to the Caldera family in this time of loss he was a wonderful man father husband grandfather great-grandfather he will be deeply missed but he's in a better place resting RIP Mr. DANNY CALDERA

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**Larry alexander** - July 09, 2025 at 03:55 PM

JD

“ *Josephine A Dominguez purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Daniel Caldera.*



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**Josephine A Dominguez** - July 09, 2025 at 02:51 PM

DF

“ *David and Shaana Logsdon and family. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Daniel Caldera.*



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**David and Shaana Logsdon and family.** - July 09, 2025 at 02:34 PM

WF

“ *With Love Badger Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Daniel Caldera.*



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**With Love Badger Family** - July 09, 2025 at 02:05 PM