



Major General Gerald A. Daniel

October 5, 1939 - July 12, 2021

This obituary is posted as a courtesy to local family and friends.

DANIEL, Gerald Allen, “Jerry” or “Reb” to all who knew him, 81, a resident of Columbia, SC, died peacefully on Monday, July 12, 2021, at home. Funeral services will be held on Monday, July 19, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. at the Northeast Presbyterian Church (PCA) in Columbia, SC, with Reverend George Crow officiating. The family will have a private burial at Fort Jackson National Cemetery with full military honors.

Major General Daniel was born in Fort Knox, KY to William A. and Ruth N. Daniel. After high school, he graduated from the United States Air Force Academy in 1962 and immediately married Jackie Fae Henry, embarking on a 59-year marriage that began with a 30-year career in the United States Air Force. After pilot training, General Daniel was selected to fly fighter aircraft and he was deployed to Vietnam where he accrued more than 400 hours of combat time in two separate tours. The General rose through the ranks as a thoroughly qualified pilot and evaluator pilot, assuming increasingly responsible positions at the squadron and wing level. Selected for tours at the Pentagon and Tactical Air Command, General Daniel continued his military training in residence for Squadron Officers School, Air Command and Staff College, and senior service school at the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, and earning a masters degree from Auburn University in Alabama. After his several staff tours, the General was selected to serve as the Deputy

Commander for Operations and then the Vice Commander of the fighter wing at nearby Shaw Air Force Base before being selected as the Wing Commander at Seymour Johnson AFB in North Carolina. Ultimately, General Daniel was promoted to Brigadier General for assignments in Europe and then to Major General to take command of 16th Air Force in Torrejón Air Base, Spain, where he retired in 1992. Upon retirement, Jerry and Jackie Daniel moved to Columbia, SC where they built a home and lived happily, close to children and grandchildren, volunteering and actively involved in their church family, gardening, and playing golf.

General Daniel is preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Jackie; his sons, Gerald Daniel, Jr. (Dawn), Dr. Scott Daniel (Rita), and Christopher Daniel (Amy); his grandchildren, Meghan, William, Erin, Kelly, Laura, Sarah, and Ryan; his brothers, Kenneth Daniel (Arizona) and Patrick Daniel (Alabama), and sister, Leslie Arnold (Columbia, SC); sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Bennie and George Roberts (Texas); and his nephews and nieces, Ryan (Lauren) Daniel, Kyle (Don) Ryan, Kathryn (Tyler) Rich, Lindsey (Dr. Zach) Henry, Beth (Travis) Cook, Ben (Yolanda) Roberts, and Kim Roberts. In addition to his precious family, he will be missed by many extended family members and friends far and near, too many to count.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in General Daniel's memory to the Northeast Presbyterian Church (PCA), 601 Polo Road, Columbia, SC 29223, the United States Golf Association, (USGA), 77 Liberty Corner Road, Liberty Corner, NJ 07938 or the Wounded Warrior Project, PO Box 758516, Topeka, Kansas 66675, all organizations that were important to General Daniel.

Tribute Wall

CB

“ Carol Bryant sent a virtual gift in memory of Major General Gerald A. Daniel



carol bryant - July 20, 2021 at 07:57 AM

CB

Prayers for peace and comfort

carol bryant - July 20, 2021 at 07:59 AM

WG

“ William And Jean Gullede lit a candle in memory of Major General Gerald A. Daniel



William and Jean Gullede - July 19, 2021 at 04:22 PM

JW

“ So sorry for your loss Dr Daniel. You are in our prayers.



Joe and Debbie Wilkes - July 18, 2021 at 06:17 PM

DC

“ *Dr Daniels, I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*



Della Clark - July 18, 2021 at 02:45 PM

EH

“ *Eric & Kay Hayes lit a candle in memory of Major General Gerald A. Daniel*



Eric & Kay Hayes - July 18, 2021 at 09:29 AM

MN

“ *Mike Brenda Northcutt lit a candle in memory of Major General Gerald A. Daniel*



Mike Brenda Northcutt - July 17, 2021 at 02:18 PM

PG

“ *Phillip Gandy lit a candle in memory of Major General Gerald A. Daniel*



Phillip Gandy - July 17, 2021 at 09:42 AM

CS

“ Charles And Lavonde Smith lit a candle in memory of Major General Gerald A. Daniel



Charles and Lavonde Smith - July 16, 2021 at 10:05 PM

AW

“ Anna Williams lit a candle in memory of Major General Gerald A. Daniel



anna williams - July 16, 2021 at 05:48 PM

JD

“ Dr. Daniel ,it truly hurt my heart for you and your family over the loss of your Father..I admire him for all he accomplished in his life,what a legacy to leave his family.I know your family has so many memories to recall ,at the time that you need them.Please know ,jimmy and I have you and your family in our thoughts and prayers.



Jimmy and Cora Dial - July 16, 2021 at 12:30 PM

MR

“ Marty Robbins lit a candle in memory of Major General Gerald A. Daniel



Marty Robbins - July 16, 2021 at 11:33 AM

AB

“ *Artis Bailey sent a virtual gift in memory of Major General Gerald A. Daniel*



artis bailey - July 16, 2021 at 10:58 AM

JL

“ *Jerry And Angela Lane lit a candle in memory of Major General Gerald A. Daniel*



Jerry and Angela Lane - July 16, 2021 at 10:27 AM



“ *Crystal Minnehan sent a virtual gift in memory of Major General Gerald A. Daniel*



Crystal Minnehan - July 15, 2021 at 11:38 PM

RS

“ *Rebecca Skinner lit a candle in memory of Major General Gerald A. Daniel*



Rebecca Skinner - July 15, 2021 at 10:54 PM

JM

“ Johnny And Denise McLain lit a candle in memory of Major General Gerald A. Daniel



Johnny and Denise McLain - July 15, 2021 at 09:45 PM

SC

“ Susan Clemmons lit a candle in memory of Major General Gerald A. Daniel



Susan Clemmons - July 15, 2021 at 07:40 PM

MS

“ Mark And Scarlet Shealy lit a candle in memory of Major General Gerald A. Daniel



Mark and Scarlet Shealy - July 15, 2021 at 12:43 PM

KA

For all the memories, be thankful! Praying for comfort for your family during this sad time. Love and hugs to all!

Kathy.lawhon@icloud.com - July 16, 2021 at 11:03 PM