



Daniel Dodd Masse

September 6, 1951 - January 11, 2024

Daniel Dodd Massé, 72, of St. Augustine, Florida, passed away peacefully in his home on January 11, 2024. Dan was born on September 6, 1951, in Columbus, Ohio to Reed and Virginia (Dodd) Massé. He graduated from Grandview Heights High School in Columbus, class of 1969, and studied at The Ohio State University. Dan moved to Deerfield Beach, Florida in 1976, where he tended bar and began to establish a career in the restaurant and bar business. He moved to St. Augustine in 1985 and began working as a salesman for Republic National Distributing Company. He retired as a Republic National representative in 2016 after a successful career that spanned more than three decades.

Through his work, Dan became well-known in the restaurant and hospitality community. His friends and associates throughout Northeast Florida are many. “Dan the Man” loved to talk and was happy to share stories with anyone who would listen. He was quick to crack a joke, and those who knew him will miss his dry, witty, and wise sense of humor. Dan loved listening to classic rock, jazz, and blues and playing both the guitar and the piano. He enjoyed golf, history, and a good debate about politics, and he was deeply attached to his family’s beloved Cocker Spaniel, the late Queen Maggie Mae. He was also strongly rooted in his faith and enjoyed active participation in the Memorial Presbyterian Church community for many years. Most of all, he adored his daughters and viewed them as his greatest accomplishments, along with his

beloved grandchildren, in whom he delighted. Dan was a devoted father, grandfather, brother, and friend, and his friends and family will remember him with love.

Dan is survived by his daughter Sarah Massé, daughter Anna (Alex) Martin, grandson Javier Martin, granddaughter Lina Martin, former spouse Betty Facine Massé, sister Debbie (Bill) O'Brien, brother Drew (Gail) Massé, sister Mary (Larry) Melfi, and many cousins, nieces, and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, his brother Christopher, and his brother Stephen. A memorial service will be held at Memorial Presbyterian Church in St. Augustine on Thursday, February 1 at 2:00 p.m.. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to St. Francis Housing Crisis Center and Port in the Storm to honor Dan's long-standing support of his local community. www.stfrancisshelter.org

St. Johns Family Funeral Home and Crematory is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB 1. 2:00 PM (ET)

Memorial Presbyterian Church
32 Sevilla Street
St. Augustine, FL 32084

Tribute Wall

KJ

“ *What a Great Guy!!
I am Sorry to hear that Dan has passed.
We like to keep the "Good Ones" here with us .What a great Guy!
I worked with Dan for a good while. He borrowed one of my Canoes
on vacation one year. I also know that Dan "Hitched Hiked" across
Europe!
Dan also went on the "Company Canoe Trips" with us. I always
think of Dan as a " Hippie"
He & Doug (my husband) hit it off. Doug found out that Dan sold
(Souled) Fender Guitars back in the day, What a friendship they
had.
Dan, Always..... A Gentleman!!! I know he loved his family.
He's one of"Those" Dan will be Missed!.
Condolences to the Masse Family. Sorry for your lose.*

Kimberly J Jones - January 25, 2024 at 01:36 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for
the family of Daniel Dodd Masse.*



January 23, 2024 at 03:49 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the
family of Daniel Dodd Masse.*



January 22, 2024 at 03:20 PM

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“ 4 files added to the album *Tribute Wall*



David Lindsey - January 20, 2024 at 08:45 AM

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“ 1 file added to the album *The Dan years*



David Lindsey - January 20, 2024 at 08:37 AM

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“ I'm just well...

Dan was one of my closets cousins. Our parents had 10 brothers and sisters so we had a lot of cousins. Dan and Stephen were only a block away over on Wyandotte Rd. We went everywhere.

We would bicycle to the pool, then bike to Wyandotte Drugs to sit at the fountain drinking a Cherry Phosphate, and fingering Lik – M – Aid Fun Dip. The supreme sugar buz.

Us and our cousins the Jasters had our places like the Snake Place, the Frog place and the Caddy Hole for swimming.

I would spend Friday nights at the Masse's staying up late, laying on the big wood floor, watching Chiller Theater with huge bowl of popcorn and Kool Aide. Uncle Reed would make the popcorn right in the frying pan. Get the oil just right, with one kernel in and wait for the right temp for it to pop. Then dump it all in and cover raising the lid every now and then to dump off a batch for his waiting gaggle.. It was magic watching him.

We were sitting on the floor watching some horror when a hamster ran across the floor in front of us. This little guy had escaped the day before. It was a hoot! A few of us jumped up like crazy!.

The next morning Uncle Reed would be cooking breakfast for us with Aunt Cel's famous "Egg in a Hole, In a Toast" is what we called it.. And then belly busters toasted crackers, (the big squares) with butter and cinnamon. Just heaven.

We would chip in and buy one of those big, big Hershey bars take it to the Boulevard Theater break it up, while watching King Kong and Godzilla.

And the best family reunions thanks to Uncle Dick (Father Dodd). What a great time. Mass in the Chapel, eating cereal out of a small box in the mess hall, swimming, playing in the creek, watching the pig houses, and listening to Chris at the pool playing the Kingston Trio song "the man who never returned, MTA" on his acoustic guitar.

We all knew the song by now and sang with absolute passion and joy. The girls, aunt Ann, Aunt Virginia and my mom (aunt Barbara) and aunt Kathleen were, ...in absolute heaven singing along! I always thought these reunions would last forever.....

And sharing vacations at Seneca Lake and Linwood Park in Vermilion on Lake Erie. Penny candy, comic books, fishing, Crystal Beach amusement park. Just some of the best, really great times.

Holidays were just so special. Uncle Reed always had the biggest trees and Aunt Virginia (my most favorite aunt) had holiday food every where. We were the happiest kids on the block for sure. New bicycles, pogo sticks, spud guns, Mister Potato Head, and mountains of Christmas Cookies and the family recipes of Chex Mix.

So many great family memories, still there, vibrant, refreshing, and indestructible.

Thank you for all the beautiful, fun loving family years cuz,

Rest in Peace Dan

Love

David Lindsey

David Lindsey - January 20, 2024 at 08:10 AM