

Military Honors

The U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) program called "Honoring Those Who Served" provides Military Funeral Honors for eligible veterans. Honors typically consist of two or more uniformed service members folding and presenting a U.S. burial flag to the family, and playing of Taps. A gun salute by a rifle squad is reserved for veterans who retired from military service, service members killed on active duty, and Medal of Honor recipients.

The 21-gun salute is a ceremonial tradition that symbolizes the highest honor a nation can render, primarily used to honor the deceased, especially military personnel, and foreign dignitaries. It is a way of showing the utmost respect and mourning for the deceased, often used in military funerals and ceremonies

What are Taps at a military funeral?

Today, "Taps" is sounded as the final call every evening on military installations and at military funerals. In 2012 Congress recognized "Taps" as the "National Song of Remembrance."

The Art of Flag Folding

Have you ever noticed that the honor guard pays meticulous attention to correctly folding the flag? The flag is folded exactly 13 times in remembrance of the original 13 colonies. But did you know there is a specific meaning to each fold?

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Here is what each fold of the flag means:

- *The first fold symbolizes life.
- *The second fold represents a belief in eternal life.
- *The third fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veterans who gave their lives in defense of the country in order to help attain peace throughout the world.
- *The fourth fold is in recognition of the nature of the country's citizens to trust in God.
- *The fifth fold is a tribute to the United States. According to Stephen Decatur, S. Naval Commander during the American Revolution and War of 1812, "Our country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right, but it is still our country, right or wrong."
- *The sixth fold symbolizes where people's hearts lie in keeping with the words of our pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.
- *The seventh fold pays tribute to the armed forces. After all, through our armed forces, the United States is protected against all enemies.
- *The eighth fold is a tribute to those who died, and as Psalm 23 states, "entered into the valley of the shadow of death."
- *The ninth fold honors womanhood.
- *The 10th fold is a tribute to fathers.
- *The 11th fold represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies, in Judaism, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.
- *The 12th fold represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in the eyes of Christians, God the Father, the Son and Holy Ghost.
- *The 13th and last fold reminds us that when the flag is completely folded, in the uppermost corner signify our national motto, "In God We Trust."

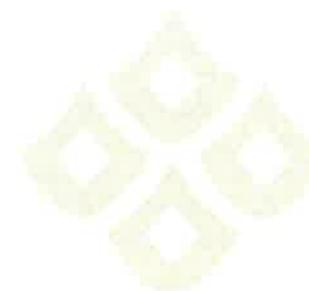


In Loving Memory



Richard Wayne Daniels, Jr.

December 12, 1966 ~ May 23, 2025



Richard "Rick" Wayne Daniels Jr., age 58, of Enola, PA, formerly of Kalamazoo, MI, died on Friday, May 23, 2025 after a sudden, catastrophic medical event. Rick was born on December 12, 1966, in Battle Creek, MI to Richard Wayne Daniels Sr. and the late Janice Elaine (Wogomon) Daniels. In addition to his mother, Rick is preceded in death by his son Matthew Daniels, his sister Lori Daniels; his niece Beth Penley, and his two faithful rescue dogs, Kal and Milo.

Rick's survivors include his beloved wife of 16 years, Renee Marie (Shoemaker) Daniels, his son Nicholas "Nick" (Savvy) Daniels, of Battle Creek, MI, grandsons Eli and Toby, his father Richard Daniels Sr. of Enola, PA, formerly of Kalamazoo, MI, his brothers, Dan (Anne) Daniels, and Jerry Daniels of Battle Creek, MI, brother-in-law Brian Shoemaker of Scranton, PA. In addition, his nieces Lindsey (Jason) Newton, Sarah (Eric Hyde) Daniels, Nicole (Sathya) Kanth, Kimberly (Mel) Wolfe, and nephews Jared Daniels, Bradley (Emerald) Penley, Ty Shoemaker, his closest cousin Kathie Lorscheider (among others), several great nieces and nephews, aunts and uncles and his two beloved rescue dogs, Pumpkin and Remy.

Rick had a long and honorable military career. After graduating from Galesburg-Augusta high school, Rick entered the United States Marine Corp at 18 years of age. This was the beginning of his extraordinary career of service.

He trained at Camp Pendleton; He was deployed during The Gulf War for Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm. A later deployment took him to Kosovo, after which he was awarded the Kosovo Campaign Medal. Upon concluding his Marine service, he joined the Pennsylvania National Guard and became an instructor at Fort Indiantown Gap. After 9/11 he volunteered for active duty and trained soldiers for war in the US Army National Guard, which later deployed him to Iraq to serve in the 28th Infantry Division Alpha company 1st Battalion, 111th Infantry Brigade, 55th Stryker Combat Team in support of the War on Terror. His military career spanned 32 years. Even in death he gave of himself by being an organ donor (Gift of Life) and saving lives.

During his National Guard years in Pennsylvania, he met Renee, the love of his life. The bond was instant. There was a connection that was inexplicable and unbreakable. They finished each others sentences. After traveling the world for

many years, he just enjoyed "being at home". He was a devoted, loyal, loving and faithful husband. For 16 years, they shared the best years of their lives. To know that kind of love is an immeasurable blessing that will be forever cherished.

Rick was a devoted son, supportive brother, unconditionally loving father, faithful husband and cherished friend. Rick's ties to Michigan ran deep. His lifelong Michigan friends, Mark and Dawn Spear knew him well and can assure you that Rick was the same goofball back in "the day". He always provided laughter and fun times, even then. On many return visits to Michigan, he loved gatherings with family and friends, most often at his brother's home, where all were welcome. When Rick was there, they would come; to spend time with him, share old stories, listen to his many impersonations, and enjoy the endless laughter.

Rick was a huge University of Michigan Football fan. U of M apparel made up 50% of his wardrobe. The other 50% was camo, and USMC with an occasional golf shirt worn only if he was forced to wear a collared shirt.

Golf was his favorite hobby. He was so excited for golf league to start. He had the best time with his golf buddies. He was a hoot out there, drinking, cheating, creating chaos was all part of the game and he loved it so much. He was a member of the Armitage Golf Club, Thursday Night Golf League.

Rick enjoyed his annual golf trips, with his brother Dan, and friends, Matt and Chris, on the shores of Lake Michigan. Rick insisted on being the cook and would wake them by 5:30 a.m, to put in their breakfast orders. He would go prepared with all of his favorite kitchen gadgets, and pans.

Rick was a member of DayBreak Church. Orrs Bridge Road campus members knew when Rick was there. He enjoyed being a greeter; you could not bypass him on the way in. He loved Pastors Shawn and Ned. He liked the music so much and was baptized there a few years ago.

Rick's dogs were the most important to him. They were his support dogs and he cherished them. Kal was the first rescue, then Milo, then Pumpkin and Remy. Rick was a firm believer in rescuing dogs. For years, he volunteered in transporting dogs from state to state for them to be adopted. Many weekends were spent on volunteer, animal transport relays.

Rick got his daily exercise by walking the dogs, rain or shine, cold winter days or hot summer days, Rick would be out walking the

dogs. The neighbors could set their clocks to his walks. He loved his walks and the neighborhood, and he loved reminding the neighbors about Michigan's wins over Penn State.

Rick loved the cold weather. He loved the snow; the more, the better. He got so excited to get out there with the snow blower. He would often clear others' driveways so he could stay out. He loved decorating the house for Christmas and the unofficial neighborhood contest.

Fun facts about Rick that you may not know: He was a really, really good bowler. He palmed the ball and threw it curveball style down the lane. He would get strike after strike. He loved cooking big breakfasts for everyone. He could beat anyone at "name that tune", including the year the song came out. He believed 80's music was the best decade of music. He knew the dialogue to every MASH episode. He could never figure out the GPS system in the car, yet he taught Land Navigation in the Army. He claimed he could get there better with a compass and by looking at the sun. He was a firm believer that raisins should not be in cookies. He could tell you the name of any aircraft just by hearing it fly overhead. He raided the neighbors' garage refrigerators and regularly stole their beer.

He valued his friendship with Ed Swingle deeply. Seeing Rick and Ed together whether at work or in social settings was a joy to behold. They met at Fort Indiantown Gap, worked together, golfed together, bowled together, served in Germany, Kosovo and Iraq together. Their lives became closely entwined. A true Brotherhood. That friendship extended to Renee. Ed was a true and loyal friend who could always be counted on at a moment's notice.

If you knew Rick, you know he lived life wholeheartedly and that he radiated light and love. He loved a lively, good hearted banter, and he could take teasing as well as he gave. He was goofy and fun, loyal and dependable, and had a tender heart. A truly great man that will be missed deeply, by many.

Please join Rick's family at his Celebration of Life open house to be held Friday, June 13, 2025, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. A special time of remembrance, including military honors performed by the Cumberland County Honor Guard, will take place at 2:30 p.m.

Organization that were important to Rick include:
Disabled American Vets (DAV) Help.dav.org
Pennsylvania SPCA pspca.org