



Daniel Kearney

OCT 5, 1983 - AUG 28, 2023



Scan to Visit



FUNERAL HOME, MEMORIAL PARK & CREMATORY

Table of Contents

Obituary	Page 3
Tribute Wall	Page 5



Daniel Kearney

OCT 5, 1983 - AUG 28, 2023

Lt. Commander Daniel J. Kearney, Jr. USCG, died on August 28, 2023, at Stanford Hospital in Palo Alto, California, five months after receiving a devastating stage 4 cholangiocarcinoma (bile duct cancer) diagnosis. He was 39 years old and would have turned 40 on October 5. Dan was the beloved husband of Cmdr. Caroline D. Kearney, USCG for over 15 years, and the adored father of Benjamin (7) and Thomas (5). He is also survived by his mother, Sara Kearney; father and stepmother, Daniel and Cheryl Kearney; his sister and brother-in-law Megan and Daniel Whitley and their children Owen, Patrick and Evelyn. He also leaves behind beloved nieces, aunts, uncles, and in-laws.

Dan grew up in Canton, MA. He graduated from the United States Coast Guard Academy in 2006 with a B.S. in Management, where he played on the CGA Bears football team, and met the love of his life and best friend, Caroline. Dan later graduated from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University with a M.S. in Aeronautics in 2017.

Dan's life of Coast Guard service started on the USCGC VALIANT (WMEC-621) in Miami Beach FL as a Deck Watch Officer. He then attended Naval Flight School in Pensacola FL and earned his wings of gold in 2010 as USCG Aviator #4282.

Dan was a Coast Guard MH-65 Dolphin search and rescue helicopter pilot in North Bend OR and Corpus Christi TX, and most recently served as the C-130 Long Range Surveillance Production Officer at the Aviation Logistics Center in Elizabeth City NC. After diagnosis, Dan was insistent that he and his family continue their planned career trajectory and transfer to USCG Air Station San Francisco, because life doesn't stop when faced with great challenges. He was just shy of 3,000 flight hours, which saved or assisted many lives, and flew countless test flights that supported mission ready MH-65 aircraft for the fleet. He was the recipient of the Coast Guard Commendation Medal and Achievement Medal, among other personal awards.



Obituary

Daniel Kearney

OCT 5, 1983 - AUG 28, 2023

Service to his country closely followed his humanist belief which affirms, without theism, our ability and responsibility to lead an ethical life of personal fulfillment that aspires to the greater good.

Living all over the country came with the benefit of exploring new places. Some of his favorite memories include hiking in the Pacific Northwest, skiing at Mt. Bachelor, Mt. Hood, and Whistler, enjoying the sun and sand in Miami Beach, Pensacola Beach, Padre Island, Outer Banks, Cape Cod, Dayton Island on Lake Nicasius ME and not-so-sunny Oregon Coast. Visiting national parks, in-person or via helicopter overflight, including Crater Lake, Yosemite, Redwoods, Grand Canyon, Yellowstone, Mt. Rushmore, Everglades, Shenandoah, Great Smokey Mountains, Dry Tortugas, Petrified Forest and Carlsbad Caverns.

Most importantly, Dan loved his family and being a father above anything else. He considered raising his boys with Caroline his greatest joy and contribution in life. Though he had great adventures, it was his everyday family life that he enjoyed the most. He was the house chef, loved cooking, but loved eating even more. Playing soccer and basketball in the yard with the boys, jumping around in a blow-up pool in the backyard, endlessly throwing the boys high in the pool, pushing them on the swing set, enjoying family beach days, movie nights, sneaking out on the golf course after hours, family bike rides, Super Mario gaming marathons, snuggling up on the couch with the boys and "his" cat Milo, and general home chaos. Dan loved watching his boys grow into their own personalities and filling their mind with knowledge and excitement for life. To Dan, home was not a place, but his family.

Dan would also like to thank his family, friends, Coast Guard family, Naval Medical Center Portsmouth and Stanford Hospital for their love, care and support.

A celebration of life will be held at the United States Coast Guard Academy, with inurnment at Arlington National Cemetery on a future date.

All are welcome to attend the celebration of life and inurnment services.

Donations can be made in his honor to the Cholangiocarcinoma Foundation to help find a cure and improve the quality of life for others facing this rare, aggressive cancer.



Tribute Wall

Daniel Kearney

OCT 5, 1983 - AUG 28, 2023



Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Kearney family.

September 1 at 12:06 PM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Daniel.

September 1 at 12:06 PM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Daniel by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



Scan to Visit



FUNERAL HOME, MEMORIAL PARK & CREMATORY