



Daniel Tobin

August 10, 1923 - November 1, 2009

Daniel P. Tobin, (CDR USN Ret.), age 86 of Fort Collins, CO, died peacefully November 1, 2009 at his home surrounded by his family. He is survived by Marie Elizabeth (Betty) Tobin, his loving wife of 60 years as well as his six devoted children and ten grandchildren: Stephen (and Laurie) Tobin and their children Marleah and Collin of Longmont, David (and Anne) and their children, Molly and Kathryn of Boulder, Judith (and Stephen) Bartels and their children Ashley and Robert of Pittsford, New York, Kathleen (and Douglas) Udy and their children Daniel, Kevin, Elizabeth and Laura of Fort Collins, Michael Tobin (and Michael Atkins) of Denver and Mary (and Ernie) Batson of Fort Collins. He is also survived by his brother Paul (and Lynn) Tobin of Lakeland, Florida. Dan is predeceased by his parents, Daniel P. Tobin and Anna Marie Tobin; his brother Charles Tobin and sister Anne Buckles. Dan was born August 10, 1923 in Newport, Rhode Island to Daniel and Anna Marie Tobin. He grew up in Newport, attended Teachers College until joining the U.S. Navy in December of 1942. On June 18, 1949, Dan married Marie Elizabeth (Betty) Schmelz and began their family of six children. After serving during WWII, Korea and Viet Nam as a Naval Aviator, Dan was assigned to the Joint Chiefs of Staff at the Pentagon in Washington D.C.. He retired as a Commander after 26 years of service, settling his family in Rockville, Maryland, where Betty and Dan lived for 38 years. There they attended to St. Jude's Catholic Parish and were well loved by all. In 2005 he and Betty relocated to Fort Collins, Colorado to be with their children and families. There, Dan and Betty became

beloved and active parishioners of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church. Dan also served many years as a member of the Knights of Columbus and the American Legion. Mass of the Resurrection will be held at 11 AM Thursday preceded by a viewing at 10 AM at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, 5450 South Lemay Ave., Ft. Collins. Interment, with full military honors will be held Friday at 2:15 at Fort Logan National Cemetery, Denver The family requests that any memorial donations please be made to Pathways Hospice of Larimer County.

Tribute Wall



“ *Daniel Tobin*

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ *Please know that the entire Tobin family is in my thoughts and prayers during this emotionally difficult time. Words are insufficient to encompass or convey the deep feelings of loss over the passing of the very-much-loved patriarch of your family. Please find comfort in the memories of so many years of the love you all shared with Dan.*

*Love
Paul*

Paul Bartels - November 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Dave, Anne, Molly, Kathryn and Steve,*

Our prayers and thoughts are with you at this time of sadness at the loss of your father. May the memories of your time with him comfort you greatly.

*With Love,
Art Dale and Lisa*

Lisa Johnson - November 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ Uncle Dan will be missed greatly. He is the type of man whom you meet for the first time and you are instantly friends, and though miles and years separate you, when you see him again it's like you were together yesterday...I look so forward to seeing him again one day and just pick up where we left off. Our love and condolences to Aunt Betty and Dan's clan in Colorado and NY. God bless you! Love Katie, Bob, Meghan & Kerra in RI.

Robert Tobin - November 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ We will miss Dan and his gentle spirit and strong leadership. He was a valued member of our parish. I served with Dan on the Parish Council and admired his wisdom and thoughtful nature. They don't make men like Dan any more. He will remain a constant inspiration to me.

Rayno Seaser - November 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ My deepest sympathies to you and your entire family. All you have told me about your father reminded me of this prayer...
God saw you getting tired and a cure was not to be. So He put His arms around you and whispered “come to me.” With tearful eyes we watched you, and saw you pass away. Although we loved you dearly, we could not make you stay. A golden heart stopped beating, hard working hands at rest. God broke our hearts to prove to us, He only takes the best.

Joanne Ciaravino - November 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

HT

“ Dear Betty,
Thank you again for being the grandma at our Mom's Group meetings way back when.
We had a Sodality Meeting last night (first Tues.) & Terri MacKinnon (the Prefect) made the announcement.
You're in our thoughts & prayers.
To Jesus through Mary,
Helen Toussaint

Helen Toussaint - November 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PG

“ May your memories be a precious source of peace, strength and comfort.

Paul and Kathy Greenberg - November 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GG

“ My sophomore year in high school, I was introduced to the Tobin family. Although life has taken us in different directions they have always had a place in my heart.
Having lost my Father in my childhood there were a few of my friends fathers that unknowingly had an impact on my life through the way that they lived and the way they guided and disciplined their children, my friends. "The Commander" as we lovingly called him (out of his sight of course) was one of those fathers.
I share with the Tobin family in the suffering of their loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

God be with you, Mr. Tobin, until we meet again,

Grant & Evelyn Gursky - November 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *Betty and family,
Thank you for moving to Colorado so that we could be blessed with the presence of Dan in our lives, as well as you, Betty. He will be missed by all, I am sure, God Bless you and keep each of you in His loving arms as you walk this path. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Love, always,
Jerry and Jeannie Hoffmann*

Jerry and Jeannie Hoffmann - November 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ *Betty: We extend to you and your family out sincere sympathy. We hold you in our prayers. God bless.*

Trudy and Tom Pilot - November 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SO

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the entire Tobin family and their friends. I have known Steve for over 30 years, and Dave a long time. These men are two of the most caring and honest people I have ever met. I am sure the rest of the kids are the same. That is a tribute to both Dan and Betty, of their values they gave to their children. I am so very sorry for your loss. Sally*

Sally Ochsner - November 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ *Betty,

We are so sorry to hear about Dan. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this time.*

Michael and Natalie Craven - November 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AV

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. Our deepest sympathy with our thoughts and prayers to all the family.

Anthony & Dorothy Varron - November 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ Dear Betty and Family,

We were so sorry to hear of Dan's passing away. We will always remember the great times at St. Judes. We had a special connection--the same wedding date. This was always remembered at the anniversary Masses.

Dan's 'political humor' was very special. He will always be remembered.

You are all in our thoughts and prayers. God Bless Dan and his Family.

Clete and Bev Roh - November 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ I was so sorry to hear of the passing of your dad. He and your family have always held a special place in my heart. I remember him cooking us breakfast on Sunday mornings, Eggs Benedict, one of my favorites. I also remember him driving us to school, and to the Irish Cotillions. He was always so calm, and welcoming. I wish you all my deepest sympathy and will pray for your family during this difficult time.

Leslie Ford Beiter - November 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ Dear Betty,
I extend my deepest sympathy to and the children on the loss of Dan. What a wonderful man. It was my privilege to know him and see him in action around the church and community. I know you will miss him and I will think of you often in prayer. It is very, very sad when your loved one leaves, however, he leaves so many good memories that with God's love and help and your family you will be able to cope.

God Bless and much love, Anne

Anne DeCourcy - November 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ Dear Betty and family,
So sorry to hear of Dan's death.
My thoughts and prayers our with all
of you. Pat

Pat Black - November 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ My condolences to Dan's family and also to his brother, Paul.

Jack Smith - November 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ Dear Betty, Mary, and Tobin Family,
We extend our heartfelt sympathy to you after hearing about Dan. We heard about his illness through Margaret Mary. We have prayed for Dan's healing and now we know that God has answered our prayers. We know that Dan was a good man - the salt of the earth as the bible says. He was a protector, a family man, a patriotic man, a faithful follower of the Catholic Church. He was a good example to us as we began life on Russett Rd. We treasure the memories of his friendship. He was a caring soul and it was reassuring to know he was only a few houses away. We enjoyed his company and genuine concern everytime we added a new child to our family. We remember the hospitality he extended to friends and neighbors down in his bar area. Betty, we remember you in a special way as you start a new phase of your life without Dan. Your children and grandchildren will be your comfort and the days will be brighter with them surrounding you with their love!!! We wish we could hug you! Be assured of our prayers for you! May Dan rest in peace. Amen
Bud, Susan and Family

Bud and Susan Pautler - November 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ We are so sorry to hear of Dan's passing. I remember many delightful over-the-fence conversations with Dan about family, politics, religion, raising children & many other topics regarding daily living. He was a kind and caring man. The kids will forever remember blueberry pancakes on the deck.
Hugs to Betty and Mary and our sympathy and prayers for the entire family.

Teresa & Carl Salzano - November 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ *Dear Betty:
Our prayers and deepest sympathy to
you and your family on Dan's passing.
We wish all you well.
Warmest Regards,
Bob and Mary Kelley*

Robert Kelley - November 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ *Dear Betty
Our hearts to out to you and your beautiful family at this very sad
time. You and Dan had a wonderful life together and he will always
remain with you. I am sure these last years have been wonderful
being close to all your children and their families. We all missed you
both in Rockville & at St. Jude's. We had many wonderful times and
especially enjoyed our Irish dances!! God Bless all of you.
Love
Tom & Mary*

Tom & Mary Beahn - November 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ *Betty: I am so sorry for your loss. I was in Mom's group when you
were back east. We are thinking of you. Angela*

Angela Shorter - November 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ Dear Betty,

I remember Dan as always pleasant and cheerful during his days at USAA. it was a pleasure to work with him --his sense of humor brightened many a day.

With deepest sympathy,

Mary Walker

Mary P. Walker - November 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Dear Betty and Family,

I was so sorry to hear of Dan's death. A classmate, Jean Neumann called yesterday to give me the sad news. I only met Dan twice but he impressed me on both occasions as being a great person. My last remembrance of him was when Betty and he attended my 50th Jubilee in Fox Chase. I was thrilled to have you both at the celebration. May Dan rest in the peace of the Lord and may you all be consoled knowing that, "in death, life is changed, not taken away."

Love and prayers, Pat

Sister Pat Edelen MMS - November 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

WJ

“ After what can only be described as a rocky start, the Commander turned out to be a pretty cool dude. We probably never agreed on anything, but in the end we could laugh about it all. He went out on his own terms, and you have to respect that. More than once we put him through Hell, so now he can enjoy Heaven. I hope we can all end our lives with the same grace, dignity and bravery that he demonstrated in his own life. He didn't like the Yankees, so he wasn't really that smart (just kidding). Let's all just take our best memories and smile whenever we think of him. P.S. Steve is a bum.....

William Dillon, Jr. - November 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Sending warm condolences to Betty, all the children and cousin Paul. I remember Dan as always being such a warm and caring person. He will be missed.

I was very sorry not to be able to attend for the festive celebration of Dan's 80th birthday several years ago in Colorado. Dan was quite interested in sharing family history and seemed like a link to the Tobin and Halpin heritage. He was closer to the generation of my mother, Edith, his aunt, and quite a special favorite of hers and my grandmother.

Jane Duffy Beswick - November 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ My deepest sympathy to Betty and all the family. I have such wonderful memories of all the family tales Dan would share with Paul and me when we would visit in Rockville. We loved hearing about Granny at Shamrock Cliff. I am grateful to have known Dan who was so generous, thoughtful, and humorous. The world is in a better place because of all his contributions. Edith and he are probably sharing some good laughs in heaven.

Martha Duffy Harpin - November 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Dear Betty,
We were so sorry to hear about Dan. We will be praying for you and your family as you grieve. We have often thought of you even though time and distance have kept us separate. You were a very special "grandmom" to our children in the Moms group.
Love in Christ,
Mary and Jack Calis

Jack and Mary Calis - November 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ I was very saddened to hear of Dan's passing. It was a true honor to work with someone as caring as he was of his customers as well as his employees. An officer and a gentleman! My deepest sympathy is extended to Betty and the entire family.

Jacky Copeland - November 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM