



Daniel Avery

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Daniel Avery – son, brother, husband, dad, uncle, grandpa, great grandpa and Friend, is “on the road again” beginning his heavenly journey on July 15, 2020. He leaves us with cherished memories and inspiration to grab life by the horns and hold on tight. Dan was born on August 6, 1930 to Myron D. and Clara (Cady) Avery in Stafford Springs, CT. His childhood years at the family farm in Stafford Hollow were spent raising Hereford cattle and working the fields with horses, Dolly and Jesse and a team of oxen, Mike and Woody. The eldest of six children, Dan enjoyed helping out his great grandparents and grandparents. One particular memory, of many, was helping his grandfather Daniel Avery shoveling and bagging charcoal from boxcars in Scitico to be used in curing tobacco in the sheds. Graduating from Stafford High School in 1948, he has enjoyed attending every class reunion with treasured classmates, celebrating their 71st just last December. With a desire to continue an agricultural life, Dan was a herdsman at dairy farms in Bethany and Somers, Wright’s Hereford Farm in Willington, and eventually Beef Herdsman at the University of Connecticut livestock facilities. He truly enjoyed the UConn agricultural community – students, staff, and faculty during his 31 year tenure, serving as mentor and friend. Retiring in 1986, he maintained lifelong friendships. Dan was active in the Stafford Grange (Master), UConn Cooperative Extension Service -28 years as leader of the Tolland County 4-H Blue Ribbon Beef Club, and his own farming enterprises. Many youngsters and “oldsters” benefited from his keen knowledge of raising and exhibiting beef cattle. He served as a livestock judge for many years at fairs in New England and New York. Dan retired from Eastern States Exposition in 2011. He was honored for his 70 years involved with The Big E as an exhibitor, 4-H Beef Committee member (50yrs.), and Beef Superintendent (30 yrs.). Community Service was another passion. He was active in local government as Chairman of the Democratic Town Committee and served as Willington First Selectman 1985-1989.



He was also a member of Gov. William O'Neill's newly formed CT Grown council. Dan belonged to the Willington Hill Fire Department for many years. First serving as President and then becoming Chief for 22 years, retired as Honorary Chief and life member. He was on the board of directors of the Tolland County Mutual Aid Fire Service, Inc. as a member and treasurer. The fire department membership was another branch of his extended family tree. Not wanting to be idle, Dan enjoyed working for Willington Pest Control as their "Ant and Bee Man" for a number of years post retirement. Dan and his wife Claire thoroughly enjoyed a long retirement together. Traveling the east coast together in a motor home, spending winters on Grassy Key, Florida and summers in Southwest Harbor, Maine. Saltwater fishing, golfing, sunset parties, and lasting friendships encompassed their days. Traveling with Dan, one could count on listening to him whistle, slap his knee, and sing along with the country western music always on his radio as soon as he hit the road. Dan was predeceased by his wife of 65 years, Mary Claire, as well as his brothers, Melvin and Ernest. He is survived by his daughters and sons-in-law, M. Kathleen and Donald Messier, Nancy and John Pacyna, and Eileen and Thomas Smith, sister, Doris (Ronald) Murray, brothers, Myron (Masako), and George (Charlotte), sisters-in-law, Marjorie (Ernest) and Pauline (Melvin). He also leaves grandchildren, Donna Bragg, Earl Messier, Joseph Pacyna, Frances Champagne, Danielle Smith, and Jefferson Smith, as well as great grandchildren, Eric Bragg, Jennifer Norden, Stephen Bragg, Tyler Vargas, Elizabeth Messier, Joseph Messier, Joy Livingston-Pacyna, and Clara Champagne, along with great-great grandchildren, Henry and Gwyneth Bragg, and Violet and Ella Norden, and his dear friend, Barbara Smith. Our family is very grateful for the loving care that Dad received these past 10 months from Mandelina, Margaret, Rhoda, Albertina, Mercy, and Ashley. Dad enjoyed wonderful visits with family and friends these past six weeks while on Hospice at home – a gift to all of us. His funeral service will be held on Monday, July 20, 2020 at 10 A.M. outside the former St. Jude Church, 25 Old Farms Rd., Willington, CT. Burial will follow in Moose Meadow Cemetery, Willington, CT. Calling hours are on Sunday, July 19, 2020 from 4-7 P.M. at Introvigne Funeral Home, Inc., 51 East Main St., Stafford Springs, CT. Social distancing and masks will be required. Donations may be made in



Obituary

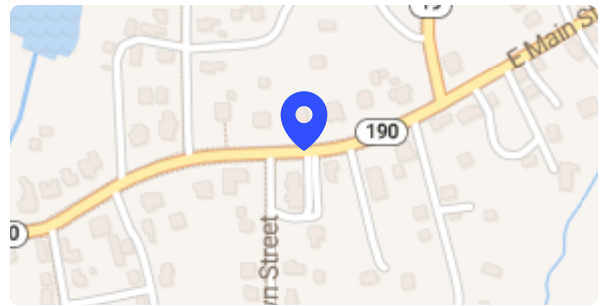
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Dan's memory to the following: Willington Hill Fire Department, 24 Old Farms Rd., Willington, CT 06279, Eastern States Exposition 4-H Beef Program, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield, MA 01089, or to The Federated Church of Willington, 132 River Rd., Willington, CT 06279. To leave a condolence online for the family, or for directions, please visit: www.introvignefuneralhome.com



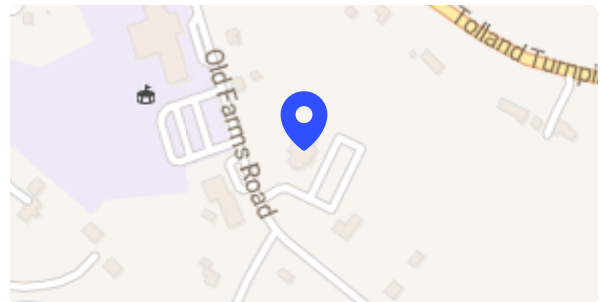
Visitation

- Sunday**, July 19, 2020
- 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET
- Introvigne Funeral Home, Inc.**
51 East Main St., Stafford Springs CT 06076



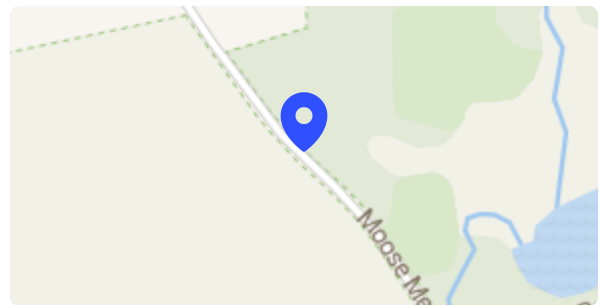
Service

- Monday**, July 20, 2020
- 10:00 AM ET
- St. Jude Church**
25 Old Farms Rd., Willington CT 06279



Cemetery Details

- Moose Meadow Cemetery**
Moose Meadow Rd., Willington CT 06279





Tribute Wall

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Robert & Judy Campbell posted:

To the Avery family Sending hugs of love ❤️ to all of you. May loving memories sustain you all at this difficult time. Dan was loved by all who knew him!!! ❤️😊

September 7 at 4:19 PM



Ralph Tulis posted:

Kathleen, Eileen, Tom, et al -I'm sorry that things are the way they are these days - with my health track record I avoid large gatherings. I would have enjoyed the many conversations I know took place about your dad & father-in-law Dan, simply put, exemplified the concept of a truly good person. I first met him when my parents took over the store on 74 after the Smiths and Ray Squires retired and moved on. He and my dad were good friends and he was probably the instigator of my dad's involvement in WHFD. If you remember, one of the original sirens for the department was located behind the store.He will be remembered with extreme fondness. Claire (to me Mrs Avery) was one of my substitute teachers during my stint at HMS. Both were simply good people. Both will remain near and dear in our hearts and I hope knowing that brings some comfort to you all.Ralph TulisWillington

July 28 at 6:39 PM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Avery family.



July 22 at 6:45 AM



Frances Funk posted:

Dan was a friend, as he was to many. I met him back in the '70s, and found him to be a gentleman, kind and a friend to all. I was lucky enough to fall into that category. Although I've not seen him in years, I never forgot his patience, kindness, and dedication to the UConn Agricultural program, and to the Tolland Fire Department. He was a good man, and a credit to humanity.My condolences to his family, and those who loved him.

July 20 at 10:33 AM



Jane Carlsen lit a candle in honor of Daniel.



July 19 at 1:03 PM



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RW

Roger Wilson posted:

We are so very sorry for your loss. Our deepest sympathy and prayers are with you all at this heart breaking time. Love,Roger & Marlene Wilson and Family

July 19 at 12:29 PM

ML

Marilynne Licht posted:

To the Avery's, my deepest sympathy and prayers to you all at Dan's passing. I am heartbroken but I know Dan is with his beloved Claire again. I will miss phone chats with Dan across the miles, I can hear his voice and laughter still. The many years across the road from Dan and Claire in our Sebastian park, spending time with him and you all in the house on Phyllis, along with endless patio parties, hold precious memories that go on and on. When we visited Willington on our eastern trip, Howard and I felt your family treated us like royalty. Dan and Claire were very special people and they raised a special family. Whispering Palms won't be the same without Dan in it, and I will forever miss our last planned-on Red Lobster dinner date. Wishing strength for your family and sending my love and hugs, Marilynne

July 18 at 3:45 PM

SZ

Stanley J Zimnoch July 25 at 4:30 PM

avery agreat guy had a lot of fun knowing you. you will be missed greatly at big E afriend allways good buy

JS

Jewel Stauffer July 19 at 2:06 PM

Our deepest sympathy to your family in the loss of Dan. We enjoyed spending time with him at Whispering Palms Resort in Florida. Chuck and Jewel Stauffer

DE

Darrel & Mary Ecker July 19 at 12:20 PM

With deepest sympathy on the loss of your dad. We enjoyed seeing him when we were down at Whispering Palms in Florida.Darrel and Mary Ecker



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Valda Oatley Aponik posted:

I cant even begin to share a memory because there so so many. Even before I got to UCONN I had met Dan and his wonderful family at the fairs..Woodstock was one of our favorites. From there it was BIGE, Freyburg, Harrisburg, sales in Virginia, Florida keys, Jolly Roger, Marathon, my wedding, Vances Birthday Party, the list goes on and on. Dan was such a big part of my life since I was 14 years old. There are only a few people in life that YOUR life gets better every time your with them and Dan was that person for me. Even though he played a few tricks on me while at UCONN ...he also made it super fun!! He just made you feel like he cared about you, that you were special. I guess I could and will talk about the many many years I got to share with Dan Avery and his wife Claire and their wonderful family. I will forver miss him.

July 18 at 3:01 PM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful Dreams to the Avery family.



July 18 at 9:46 AM



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



July 18 at 6:17 AM



David Green posted:

New England's agricultural community has lost a giant at Dan's passing. He had a way about him that drew people in – and a sharp wit that always kept you chuckling. Dan selflessly shared his experiences and mentored countless people over his lifetime, from 4H Cloverbuds to college students to old timers – which will propel his legacy in the industry forward into future generations. I valued and appreciated Dan as a mentor, friend and colleague, and my heartfelt condolences are offered to his family at this sad time. - Dave Green

July 18 at 5:22 AM



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Bill And Gloria Bennett lit a candle in honor of Daniel.

Nancy, Eileen, Kathleen and family, we were so sadden to see that your Dad had passed. Your Dad and Mom were such special people and wonderful neighbors. Your Dad did so much for agriculture and helping the youth enjoy the fun days of showing at fairs. He will always be remembered and missed. God Bless you all, and pray He eases your pain.



July 18 at 4:15 AM



Laura Allen Fiore posted:

With sincere condolences to the Avery family. I had met him several times at family weddings and enjoyed speaking with him. May he rest in peace. Laura Allen Fiore

July 18 at 3:31 AM



Anonymous sent a Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray to the Avery family.



July 17 at 6:41 PM



Anonymous sent a Blessed Heart to the Avery family.



July 17 at 6:34 PM



Barbara Avery posted:

Uncle Dan was a gentle giant. His presence in and out of the show ring brought peace and comfort during my years in 4-H and The New England Hereford Association. When I drive past the cattle barns at UConn, pass through Willington or visit the barns at the Big E! he is always there in my thoughts and memories. When I look at this photo of Uncle Dan I see Grandma and Grandpa, his parents. Uncle Dan encompassed the best qualities from both of them. His love and light lives on in all of his family and friends. - Barbara Avery

July 17 at 3:25 PM



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Brenda Friedrich lit a candle in honor of Daniel.



July 17 at 3:20 PM



Jane And Keith Macdonald posted:

Rocking M Farm Keith and Jane MacDonald will miss visiting with Dan at the Fenton River farm with Richard Claus Sr. We spent many evenings listening to stories and learned a lot from Dan. We always looked forward to him wandering down the aisle to visit or hand us or release pass at the big E. You will be greatly missed.

July 17 at 2:06 PM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Avery family.



July 17 at 6:46 AM



The New England Hereford Association sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Avery family.



July 17 at 4:53 AM



Debbie Littell-Edwards lit a candle in honor of Daniel.

He and his wife were very special people! So kind to me. I remember they sponsored me in the Miss Ct pageant. He is now back with her in Heaven and now they both are R. I. P. 🙏 I'll never forget you and I will always carry you both in my heart. God Bless



July 16 at 5:31 PM



Linda Brothers (Wilson) lit a candle in honor of Daniel.



July 16 at 4:09 PM



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Becky Rich posted:

Seeing Dan at the Big E was an annual treat. Prayers and hugs to family and friends.

July 16 at 3:18 PM



Anonymous sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Avery family.



July 16 at 10:50 AM



Merrilyn Cummings posted:

The Niederwerfer Family sends their condolences on the loss of a great man who worked closely with our Dad in the 4-H Program and at the Tolland County Agricultural Center. He helped so many of us with the selection and raising of our Hereford beef cattle for showing in 4-H. We will cherish the memories. Merrilyn Niederwerfer Cummings

July 16 at 10:03 AM



Bette July 17 at 4:32 AM

Nancy and Family, Our deepest sympathies on your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Bette & Felix Giordano



Jim Murdock July 17 at 4:28 AM

The agricultural world has lost a larger than life friend however his memory will be striding along the isles of Big E for eternity bringing a smile and a hand shake to everyone, sincere sympathy and condolences to his entire family and friends Jim Murdock Jr



Steve & Pat Lofman July 16 at 5:44 PM

Dan was the salt of the earth. Always a smile and willing to help someone. He had a lost attribute - common sense. All our thoughts with our good friends Tom and Eileen and the whole family.



Michael Mason July 16 at 3:10 PM

I am so sorry to hear of Dan's passing. My fondest memory is of him planting and harvesting corn on Latham Rd. in front of my house as a child. I remember trips to the Willington Hill firehouse and seeing Chief Avery. My dad knew him and worked at Uconn with the Department of Agriculture. Later in life I had the chance to deliver feed to his farm. It was nice to see him again. He was a great man with knowledge and passion for farming. I remember him as a well respected man with passion to help others. He will be very well missed. May his ride to his next life be a great one. My sincere sympathy and condolences to his family. God bless you all during this difficult time.



Jo Ann Smith July 16 at 2:18 PM

To Dans Family, Your Dad and Grandfather was a wonderful Friend to Bruce and I. We are so grateful for the years in the Keys and the Sebastian Years. When it was time to leave the Keys We found a place together and made sure There was a place for the rest of the Keys Friends. Your Dad and Mother have a very special place In the best of memories. Jo Ann



Alice Cassells July 16 at 1:30 PM

A caring man to all. Always a big smile . Thinking of you all . He lived life to the fullest and then some!! Alice Cassells



Nancy Musial July 16 at 12:50 PM



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Kathy and sisters, sorry to hear of your fathers passing. He was a caring man. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.



Roy Kimball July 16 at 12:36 PM

So sorry for your loss Kathy and Don. God bless.



Beverly (Green) Brazeal July 16 at 11:27 AM

Our deepest sympathies to Kathy, Nancy, Eileen and their families. Our family always loved Dan and Claire; their kind and caring leadership will long be remembered. Whether it was a fire department event or help with a 4H project Dan always seemed to have a smile. For years, I have enjoyed "seeking him out" at Willington events.



Memories only last if you share them

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



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