



## Daniel "Dan" James Buckley

July 25, 1949 - May 5, 2026

A man of quiet strength, steady hands, and a heart rooted in duty, Dan leaves behind a legacy defined by faith, country, and an unwavering devotion to his family.

### Biographical Sketch:

Daniel "Dan" James Buckley, 76, of Gainesville, Florida passed away on May 5, 2026, due to stroke complications. Dan was born and raised in Cincinnati, Ohio with his loving parents Bill and Pat Buckley and eight siblings: Dave (Lorraine) Buckley, Diane (Randy) Jackson, Don (†Laura) Buckley, Debra (Dave) Imbus, Denise (†Bobby) Bell, Peggy (Jim) McRoberts, Trish (Kashi Honarkhah) Buckley, and Marie (Nick) Coldwell.

### A Foundation of Service:

Dan's journey of service began in the United States Navy, where he served as a Petty Officer from 1967 to 1972 during the Vietnam War. Assigned to the USS Annapolis, Dan managed critical communications that shaped decisions and moved troops. His service took him around the world, including Japan and Spain. For his reliability and excellence under pressure, he was awarded the National Defense Service Ribbon, the Vietnam Service Medal, the Navy Good Conduct Medal, and a Meritorious Unit Commendation. Even amidst the weight of war, Dan found moments of humanity on the ship's basketball court between duties. After his time in the military, Dan took a civilian job in the

Marshall Islands with Radio Hawaii for one year on so small an atoll that it could not be walked across during high tide as it split into two islands!

#### A Career of Precision:

Following his military service, Dan transitioned into a distinguished career in procurement and supply chain management. A proud alumnus of Saint Gertrude, Schoeder Jr., Woodward High School (Class of '67) and the University of Cincinnati, he earned his Bachelor of Science in 1980 and pursued graduate studies in Industrial Relations.

Over five decades, Dan became a pillar in the aerospace and energy industries. From his early years as a foreman and administrator at General Electric Aircraft Engines to his most recent role as a Purchasing Specialist at Siemens Energy AG, he was known for his technical expertise and financial stewardship. Whether he was procuring jet engine turbines, supporting the Motorola IRIDIUM satellite program, or managing multi-million dollar spends for power plants, Dan's work was quietly essential and executed with the same steady hand he brought to every aspect of his life.

#### Faith and Family:

In 1974, Dan welcomed the birth of his first child, Beth. On February 14, 1976, Dan married Mary Ann Clausen. For 39 years, they built a life centered on their Catholic faith—a foundation they passed on to their four children. Though his career often required the family to move, Dan's presence ensured that "home" was wherever they landed. The family's journey took them from Cincinnati to Montgomery, Alabama; Charleston, South Carolina; Omaha, Nebraska; Orlando, Florida; and finally, Gainesville, Florida.

Dan showed his love through action and consistency. This was never more evident than during Mary Ann's five-year battle with cancer. Dan served as her faithful caregiver, standing beside her with quiet endurance until she passed peacefully in their Ocoee home. Following her passing, Dan remained a

constant for his children, ensuring family remained the center of their lives.

#### A Pillar of his Communities:

Dan was a man of many talents and interests. He filled rooms with music as an accordionist, playing for friends, neighbors, and the Spanish language Mass at his church. A man of devout routine, he was a dedicated choir member and active participant in his parishes, including St. Saviour, Holy Spirit, Divine Redeemer, St. Leo's, St. Andrew's, and Holy Faith. He served as the President of his Homeowners Association at The Reserve in Ocoee, Financial Secretary for the Knights of Columbus at St. Andrew's and was a dedicated youth mentor as a Cub Master and Boy Scout Troop Leader of Pack 18 at St. Saviour. An avid sportsman, coach, and official, Dan was a familiar face on the sidelines as a soccer, swimming, and diving official for high school and amateur leagues.

#### A Legacy of Service:

Dan Buckley did not ask for recognition; he simply did what he knew needed to be done. He lived a life of service to his faith, family, country and local communities. He will be remembered as a steady presence and a quiet strength who showed up every day for those who depended on him even in his final days helping fellow neighbors at the Atrium, volunteering at St. Patrick's soccer and St. Francis Catholic Academy's WolfBotics and singing choir at Holy Faith up until the end. In his later years as a widower, he found constant companionship and loyalty in his German Shepherd, Luna.

#### Services and Remembrances

- Florida Visitation Friday, May 8 at 11:00am and 12 noon funeral Mass at Holy Faith Catholic Church in Gainesville, 1:00pm reception in the parish hall
- Ohio Visitation Monday, May 11 from 5:30pm–7:30pm at Thomas-Justin Funeral Home (Montgomery Rd.)

- Interment Tuesday, May 12 at 11:00am at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Cincinnati

- Survived by:

- o Children: Beth Buckley; Daniel J. Buckley, II; Dante A. Buckley (Taryn); and Fr. Dominic J. Buckley

- o Grandchildren: Kiefer, Duncan, Xavier, and Quintin

- Preceded in death by his parents Bill and Pat Buckley and his beloved wife, Mary Ann Buckley née Clausen.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made to the Veterans Program at E.T. York Haven Hospice. Please write "Veterans Program" in Additional Comments section: <https://havenhospice.com/donate>

# Upcoming Events

## Visitation

MAY 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

Holy Faith Catholic Church  
747 NW 43rd St  
Gainesville, FL 32607  
(352) 376-5405

## Funeral Mass

MAY 8. 12:00 PM (ET)

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