



## Daniel Louis Delane

August 22, 1952 - June 15, 2019

Daniel Louis Delane, 66, passed away unexpectedly on June 15, 2019 doing what he loved - flying.

Dan is survived by his wife of 28 years, Lori Vincent Delane, whom he always referred to as his beautiful bride; his sons, Chase (Paige), Max, Michael (Kerianne), and grandson Louis. Along with siblings, John (Mimi) Delane, Mark (Cecily) Delane, and sister, Chris Huhs.

He was born in Portland, Oregon on August 22, 1952 to Edward Louis Delane and Anne Marie Tumpane Delane. He attended Malaga Cove Intermediate School, Rolling Hills High School, George C Marshall High School (Ankara Turkey), and graduated from West Virginia University where he participated in the Air Force ROTC program. He joined the Air Force in 1975 where he flew the F-5, F-15, and was part of the Aggressor Squadron at Nellis Air Force Base. After his active duty service, he entered the Georgia Air National Guard where he retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1996. He also flew for Eastern Airlines and finished his career with 28 years at FedEx, flying the 777 aircraft as a Check and Evaluation Captain.

Dan was also a civilian flight instructor and a proud member of the Tiger Squadron formation flying team, where he was fondly referred to as "Dawg". He used his expertise to teach the art of formation flying and participated in special events throughout Southern California. He loved flying and wanted to share his knowledge and skills with everyone he could. He instilled the love of flight to everyone who had the honor to meet him. He was an instructor, guide, and mentor to all who knew him. His passions did not stop with flying, he also enjoyed cycling, sailing and routinely participated in the Newport-Ensenada Boat Race, along with having a fascination for cars.

He had a big infectious smile, slightly mischievous twinkle in his eye and a hearty laugh. He had so much energy, positivity, and passion for life. He made living life to the fullest look easy. He was caring, generous, selfless and had a bright personality. Those things,

among so many others, will be missed by all of those whose lives he touched. He had a life to be proud of and died doing one of the things he loved most. Fly high up there Dan, cloud chasing, until we meet again. Each time we see a separation in the clouds, we will know you soared by.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 am on June 28, 2019 at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, located on 5845 Crestridge Rd, Rancho Palos Verdes CA 90275. A Celebration of Life will be held in August with the date and time to be announced later.

# Events

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**JUN** **Funeral Ceremony** 11:00AM - 12:00PM  
**28**

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The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints  
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# Comments

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“ Happy Valentines day buddy.



**Robert** - February 14 at 01:08 PM

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“ I met Dan at Eastern Airlines in about 1987 during first officer upgrade training on the 727. Later on we were roommates for a period of time both in New York and in Atlanta. We lost touch for awhile but had recently reconnected after many years and it seemed like the lapse in time just vanished . I will miss you my friend  
BLUE SKIES AND TAIL WINDS BROTHER

**Vance Hall** - August 15, 2019 at 05:41 AM

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**Geno** - August 02, 2019 at 10:05 AM

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“ Jaws and Amy Waldrop  
Clifton, Virginia

Dawg and I first met in UPT at Columbus, MS back in 1978. We were both in class 7904 with a whole host of great guys. I was fortunate when he and I met again at Nellis during our Aggressor years. He was a great stick, gifted Gomer, and the best guy in the world to go to the bar with. As fate would have it we shared the same runway a third time when he was flying Eagles for the guard and I was at Lockheed Martin just outside Atlanta. Some of our misadventures need to remain classified but he's one of those guys you never forget.

He and I caught up on the phone not long ago and the old stories were still memorable. He's a great patriot, dedicated family man, husband, father, and

grandfather. We are all lucky to have known him for the time we did and to have been his friend.

He'll be sorely missed.

Throw a nickle in the grass. Jaws

Jon Waldrop - July 31, 2019 at 08:52 PM

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“ It was with deep sorrow and stunned disbelief that I learned yesterday of Dan's passing. Dan and I go back many years to George C. Marshall Regional High School in Ankara, Turkey, through college at West Virginia University (WVU) and then the Air Force. I remember with much fondness the fun times we had taking Mechanical Drawing class in high school and palling around in Ankara. Dan was editor and photographer for our 1970 senior class yearbook called the "Citadel 70." Man landed on the moon during our time at Ankara. I thank Dan for teaching me how to water ski on the Monongahela River while at WVU. He spent a lot of time at the nearby Morgantown Airport learning how to fly. He won a full scholarship through the Air Force ROTC program at WVU. Later, I was able to touch base with him in Germany when he flew F-15 Eagle fighter planes in the Air Force. Dan would often speak with pride about that plane. Dan had a great zest for life and was definitely a talented man of action. He was also a proud and passionate pilot, a wonderful family man and a great friend. I always looked forward to seeing him at the high school reunions. In 2000, he wrote in my yearbook, "Keep on Truckin!!" I continue to heed those words but he is still missed. In thinking of Dan, I'm reminded of the poem, "High Flight," by John Gillespie Magee, Jr. May you slip the surly bonds of earth, dance the skies on laughter-silvered wings, put out your hand and touch the face of God. Dan, we will miss you. My sincere condolences go to your family. Farewell to an American hero. Gule, Gule my friend.

Your pal always,  
John Martin  
GCMRHS '70, WVU '74, USAF

John Martin - July 20, 2019 at 01:39 PM

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Mitch Taylor - June 27, 2019 at 07:12 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Mitch Taylor - June 27, 2019 at 03:28 PM

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“ Jiro and Brenda Kikkawa purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Daniel Louis Delane.



Jiro and Brenda Kikkawa - June 26, 2019 at 04:26 PM

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“ I loved being around Dan because of his positive attitude about everything. Whenever he saw me, he always gave me a big hug and smile. He was always ready to help anyone with anything—flying skills or a repair under the cowling. In addition to aviation, we also shared the love of old muscle cars. I will miss him dearly.

Robert "Speedo" Genat



robert genat - June 26, 2019 at 02:32 PM

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“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Daniel Louis Delane.



June 26, 2019 at 01:13 PM

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“ A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Daniel Louis Delane.



June 26, 2019 at 01:05 PM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Daniel Louis Delane.



June 26, 2019 at 01:00 PM

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“ Dan and I first met in 1978 when we were both students in USAF Undergraduate Pilot Training at Columbus AFB, Mississippi. The circumstance that precipitated that meeting was an interview by senior Air Force officials who were collecting data on the first group of female pilots ever trained by the Air Force. Our T-37 Instructor was Mary Livingston, one of this elite group of female aviation pioneers. Dan was in her first group of students and I was in her second. This lengthy interview was at times intense, uncomfortable, and even humorous, but it forged a bond that made Dan and I friends forever. I believe in my heart that Dan "Dawg" Delane is not dead. He's just not here anymore.

**Tom Jenkins** - June 26, 2019 at 11:14 AM

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“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Daniel Louis Delane.



June 25, 2019 at 05:49 PM



“ Mark, Cecily, Merris, Sean and Rogier purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Daniel Louis Delane.



Mark, Cecily, Merris, Sean and Rogier - June 25, 2019 at 02:25 PM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Daniel Louis Delane.



June 25, 2019 at 11:58 AM

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“ Dan,  
You are gone far too early.  
We didn't get the opportunity to say a proper good bye.  
We will miss you so much.  
May you keep living your dream and fly now above us beside the angels.  
You will always be in our hearts.  
Your French friends forever.  
Marc Nico and Franck



Franck Soubrane - June 25, 2019 at 11:34 AM

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“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Daniel Louis Delane.



June 25, 2019 at 11:30 AM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Daniel Louis Delane.



June 25, 2019 at 12:04 AM

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“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Daniel Louis Delane.



June 23, 2019 at 09:20 PM

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**Robert** - June 22, 2019 at 09:23 PM

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“ Dan was a kind and generous friend. He was the guy helping me change the cylinder on my Nanchang in the rain. He was the former military pilot that took me under his wing and helped me along with no condescension because he was so generous in sharing his passion and knowledge of flying. When I look back on the best memories of flying the Nanchang, Dan was there. When I needed a helping hand for the most laborious projects, Dan was there. He was also humble and self-deprecating in a way that other men with a fraction of his experiences and abilities often weren't. He and Lori were welcome guests at our new home. They were always a pleasure to have around...his relaxed and friendly way was infectious. We were so fortunate to see him only a few weeks ago. We were stunned by the tragedy of his loss and feel it deeply. We're very sad to know that we won't be able to share any more experiences with him. I can't even imaging how his family feels but know that he left more than a passing mark in our lives. I know we won't forget him. We love you Dan and are thinking of Lori, Max and Michael.



**Pete Val Fowler** - June 22, 2019 at 06:58 PM

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“ Jerry and Mary Stephens purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Daniel Louis Delane.



**Jerry and Mary Stephens** - June 22, 2019 at 11:43 AM

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“ Dan was a very special man that will be missed by Sheri and I. For the short time we knew him he was always so friendly and helpful. You dont meet such a wonderful person as Dan very often in ones lifetime. He will forever live in our hearts.

**Larry Waldstein and Sheri schrier** - June 21, 2019 at 06:51 PM

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“ With sadness, Ken & Diana Ciszek purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Daniel Louis Delane.



With sadness, Ken & Diana Ciszek - June 21, 2019 at 01:16 PM

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“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Daniel Louis Delane.



June 21, 2019 at 03:53 AM

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“ Louis loved the 9 months he got to share with you Grandpa!



Kerianne Delane - June 20, 2019 at 08:55 PM

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Bob Avery - June 20, 2019 at 03:21 PM