



Daniel Ray Minkler

February 28, 1954 - January 13, 2026

Daniel Ray Minkler, age 71, of Clermont, Florida, passed away unexpectedly on January 13, 2026

Born on February 28, 1954 in Lyons, New York to Chester and Mary Louise (Knapp) Minkler. Dan was a loving husband, devoted father, grandfather, and cherished friend. His sudden passing leaves a profound void in the hearts of all who knew him.

Dan was deeply proud of his family and will be remembered for his selflessness and generosity. After his family, Dan's greatest joy in life was playing music. He began learning to play the piano at the age of 4, followed by the clarinet, the upright bass, and electric bass. Following graduation from East Aurora High School in New York, 1973, Dan enlisted in the Air Force. Initially serving as a clarinet player in the Air Force Band and later a bass player. Dan retired from the Air Force as a Master Sergeant after 24 years of service in the Air Force Band.

He continued his career in music until his passing, playing at Sunday church services, and events in the community. Some of his favorite venues were the Citrus Club, Del Frisco's, and most recently playing at Ole Red with the Mountain Mavericks.

He is survived by his loving wife Darla (DeVries) Minkler; his children, Amanda

(Craig) Ogden, Jennifer Minkler, Jeremy (Erin Stolz) Minkler, Joshua (Heather Graves) Minkler; his grandchildren, Audriauna, Geoffrey, and Greyson Ogden, Ryan Minkler, Nicholas and Zachary Linares, Olivia Stolz; his siblings, David (Kathryn) Minkler, Peter (Bonnie) Minkler, Andrew (Norma) Minkler, Chris Minkler, Cathy Minkler; his step-mother Betty Minkler Pitcher (Mark, Rebecca) and sister-in-law Karin Tooley. He was preceded in death by his parents Chester and Mary Louise Minkler and brother Paul Minkler.

A viewing will be held on Sunday January 25, 2026 from 3:00 to 6:00pm with services at 5:00pm at A Community Funeral Home, 910 W. Michigan St. Orlando, FL. Interment will be Monday, January 26th at Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, FL at 11:30am

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the National Federation of the Blind, NFB Buffalo Chapter in Dan's memory. <https://nfbny.org/chapters-divisions/buffalo-chapter>

He will be forever loved, deeply missed, and always remembered.

<https://tributestream.com/celebration-of-life-for-daniel-ray-minkler>

Cemetery Details

Florida National Cemetery

6502 SW 102nd Avenue
Bushnell, FL 33513

Previous Events

Viewing

JAN 25. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

A Community Funeral Home & Sunset Cremations
910 W. Michigan Street
Orlando, FL 32805
(407) 841-4424
<https://www.acommunityfuneralhome.com/>

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ A Community Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Daniel Ray Minkler



A Community Funeral Home & Sunset Cremations - January 26 at 08:47 AM



“ A Community Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Daniel Ray Minkler



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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Daniel Ray Minkler.



January 23 at 01:56 PM

TJ

“ The Sargent Family, Carolyn and Jonathan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Daniel Ray Minkler.

The Sargent Family, Carolyn and Jonathan - January 23 at 01:56 PM

KP

“ I am so sorry to hear of Dan's passing. Many memories with Dan and Darla at church many many years ago. My thoughts and prayers are with your family.- Karen Punt and the boys

Karen Punt - January 23 at 12:52 PM

DL

“ David, Kathryn, Logan, & Lyndze purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Daniel Ray Minkler.



David, Kathryn, Logan, & Lyndze - January 20 at 12:42 PM

BO

“ Bob sent a virtual gift in memory of Daniel Ray Minkler



bob - January 20 at 10:13 AM

DG

“ Dewayne & Sue Graves planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Daniel Ray Minkler.

Dewayne & Sue Graves - January 19 at 07:21 PM

DG

“ Dewayne & Sue Graves purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Daniel Ray Minkler.



Dewayne & Sue Graves - January 19 at 07:21 PM

WM

“ Darla , you and your family are in our prayers and our hearts as you go thru these most difficult days. We realize how this loss will forever linger. I know it gives you some solace feeling that he is now in God's care. May God be with you as well as you move forward. Love and sympathy to I you all. ❤️🙏

Wanda McConnell - January 19 at 01:55 PM

EP

Darla , we are so sorry. Dan was one of the very good guys. He will be missed. We send our love and hugs aall around.

Erline and Bob phillips - January 19 at 02:17 PM

LW

The "Man Monger!" A good friend from many years ago with the USAF!

Larry Whitcomb - January 20 at 04:08 PM

RT

*Darla and Family our heartfelt condolences. We will be there in spirit.
Love, Rich & Lee*

Rich & Lee Tinneny - January 20 at 08:56 PM