



Dan Bill Callahan

November 7, 1943 - February 8, 2017

Retired Brigadier General Danny Bill Callahan passed away Wednesday, February 8th, 2017 in his home in Bloomington, Indiana.

He was born in Bedford, IN on November 7th, 1943 to Juanita Mae and William Robert Callahan. He graduated from Shawswick High School and the University of the State of New York with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business and Administration.

Danny enlisted in the Indiana National Guard on December 1st, 1963. He then served the next 38 years with dedication and honor to the United States Armed Services acquiring the rank of Brigadier General.

He also served as Program Manager for the General Electric Corporation in Bloomington, IN for 38 years.

He had devout dedication to family, community, country and faith while achieving a long listing of unassuming accomplishments and honors including but not limited to:

The Legion of Merit Award, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Indiana Distinguished Service Medal, Indiana Commendation Medal, United Way President of Monroe County, Girl Scouts

of America Bloomington Tulip Trace Council President, Girls Inc. Man of the Year Award, and the Indiana Sagamore Banks of the Wabash Recipient Award.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father, and several close relatives.

Danny is survived by his loving wife Melissa Eades Callahan, his brother Terry Lee Callahan, his aunt Doris Pierce, his son Troy Callahan and girlfriend Roxane Kerr, daughter Trisha Callahan and husband Jason, niece Jennifer Wilson and husband Derick and their children Jordan, Drew and Haleigh, grandchildren Stefan Callahan, Alexis Beahan, Ashton Okes, Halle and MacKensie Callahan, JT and Sabina Garcia and 2 great grandchildren Ashlyn and Mason. Also, in-laws, Mark and Sharon Eades of Frankfort, IN, Mark (Gaetana) Eades, Jr of Elkhart, IN, Dr. Luke (Shannon) Eades of Bloomington, IN, and Lynn Eades of Carrboro, NC with several nieces and nephews.

He enjoyed many activities such as golfing, bowling, softball, working in the community and charitable events. But most of all he enjoyed spending time with family and valued this above all.

Special Full Honor Military Graveside Funeral Services will be provided by the Military Department of Indiana Ceremonial Unit at Valhalla Memory Gardens on Wednesday, February 15th at 1 o'clock p.m. Chandler Funeral Home in Ellettsville is assisting with arrangements.

Donations, in lieu of flowers, can be made to a charitable organization or honorary military organization of your choice.

Cemetery Details

Valhalla Memory Gardens

310 North Johnson Avenue
Bloomington, IN 47403

Previous Events

Graveside Service

FEB **15**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

CC

“ I was so sad to read about the passing of Mr. Callahan. I cleaned for him many years and he was a pleasure to work for. He was a good man and I'm so sorry for your loss.

Cleta Curtis - February 18, 2017 at 07:59 AM

T.

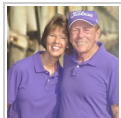
“ I will always remember him as Mr. Callahan, even at my age. Still can see him coming down his long driveway with shiny new corvettes.

He was a great neighbor to the Murphy's. Even after he moved from the neighborhood, he would find the time to drop in and say hello.

My condolences to the family.

Tim Murphy

T.Murphy - February 16, 2017 at 04:46 PM



Dan talked about what a wonderful family and neighbors the Murphy family as to him.

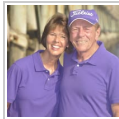
Missy Callahan - February 17, 2017 at 07:26 PM

HF

“ Dan was a wonderful guy and friend who I had the pleasure of working with at GE for 33 years. I bowled on GE bowling leagues with Dan for many years with others from our office. I also played many rounds of golf with Dan in which we were joined on occasion by Troy and "Butch", with these being especially fun times. Dan excelled in everything that he was in charge of at GE and was consulted for guidance by employees from all over the plant in the areas of payroll, employee benefits, information systems, and taxes. Our offices were near Dan's, and on occasion Trisha would bring her kids in to visit Dan and he would really light up to see his grand kids. Dan will be greatly missed by family and friends.

Harold Fiscus

Harold Fiscus - February 15, 2017 at 08:34 PM



Thank you Harold for your kind words. Dan loved his children and grandchildren.

Missy Callahan - February 17, 2017 at 07:29 PM

DD

“ Deb Worley DeLong lit a candle in memory of Dan Bill Callahan



Deb Worley DeLong - February 15, 2017 at 01:57 PM

RH

“*Dan and I grew up together on the farms and in the woods south of Bedford. Played b-ball in the barn loft, soft ball in the fields. Childhood friends are forever. I share in your loss.*
Roland Holtsclaw”

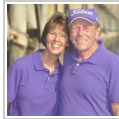
Roland Holtsclaw - February 15, 2017 at 01:55 PM

DF

“*Missy, Trisha and Troy - very sorry to hear about Dan. I've known him all of my life and he was always very nice to me. He was a great guy. Also, he was a great friend to my parents through the years and they enjoyed their friendship with him. Tammy and I send our deepest condolences.*

Doug and Tammy Fiscus

Doug Fiscus - February 15, 2017 at 06:27 AM



Thank you Doug and Tammy.

Missy Callahan - February 17, 2017 at 07:31 PM



“*Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dan Bill Callahan.*



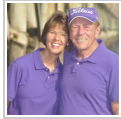
February 14, 2017 at 08:59 PM

DB

“ Missy, so sorry to hear about your loss.
Sending prayers your way for peace and
comfort during this time.
John and Deanna Bullock



Deanna Bullock - February 14, 2017 at 08:01 PM



Thank you Deanna and John. Miss you and hope you are doing well.

Missy Callahan - February 17, 2017 at 07:32 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the
family of Dan Bill Callahan.



February 14, 2017 at 04:45 PM

DT

“ I will remember Dan as a wonderful friend as we were buddies since
our teenage years.. Dave Torphy, Bedford, In

Dave Torphy - February 14, 2017 at 02:32 PM

1D

“ 1Sgt (Ret) Dennis Drudge lit a candle in
memory of Dan Bill Callahan



1Sgt (Ret) Dennis Drudge - February 14, 2017 at 01:08 PM

AF

“ *American Health Network Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dan Bill Callahan.*



American Health Network Family - February 14, 2017 at 11:11 AM

CG

“ *My condolences to the family for their loss. America has lost a Great Patriot and a Brave Warrior.*

*Edwin Griffin
Retired Chaplain*

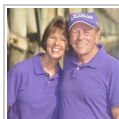
CH Ed Griffin - February 14, 2017 at 11:07 AM



“ *To the Callahan Family, Great memories of a great leader and soldier. He walked what he talked and was admired by all. I am certain that the list of men and women of the Indiana Army National Guard would go on and on displaying their tribute and honor to this kind, and generous leader we were blessed to serve and share great memories. We are praying for comfort and peace in your time of loss. LTC (Retired) David and Aileen Ellington*



Aileen Ellington - February 14, 2017 at 10:38 AM



Thank you for your kind words.

Missy Callahan - February 17, 2017 at 07:35 PM

3S

“ *38th Infantry Division Soldiers purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dan Bill Callahan.*



38th Infantry Division Soldiers - February 14, 2017 at 09:49 AM

WM

“ *Served with him in the Guard. Great man and leader. Sorry for your loss. He will be missed by all. CSM (R) Bill Macy.*

William Macy - February 13, 2017 at 06:41 PM

DM

“ *Trisha and Troy - very sorry to hear about your father. He was a great friend and neighbor of the Murphy's. He (and the two of you) will always have a special place in our hearts. He was a good man... and a great neighbor.*

FYI - New Year's Eve never really started at the Murphy's until you Dad came over and shared a drink with Mom and Dad. Special memories.

The world lost a good man and dedicated citizen with love and prayers.

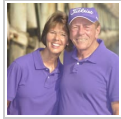
Dan Murphy - Tallahassee, FL

dan murphy - February 13, 2017 at 08:46 AM

TG

Thank you so much Dan! He always thought highly of all the Murphy family. I couldn't have asked for a better father. His death was sudden and I will miss him dearly! Next New Years we will toast to all three of them.

trisha garcia - February 14, 2017 at 08:00 PM



Dan has told me many wonderful stories of is great neighbors The Murphy Family. Special memories for him.

Missy Callahan - February 17, 2017 at 07:39 PM

KC

“ Karen Murphy Chase lit a candle in memory of Dan Bill Callahan

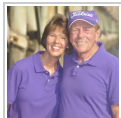


Karen Murphy Chase - February 13, 2017 at 07:44 AM

KC

“ Trisha & Troy ...Sending prayers to you both & your families to get through this tough time. Your dad was an honorable man who touched so many people with his kind & gentle heart. After he moved he still was a good neighbor to my parents coming to visit & checking in. He will be greatly missed. Keep his memories in your heart & he will always always be with you. 💙

Karen Murphy Chase - February 13, 2017 at 07:43 AM



Thank you Karen for your kind words. The Murphy family held a special place in Dan's heart.

Missy Callahan - February 17, 2017 at 07:41 PM

JH

“ *Jyma Hale lit a candle in memory of Dan Bill Callahan*



Jyma Hale - February 12, 2017 at 11:24 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Dan Bill Callahan.*



February 12, 2017 at 09:46 PM

MS

“ *Marcella Sullivan lit a candle in memory of Dan Bill Callahan*



marcella sullivan - February 12, 2017 at 09:19 PM

JF

“Missy, Troy and Trisha, I am so sorry for your loss. It is a very difficult journey to get through. My heart aches for all of you. Missy, the love you and Dan shared is very special. Troy and Trisha, there are no words to express my hurt for you. Just know that you were all loved by a special dad. You are in my thoughts and prayers. You will always be in my heart.

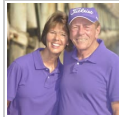


Jan Fortner - February 12, 2017 at 08:30 PM

TG

Love you Aunt Jan

trisha garcia - February 14, 2017 at 08:02 PM



Thank you Jan for your kinds words.

Missy Callahan - February 17, 2017 at 07:42 PM

DN

“General Callahan was a fantastic individual, leader, and friend. He knew the true meaning of honesty, loyalty, and leadership. While serving on the 38TH Division Staff with him, we enjoyed many evening dinners after drill on Saturdays. Troy, I will always remember watching the NASCAR races with you and your dad and we are thinking you and your family at this time. LTC (Ret) Danny Nelson

Danny Nelson - February 12, 2017 at 07:26 PM

LS

“ *Larry S. purchased the Home in Heaven Throw for the family of Dan Bill Callahan.*



Larry S. - February 12, 2017 at 02:26 PM

JA

“ *Thinking of you and your family, Trisha. Praying for peace and comfort during this most difficult time.*



Jenny Apostolos - February 12, 2017 at 12:58 PM

TG

Thank you Jenny! Right now I'm lost . ❤️

trisha garcia - February 14, 2017 at 08:04 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dan Bill Callahan.*



February 12, 2017 at 11:56 AM

RD

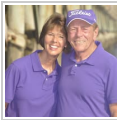
“ To the family of General Dan Callahan: we offer our heartfelt condolences. We knew him through the Indiana Guard as a great and caring leader who was respected by his soldiers. He is surely at eternal peace in Heaven. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.
Col USA (Ret.) Richard and Linda Dillon, Summerfield, Fl

Richard (Dick) and Linda Dillon - February 12, 2017 at 10:29 AM

TG

Thank you!

trisha garcia - February 14, 2017 at 08:05 PM



Thank you for your kind words.

Missy Callahan - February 17, 2017 at 07:44 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dan Bill Callahan.



February 11, 2017 at 08:15 PM

JA

“ A gathering will be held at the American Legion in Bloomington following the services. Address: 1800 west 3rd Street, Bloomington IN 4740. (About 3 minutes from funeral site).

Jason - February 11, 2017 at 07:33 PM

RA

“ Rick And Mary Ann Arnold lit a candle in memory of Dan Bill Callahan



Rick and Mary Ann Arnold - February 11, 2017 at 06:53 PM

WJ

“ Wanda, Maria and Mary Jo purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Dan Bill Callahan.



Wanda, Maria and Mary Jo - February 11, 2017 at 02:17 PM



“ Lynn Eades lit a candle in memory of Dan Bill Callahan



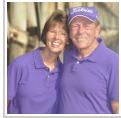
Lynn Eades - February 11, 2017 at 01:56 PM

MC

“ I send my deepest sympathies for this family. Missy - I love you and I loved Dan for loving you. My prayers are with you and any comfort I can possibly give.

Mary Jo

Mary Jo Conley - February 11, 2017 at 09:59 AM



Thank you Mary Jo, Wanda and Maria <3 I miss you all, Thank you for your prayers and beautiful Country Basket Blooms!

Missy Callahan - February 11, 2017 at 01:57 PM

RB

“ *Rodney Burch lit a candle in memory of Dan Bill Callahan*



Rodney Burch - February 11, 2017 at 08:40 AM

BC

“ *I am more than sad to hear of Dan's passing. We worked together at GE for 20 years. During that time he was the consummate gentleman, dry sense of humor, and friend to all. He had many honors with the National Guard, but never spoke of them. An unassuming man, who will be greatly missed. To Missy and his children, who he dearly loved, my heart goes out to you for your loss.*

Barbara Cooper

Barbara Cooper - February 11, 2017 at 06:46 AM

TG

Barbara I remember who are! Thank you for the kind words. He is one in a million! We will miss him greatly

trisha garcia - February 11, 2017 at 08:09 AM

KB

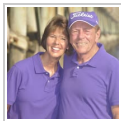
Trishia.....I was so sad to read of Danny's passing. You are in my prayers....assume this was sudden which seems to add to the acceptance of the reality. Danny & I had lots of good times during the SHS Years.....He was 1 of the funloving guys in "our small circle." He will never be forgotten~ Hugs Gal, Karen Hubbard Baker

Karen e Baker - February 11, 2017 at 08:00 PM

TC

Thank you Karen. He has talked a lot about those shawswick days.

Trisha Callahan - February 13, 2017 at 06:43 AM



Barbara Cooper, thank you for your kind words. Missed hearing from you this past Christmas.

Missy Callahan - February 17, 2017 at 07:49 PM

CC

“ *Carole Cummings lit a candle in memory of Dan Bill Callahan*



Carole Cummings - February 11, 2017 at 06:28 AM

CF

“ *Carole And Family lit a candle in memory of Dan Bill Callahan*



Carole and Family - February 11, 2017 at 06:27 AM

SK

“ *Stacey Kerns lit a candle in memory of Dan Bill Callahan*



Stacey Kerns - February 10, 2017 at 11:00 PM

MC

“ *Mary Callahan lit a candle in memory of Dan Bill Callahan*



Mary Callahan - February 10, 2017 at 10:00 PM

JH

“ *Jenny Humerickhouse lit a candle in memory of Dan Bill Callahan*



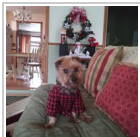
Jenny Humerickhouse - February 10, 2017 at 09:23 PM

DK

“ *Donna Gerkin Kendall lit a candle in memory of Dan Bill Callahan*



Donna Gerkin Kendall - February 10, 2017 at 07:40 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. Worked at GE and knew Dan from there, he was one really nice guy.



Shirley Arnett - February 10, 2017 at 07:19 PM

TG

“ Forever in my heart



trisha garcia - February 10, 2017 at 04:03 PM

TC

“ Trisha Callahan lit a candle in memory of Dan Bill Callahan



Trisha Callahan - February 10, 2017 at 02:24 PM