



Dan Alexander Ragan

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Dan Alexander Ragan was born on July 26, 1934, and died tragically on November 12, 2022. He leaves behind June, his wife of 62 years and his twin brother, Don. He is also survived by nephew Kenneth Ragan, Jr., and nieces Cynthia Ragan Henning, Laura Ragan Chatham, and Karen Ragan Smith, as well as June's numerous nieces and nephews, who adored him as their own uncle. There are many great nieces and nephews on both sides. He was preceded by his parents, Stuart Eston Ragan and Virginia Ragan, his brother Kenneth Ragan and sister, Gloria Nysten.

As a young man, Dan was a naval aviator. His mission was surveillance over the Pacific Ocean and the Straits of Taiwan and countries surrounding China. There he developed his love for airplanes and flying. Over the years, he built hundreds of WWII models. He built one large model of his beloved B-17, which he donated to the Gulf Coast Wing of the Commemorative Air Force. He was flying in that plane at the time of his death.

Dan attended Oklahoma State University where he received a BS in Electrical engineering and Southern Methodist University where he received an MBA. Dan was proud when he became a Sigma Chi at Oklahoma State and became a Life Loyal Sig.

Dan was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Salt Lake City. He was active in his churches, being a deacon and an elder and serving as Boy Scout Leader. He also liked to usher where he could greet and welcome people as they came in. Dan loved the Utah Symphony and was an officer of the Utah Symphony Guild, helping to plan fund-raising events.

He loved to travel and had been around the world several times. He had been to all seven continents and over 100 countries, many while doing business, as well as pleasure trips. He particularly loved Asia because of his early navy days, and he and June continued travel after he retired. He and June lived in Hong Kong and still have many friends in Asia. Dan loved skiing,



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bird watching, big band music, and working jigsaw puzzles. He loved getting dressed up for formal affairs, as well as always being a natty dresser.

Dan and June moved back to Dallas to be near family after living 33 years in Salt Lake City. The Edgemere community could not be more kind, loving, and supportive, and June is grateful to be surrounded with caring staff (from top to bottom) and residents.

A private committal with Navy Honors is planned, and future Memorial Service will be announced later.

Donations in lieu of flowers: charity of your choice or Airshowfoundation.org Go to: "support" Select: "donation in honor of an individual" Type: CAF and the "name of memorialized



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DD

Dennis Dickerson posted:

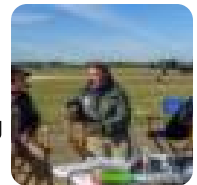
Dan was a wonderful man who cared for those in need. Together, he and June impacted the live of thousands of homeless individuals with their support of the Rescue Mission of Salt Lake. They continued to lend their support even after they relocated from Utah to Dallas. The prayers of all those with the Rescue Mission are with June and the family knowing that one day they will be reunited with Dan.

December 22 at 12:27 PM

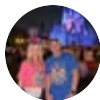
RS

Ryan Short shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

I did not know Dan well, or long, but he did a great, wonderful job of telling his story, and the story of the aircraft he loved the morning of the tragedy. He was also amazing with my two children, and seemed like a true gentleman. ~ Ryan Short



December 2 at 5:54 PM



Ron Hunt posted:

Brothers of the Sigma Chi Dallas Alumni Chapter offer our deepest condolences to June and the entire family. Godspeed, Brother Dan.All Honor to His Name.

December 1 at 11:54 AM

CD

Chris Denton posted:

Though I didn't know him personally, it was a great honor to render military honors for Dan. I also flew surveillance and reconnaissance missions in the East China Sea and South China Sea as Dan had done years before me. His service contributed to our freedom and stability. My deepest condolences to June, Don and the family. Very respectfully, Chris Denton Commander, United States Navy Reserve

November 21 at 11:13 AM



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LP

Laurie Pettit posted:

Growing up we often had lots of family for holiday dinners. Aunt June and Uncle Dan shared many of them with the rest of our family. Often times when my Papa was saying grace Uncle Dan would quietly set the bowl of mashed potatoes in his plate accompanied by his ornery grin and twinkling eyes. We never had a dull moment when Uncle Dan was involved. He was quite the amazing human being and a really fun uncle!

November 20 at 5:43 PM

BC

Bonnie Cavill posted:

June and Family: My heart goes out to you in your sudden loss. As someone who used to fly and enjoyed Dan's stories, I will miss that. We also miss you both in Salt Lake City, and were glad of your recent visit. Call if there is any way I can help. My prayer is that your friends and family nearby hold you close for us. Love, Bonnie Cavill

November 20 at 7:08 AM

FW

From The Entire Crew At The Gulf Coast Wing sent a Sacred Duty Spray to the Ragan family.



November 20 at 5:24 AM



Christine Myers Tegeder posted:

Dan was an amazing, talented, intelligent, Christian man. We cannot thank him enough for his service to his country as well as community. We will miss him very much! Pastor Chris

November 19 at 6:53 AM



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Patricia J Aytes posted:

When I was a senior in high school my Aunt June and Dan had a wedding planned. I was so honored to be asked to be June's Maid of Honor and was looking forward to the wedding so very much then fate stepped in and I was hospitalized with Infectious Hepatitis. While my family all attended I lay in the hospital thinking about what I was missing. Then in the door (in full isolation ward) came my Aunt June and my new Uncle Dan! I knew then what a very special person he was! Even on their wedding day, they took time to come see me!! How many men would take time from their honeymoon to go see a sick teenager! We were so lucky to have this man in our lives for 62 years! No one was more fun, more kind, or more loving than Uncle Dan. You will be so missed Uncle Dan! Now you can fly forever!!

November 18 at 11:22 AM



Phillip Eugene Snow December 11 at 7:24 AM

I barely knew Dan, but his fraternal twin, Don, was my first boss at Collins. They had different personalities for sure. Prayers for the family.



Joy Snow November 20 at 9:33 AM

Dan was a friend for thirty years. He was kind, funny and very supportive in times of trouble. He will be much missed by his many friends and relatives.



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December 2 at 5:54 PM



Dan in his element, sharing his story and the story of the aircraft he loved at Wings Over Dallas.



Memories only last if you share them

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



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