



Daniel Ward Cronin

October 8, 1960 - January 17, 2021

LUNENBURG - Daniel Ward Cronin, 60, of Lunenburg, passed away peacefully in the company of family on Sunday, January 17th, 2021 after a long period of declining health.

Along with his wife Jacquelyn, Daniel leaves three children: John, Michael, and Kathleen, of Lunenburg, his father, Dr. Joseph F. P. Cronin, of Fitchburg, and four siblings, Patrick Cronin of Westminster and his partner Lee Hall, Eileen Cronin of Boylston, Dr. Michael Cronin and his wife Dr. Claire Cronin of Lexington, Anne Howard and her husband Chris of New Hartford, CT, many sisters and brothers-in-law and his much-loved nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his mother Kathleen.

Daniel was born on a U.S. Army base in Orleans, France on October 8, 1960, the son of Dr. Joseph and Kathleen (Ward) Cronin.

Dan proudly graduated from Lunenburg High School in 1978 and the College of the Holy Cross in 1982, where he met the love of his life Jacquie. He earned a law degree from Tulane University and went on to a distinguished career as a trial lawyer in Worcester County.

A devoted public servant, Dan worked as an Assistant District Attorney, Special Prosecutor, State and Federal Public Defender, and in private practice as a litigator for over 30 years. Dan loved the law. He loved to advocate for his

clients, the camaraderie in the courts, and the intellectual combat of a trial. Dan also served as a Selectman in Lunenburg where he fought for the successful construction of a new library, public safety building, and primary school.

Danny loved hockey and cherished the great friendships and stories from his days as a player, referee, coach, parent, and fan. He knew every rink in New England and its nearest diner or pub. In recent years, he discovered a love of painting, fishing, and golf.

Dan's life centered around his family. He was deeply devoted to his wife of 35 years, Jacquelyn, and immensely proud of his three children. Although taken too soon, Dan lived well, helped many, and will be deeply missed by the countless friends that love him.

Daniel was an active member of Saint Boniface Parish, 817 Massachusetts Avenue, Lunenburg, where his funeral liturgy will be held privately with burial to follow in the North Cemetery in Lunenburg.

Calling hours will be held on Friday, January 22, 2021, from 4 to 7 PM in the Anderson Funeral Home, 25 Fitchburg Rd. (Rte 2A), Ayer.

In lieu of flowers, kindly consider a donation in Daniel's memory to Saint Boniface Church.

A recording of Danny's Funeral Mass and Graveside Service are available to view at the link below:

<https://my.gather.app/remember/daniel-ward-cronin>

Cemetery Details

North Cemetery

Holman St.
Lunenburg, MA 01462

Previous Events

Calling Hours

JAN 22. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Anderson Funeral Home - Ayer
25 Fitchburg Road ~ Route 2A
Ayer, MA 01432
(978) 772-2355

Tribute Wall

JH

“ Dear Cronin Family:
Thinking of all of you during these sad days.
I am grateful for all he did for the municipal buildings/services in Lunenburg during his time as Selectman, and his many other accomplishments.

Remember all of his incredible, warm, bright light to sustain you, and "pay it forward."

Jonathan Heimberg - January 25, 2021 at 11:49 PM

HL

“ To the Cronin family
So sorry to hear of Dan's passing. He was a good lawyer and a better person. You are in my thoughts and prayers

Hon. Paul Losapio

Hon.Paul Losapio - January 22, 2021 at 03:03 PM

TD


“ Dear Jacquie, John, Kathleen and Michael, please accept our sincere condolences on the passing of Dan. He was one of God's true gems among creation. We have so many good memories of his friendship and character from St. Paul's hockey days. There might have even been a pop between periods in the parking lot along the way!

Rarely does one see a man so truly in love with his wife and proud of his family. His example is a true inspiration. Take comfort in knowing that he is now reunited with God, family and friends in heaven, and that he will be with you in spirit all the days of your lives.

May God bless,

Terry & Theresa Daly

Terry Daly - January 22, 2021 at 12:33 PM


Deanne
Hart

“ *Simply the best.*



Deanne Hart - January 22, 2021 at 08:05 AM

GS

“ Along with myself and Art Testa, Dan was an original "board" member of the LHS ice hockey team in 1978. Ever-principled, Dan will be remembered for his great sense of humor and personality. Later, I had the honor to serve as an on-ice hockey official with Dan. Great memories of a true gentleman gone too soon. May His Memory Be Eternal!

George Starr - January 21, 2021 at 11:38 PM



“ Springtime Wishes was purchased for the family of Daniel Ward Cronin.



January 21, 2021 at 08:06 PM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Daniel Ward Cronin.



January 21, 2021 at 07:35 PM



Deanne
Hart

“ Deanne Hart lit a candle in memory of Daniel Ward Cronin



Deanne Hart - January 21, 2021 at 07:35 PM



Deanne
Hart

Words fail. Godspeed Dan.

Deanne Hart - January 21, 2021 at 07:45 PM

SC

“ *writing something long....for someone who was a phenomenon in the lives of so many and whose ringing laughter I still hear. LoveyaDanny...Thanks for so many stories, adventures, jokes, and inspiration. Huge love to Jacquie, and all the Cronins.*

Sally Cragin - January 21, 2021 at 07:01 PM



“ *Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Daniel Ward Cronin.*



January 21, 2021 at 02:26 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Daniel Ward Cronin.*



January 21, 2021 at 01:30 PM

MG

“ My deepest condolences to the Cronin Family. Dan was one of the finest lawyers I ever worked with. Dan was a great advocate for his clients and a worthy adversary in trial. We talked often during my three years as the Police Liaison in Leominster District Court. A friendly, smart, professional and classy person.

Retired Chief Michael Goldman, Leominster Police

Michael Goldman - January 20, 2021 at 11:17 PM

MG

“ I am so sorry for your Loss. Mary Gnosini - The Gables

Mary Gnosini - January 20, 2021 at 08:23 PM

KM

“ From our days on the hill at Holy Cross, I remember Dan as one of the most sincere people I'd ever met. He was a no bs kind of guy and you always knew where you stood with him. His directness and honesty was so refreshing. When he laughed, you knew it was from the bottom of his heart. But better be prepared if you were considering an intellectual discourse. Dan was so intelligent and such a deep thinker. I would not envy someone opposing him in court! Jackie, my heart breaks for you. Know that you and your family are in my nightly prayers.

*Biggest hugs
Kristin Mumford*

kristin mumford - January 20, 2021 at 05:59 PM

PC

“ Back in the late 1980's, Dan and I tried our collective first jury trial in the Superior Court together; he was prosecuting and I was defending. The morning of the trial, he remarked that he had run five miles that morning and he was ready to kill or be killed. A class act from day one. I will miss him. Peter B. Clifford, Esq, Oakham, MA

peter clifford - January 20, 2021 at 02:27 PM

TF

“ The Bowe and Quinn Families purchased the Sincerest Sorrow - Blue and White for the family of Daniel Ward Cronin.



The Bowe and Quinn Families - January 20, 2021 at 02:08 PM



“ White Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Daniel Ward Cronin.



January 19, 2021 at 05:12 PM

LJ

“ Love you all - JoJo purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White for the family of Daniel Ward Cronin.



Love you all - JoJo - January 19, 2021 at 04:51 PM



“ *Shades of Purple was purchased for the family of Daniel Ward Cronin.*



January 19, 2021 at 04:43 PM



“ *Twinkle in his eye, smile on his face, sharp as a tack. Miss you Dan. Condolences to the family. A great loss.*

Matthew Mullaney - January 19, 2021 at 03:43 PM



“ *White Sympathy Baskets was purchased for the family of Daniel Ward Cronin.*



January 19, 2021 at 02:36 PM



“ *Lavender & White Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Daniel Ward Cronin.*



January 19, 2021 at 02:36 PM

GH

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Gail Hislop - January 19, 2021 at 02:22 PM

JA

Thank you Gail & Ralph. 💕💕

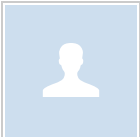
Jacquie - January 19, 2021 at 11:25 PM



“ White Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Daniel Ward Cronin.



January 19, 2021 at 12:09 PM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Daniel Ward Cronin.



January 19, 2021 at 11:14 AM



“ *Love's Embrace Roses – Purple was purchased for the family of Daniel Ward Cronin.* ”



January 19, 2021 at 09:10 AM