



## Daniel J. Murphy

May 28, 1943 - March 5, 2019

Townsend: Daniel J. Murphy, 75, of Townsend, passed away Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston surrounded by his loving family.

Dan was born in Fitchburg, May 28, 1943, a son of Charles J. and Eleanor (Hackett) Murphy Sr. and was a lifelong Townsend resident. He attended Notre Dame Preparatory High School in Fitchburg before graduating from North Middlesex Regional High School in Townsend. After graduating from high school, Dan enlisted in and served four years in the United States Coast Guard.

Following his discharge from the armed forces, Dan continued his education at Bentley College in Waltham, majoring in accounting.

For eleven years Dan owned and operated Analytical Financial Services in Townsend retiring in 2009. Previously, he had worked several years as the Comptroller at Jac-Pac Food Sales Corporation in Manchester, NH.

Dan held several appointed and elected positions in the Town of Townsend including Finance Committee from 1997-2002, Town Clerk 1999-2008 and Board of Selectmen 2002-2006. He was an avid runner and was a member of the Townsend VFW, American Legion Posts and St. John's Church. He was very proud of his Irish heritage.

He leaves his wife of 48 years, Sandra L. (Daigle) Murphy; his son and daughter in law, Tim and Jill Murphy of Longmeadow; three daughters, Lysie M. Murphy of Townsend, Colene Murphy – Lessard and her wife, Heather of

Leominster, Jillian M. Murphy and her husband, Rob Carr, of Townsend: his brother, Charles J. "Jay" Murphy of Townsend; seven grandchildren, Hailey Murphy, Hunter Murphy, Jake Murphy, Cameron Carr, T.J. Murphy, Jack Murphy, and Eavan Murphy-Lessard.

He was the brother of the late Margaret J. Bennett of Ashburnham.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated 11 AM Monday, March 11, 2019 at St. John's Church, 1 School Street, Townsend. Burial will be in Hillside Cemetery. Calling hours are 2-5 PM Sunday at the Anderson Funeral Home, 250 Main Street (Rte 119) Townsend Center. Please see [www.andersonfuneral.com](http://www.andersonfuneral.com) for additional information or to leave an on line condolence.

Memorial donations may be made to the Disabled American Veterans. [dav.org](http://dav.org)

# Cemetery Details

## Hillside Cemetery

Highland Street  
Townsend, MA

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

MAR 10. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Anderson Funeral Home - Townsend  
250 Main Street ~ Route 119  
Townsend, MA 01469  
(978) 597-2692

## Funeral Mass

MAR 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. John the Evangelist Church  
1 School Street  
Townsend, MA 01469

# Tribute Wall

LM

“ I am so sorry to learn that Danny is gone! He was a good man, a good neighbor for over 30 years on Eastman St., and a good town clerk, selectman, and public servant. Dan will long be missed and remembered. My sympathy, thoughts and prayers to Sandy and his family.  
-Lee McTighe and family

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**Lee McTighe** - March 12, 2019 at 07:49 PM

JT

“ This man will be truly be missed. He will stay in our hearts forever and we will remember him as the loving , kind , happy man he was . He was a wonderful husband and a fantastic dad / grandfather to his family RIP. Jimmy and I will miss you ! Dan the Man xoxo



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**Jimmy & Judy Themelis** - March 10, 2019 at 12:17 AM

DG

“ Danielle & Oliver Godon-Decoteau purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White for the family of Daniel J. Murphy.



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**Danielle & Oliver Godon-Decoteau** - March 09, 2019 at 11:45 AM

LD

“ *Tim, Sandi and family,  
Our sincere sympathy for your loss.  
Friends from long ago, Lou and Mickey Dellasanta*

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**Lou and Mickey Dellasanta** - March 09, 2019 at 07:36 AM



“ *Shades of Purple was purchased for the family of  
Daniel J. Murphy.*



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March 07, 2019 at 02:01 PM

ST

“ *All of my family loved their Uncle Dan. He will truly be missed by so  
many. He was such a gentle and kind man with a hugh heart for so  
many of us. He loved his REDSOX , PATRIOTS. BRUINS &  
CELTICS and always enjoyed watching his favorite teams. Dan was  
always ready for a good debate into politics. I truly will miss my  
brother-in-law. I love you Dan and may you be at peace. HUGS &  
LOVE, Susan & Jerry*

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**Susan Tester** - March 07, 2019 at 01:19 PM



“ *Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the  
family of Daniel J. Murphy.*



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March 07, 2019 at 07:37 AM

MB

“ To the Murphy family,  
We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. May your memories bring you comfort!  
Jerry & Michelle Bissonnette

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**Michelle Bissonnette** - March 06, 2019 at 07:15 PM



“ Dan was not only my accountant for nearly 40 years, but also a good friend. His great sense of humor made the boring task of doing taxes fun. A great family man with an awesome wife. Although taken away to soon his legacy will live on. I will miss Dan.

Jimmy Shultz

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**Jimmy Shultz** - March 06, 2019 at 06:43 PM

DW

“ Sandi and Family. Deepest condolences on Danny's passing. He was one in a million. One of the nicest people I know. May the many happy memories you all have help you through this most difficult time. I'm sure Bill was there to greet him at Heaven's gate. God Bless 🙏

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**Dot Wetherbee** - March 06, 2019 at 05:16 PM

SF

“ A kind and gentle man. Easy going, thoughtful and family always came first. His stories of how difficult isolated duty was when he was in the military and funny stories of catching skunks in the cemetery still make me smile.  
May God hold you and your family in the palm of His hand. God Bless your family and friends with wonderful memories of a true gentleman.

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**Sue Funaiole** - March 06, 2019 at 04:05 PM

MM

“ Dear Sandy and Family...Andy and I are truly saddened by Dan's passing. He was a wonderful and kind man.May you gather strength from one another and please know you are all in our prayers  
Andrew and Maureen Melnicki

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**maureen e melnicki** - March 06, 2019 at 03:12 PM



“ WE HAVE LOST ONE OF THE GOOD GUYS

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**Ed Rauhala** - March 06, 2019 at 02:21 PM