



## Daniel E. Picard

October 24, 1966 - December 26, 2019

AYER: Daniel E. Picard, 53, of Ayer, MA., formerly of North Brookfield and Farmington, ME, passed away Thursday, December 26th, 2019 at at his home in Ayer, MA surrounded by his family.

Dan was born in Waterville, ME, October 24, 1966, a son of Francis T. Picard and Valerie L. (Poulin) Hooper and grew up in Farmington, ME. He resided fifteen years in North Brookfield before moving to Ayer a year ago. He was a graduate of Mt. Blue High School in Farmington and received a Bachelors Degree from Liberty University.

"I've been given many names in my lifetime but Papa is my favorite." Dan Picard.

Danny loved spending time with his family above all things, one of his favorite things to do was playing monopoly with the grandkids. He also loved hiking any and every mountain he could find. He successfully completed The Appalachian Trail, from February 14th to June 30th 2017, hiking from Georgia to Maine.

At the age of 4 Danny told his mom he'd like to jump out of planes like he'd seen on tv and so he did. He joined the active army at the age of 17 where he was a paratrooper, ranger and part of the 181 Infantry Battalion. He served his

country for thirty three years in the United States Army retiring in 2017 at the rank of Command Sergeant Major.

He leaves his wife, Luanne I. Francis Picard; two daughters, Pamela M. Picard of Livermore Falls, ME, Megan A. Picard of Industry, ME; two brothers, Dana Picard of Pittsfield, ME, Larry Picard of Auburn, ME; two sisters, Michelle Rose of OK, Olivia Hooper-Downer of MN; five grandchildren, Christina Chick, Issac Chick, Owen Chick, Emmaly Sandakli and Buddy Sandakli.

Mr. Picard's family will receive family and friends from 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM Wednesday, January 8th, 2020, at the Anderson Funeral Home, 25 Fitchburg Rd., (Rte 2A) Ayer, MA.

Family and friends in Maine are invited to visit from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., Friday, January 10, 2020, at Burpee, Carpenter & Hutchins Funeral Home, 110 Limerock Street, Rockland, ME, where a funeral service with Military Honors will be held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, January 11th.

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

JAN 8. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall

CP

“ *Cheryl Prevot lit a candle in memory of Daniel E. Picard*



Cheryl Prevot - January 09, 2020 at 12:03 PM

PL

“ *I had the chance to work with Dan in the Massachusetts National Guard during several different assignments. I was honored to select him as my CSM while serving in the 79th Troop Command. He was knowledgeable and steadfast, and I knew I could count on him to get the job done. We lost a great warrior and friend.*

- Paul Landry

Paul Landry - January 08, 2020 at 02:53 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Daniel E. Picard.*



January 07, 2020 at 11:00 PM



“ *Healing Tears - All White* was purchased for the family of Daniel E. Picard.



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January 07, 2020 at 05:45 PM



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



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January 07, 2020 at 12:43 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White* was purchased for the family of Daniel E. Picard.



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January 07, 2020 at 12:06 PM



“ *Healing Tears - Blue and White* was purchased for the family of Daniel E. Picard.



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January 05, 2020 at 08:54 PM

CD

“ I met Danny and Luanne in August 2018 at Dana Farber. My daughter and I had traveled to Boston from Bermuda for medical treatment. Danny was finishing up treatment, once he was done we all went to the cafeteria for a bite to eat. Danny couldn't eat but insisted it would be ok for us to. We sat in that cafeteria for hours talking as if we had know each other all our lives. Danny's spirit amazed me and gave me hope. Luannes support of him inspired me. We had no idea what my daughter's diagnosis would be but being with them left me with a knowing that either way we would be ok. The strength it must take to be an inspiration to someone else in the midst of your own journey has to be heaven sent and God knew exactly what he was doing bringing the two of them together to share this journey. I'm sure they've been an inspiration to many along the way and like us, I'm certain others have been gifted with the love of these angels. I met Danny once and will remember him for my lifetime. Not many touch our hearts in this way and for this I am grateful for the opportunity and the time he so graciously afforded us that day. A day he choose to be with us and share his love of life instead of wallowing in his circumstance. Danny was a victor and not a victim and his strength and resolve to do so was not of this world. I'm not sure if he ever knew how much he imprinted on our hearts that day. All I can say is what an amazing soul. Cheyra said it was her best day in Boston. Danny and his lovely wife helped us with a perspective shift that day. One that would change our lives forever. Angels; earth angels, heavenly angels, beautiful in either realm. Keep soaring and spreading your love ,the world needs it!  
Carlene and Cheyra  
Bermuda



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Carlene Spencer Darrell - January 04, 2020 at 10:05 PM



“ *Red & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Daniel E. Picard.*



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January 02, 2020 at 10:29 AM



“ *Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Daniel E. Picard.*



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January 01, 2020 at 11:02 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Daniel E. Picard.*



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January 01, 2020 at 04:43 PM



“ I love Mr. Picard!!! Yes he was and always will be my commanding NCO!!! That is not why I love him though. He was the fulcrum of the change in my life. He sat me down and asked me if I had colon cancer. I stated no! He said oh I thought that this was what this conversation was about? I said to him, I don't know but am I in trouble Sgt Major? He told me just as Sgt Major Gingras said as well, if you don't straighten up your going to lose everything. They told me that alcohol will bring me down, and it did. I Love both of those men, not because of thier leadership roles, but for thier hearts!!! I wore the blue cord just like they did. I am and always will be proud of who I am. I will be at the wake even if I have to walk. I want to say my final statement to the man I love and respect. He lived a great life and our talk taught me that he wants that for me as well. Karl Holden

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**Karl Holden** - December 31, 2019 at 12:20 AM



“ Red, White & Blue Large Sympathy Vase Arrangement was purchased for the family of Daniel E. Picard.



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December 30, 2019 at 07:58 AM

DC

“ Dan is an exceptional soldier and a great man. We worked together for a number of years and became very good friends. I enjoyed and miss the many times we sat together and discussed every issue the world was facing. Each time he would end with a little fatherly pride comment about his children. I really miss those moments. I learned a lot from him. Everyone learned from him. Dan I can't be there for you, I am out of the country. However, I will always remember what a stand up guy you are, and most important what a good friend you always been to me.

*David Costa (r) CSM*

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**David Costa** - December 30, 2019 at 07:41 AM

PC

“ Dan became my mentor when I became the G3 SGM. I became his when he was select as a Command Sergeant Major. Through our work we spent time all over the planet. From Germany, Tajikistan, and Kyrgyzstan, to many of these United States, we became beyond friends. We became brothers. I will miss my brother. - CSM (r) Chase

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**Peter Chase** - December 29, 2019 at 01:07 PM

BE

“ I met Dan through Luanne. I have never seen a couple so in love. Dan was humorous always sharing jokes and titbits. He was helpful, resourceful and caring. He would open car doors for the ladies and ensured that we were seated comfortably. Fond memories of Luanne and Dan spending time with us in New York and our disappointment of not getting to sample the Popeyes sandwich. Paul-ann and I visited Dan and Luanne in Ayer in September- we had a ball. I went apple picking for the first time. We are saddened by his passing, no more Dan for Paul-ann to call but we have good memories to share.  
Bev Paul-Ann Carissa

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**Beverley** - December 29, 2019 at 11:54 AM

SC

“ Dan became a regular part of our Saint Lucian family when he met Luanne three Chrustmas' ago. Their love for each other was automatic and Dan became like another brother as Luanne had become our little sister and favourite Aunt of our Kids. We will miss Dan's infectious spirit, his wonderful game-spirit, his compassion and love for others. Our prayers and condolences are with you Luanne and his US family.

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**Sylvester Clauzel** - December 29, 2019 at 07:19 AM

CA

“ I was fortunate to meet Daniel in St Lucia a few years ago and a couple times since through his wife Luanne. I was amazed at his sense of adventure and bravery, hearing of some of his hiking stories. Mmostly I will remember him as being a very loving and supportive husband to Luanne, as well as his great sense of humour. It was also wonderful to know that he and Luanne shared a faith in God which kept him hopeful til the end. May he rest in peace.

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**Cleopatra Altenor-Theobalds** - December 29, 2019 at 06:43 AM

LU

“ 10 files added to the album Danny



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**luanne.i.francis** - December 28, 2019 at 10:23 PM

MD

“ *When Dan first came into the Guard, I had the pleasure of being the first Soldier he met when he came into A Company 1-181 IN. We have been great friends ever since. His Awesome sense of humor will always be with me!*

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**Mark Devlin** - December 28, 2019 at 07:22 PM

CH

“ Dan and Luanne has heard me tell these memories before. I remember meeting Dan in 1991 at Office Candidate School. (SSG Picard) was on the tactics committee and was my small group leader as we trained on tactics in the field. I remember being very impressed with his depth of knowledge and his “ranger roll” patrol cap. Though we both worked in the AGR program it was not until 2013 that we worked together in the 26th MEB, he as the Operations Sergeant Major and me as the Deputy Commander. I came to really appreciate his enthusiasm, work ethic and sound guidance. It was also in that assignment that he became ill over the course of that assignment and his illness we also became good friends. After his retirement we kept in touch and I had the honor of meeting his lovely wife Luanne. Before departing for Alaska he was a priority for me to see and I am happy that he, Luanne and I met for lunch. He found Luanne the love of his life and his faith.



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**Christine Hoffmann** - December 28, 2019 at 03:57 PM