



Mr. Daniel Edward Buckley

December 15, 1942 - January 16, 2023

Daniel Edward Buckley, 80, of Plant City, formerly of Memphis, Tennessee, born on December 15, 1942, in Watertown, Massachusetts, sailed into his eternal safe harbor on January 16, 2023. He was a retired First Class Petty Officer for the United States Navy. He loved his family, life, cruising the world, furry animals, and feathered birds. He was preceded in death by wife, Effie May Buckley; siblings, John J. Buckley Jr., Dorothy Boone, and Rita Paulukaitis. He is survived by sister, Margaret Hardy; and many nieces, nephews, in-laws, and friends. A memorial service to be held at a later date in Memphis. Interment at Forest Hills East Cemetery, Memphis. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Judes Children Hospital at www.stjudes.org, and/or the Humane Society at www.humanesociety.org. Expressions of condolences at www.HopewellFuneral.com.

Cemetery Details

Forest Hills East Cemetery

2440 Whitten Rd,
Memphis, TN 38133

Tribute Wall

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“ Dan was one of the first neighbors I met after coming to Plant City from Ontario Canada. I'd only been in my house a couple of days, and was still settling in, when the water, for unknown reasons, was turned off. In no time, Dan appeared at my door with several jugs of water, so I wouldn't have to go without. He knew I probably had nothing prepared for something like that yet. I remember thinking, I hope everyone in my neighborhood is as friendly and thoughtful as this kind gentleman!

Over the years, it became a tradition for my dog Frances and I, to walk over to the creek beside Dan's house. Dan would always be at the ready to come meet us by his back door to give Frances treats. Now, I find myself gently persuading Frances to keep going past his back door path, that she's walked up so many times, to see her treat buddy. I'm sure he's still a treat buddy, for many four legged loved ones who have also made the journey to heaven!

While Frances gobbled up her treats, Dan and I would check out the creek for gators, turtles, fish etc. He shared his knowledge of Florida wildlife with me, and made me more aware of things I had no clue about, coming from Canada! For instance, I know how to estimate the age of an alligator, thanks to Dan.

As time went by, Dan and Frances, both slowed down. Visits to the back door, and the creek, no longer were a daily occurrence. But that just made it more special, when Dan came to the sunroom door, with a wave and a smile.

Our hearts go out to Deb, Jack, and all of Dan's family. He loved you Deb, whenever he would tell me you were coming to visit, it was easy to see how much he cared.

Our deepest sympathy, and heartfelt condolences,
Carolyn, Allan, and Frances

Carolyn Hurd - January 24, 2023 at 10:14 AM