



Daniel L. Wagner

April 29, 1936 - March 10, 2025

Obituary

Daniel L. Wagner

4/29/36 – 3/10/25

Daniel L. Wagner was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and attended Santa Barbara City College, where he earned an Associate of Arts degree in Political Science. He served in the U.S. Army from 1959-1961, then transferred to reserve status until his honorable discharge in 1965.

Daniel graduated from the California Highway Patrol Academy in 1966 and was assigned to serve in the Los Angeles County area. In 1968, he transferred to the Santa Barbara area, where he spent the remainder of his career before retiring in February 1982, after 16 years of dedicated service.

In January 1972, Daniel married the love of his life, Joyce Marie Chariton, and together they made Santa Barbara their home.

In addition to his work with the Highway Patrol, Daniel founded Dan's Chauffeuring and Valet Service in 1968, driving for a wide range of clients across the United States and British Columbia.

Daniel and Joyce were also known for their generosity and hospitality, often

opening their home to college exchange students from around the world.

A devout Christian, Daniel loved the Lord with all his heart. He was an active member of Oaks Bible Church and Calvary Chapel in Santa Barbara, regularly attending bible studies and services. He also served with the local Gideon's chapter from June 2012 up until his death, handing out bibles at UCSB, Santa Barbara City College, and many local schools. He was well respected and loved within the ministry of the Gideons International and his church communities.

Daniel was preceded in death by his beloved wife Joyce, and his parents, Henry Louis Wagner (IL) and Clara Lydia Raether (WI). He is survived by his sister-in-law, Janice Angell, niece Mellany Archer, and nephew Mark Angell, all of Colorado.

Daniel's legacy of faith, service, and friendship will be remembered by all who knew him.

A Celebration of Life Service for Daniel Wagner will be held on Sunday, April 13, 2025, at 6:15p at Oaks Bible Church, 400 Puente Dr., Santa Barbara. Donations in Daniel's memory can be made to Little Dog House/Cold Noses Warm Hearts (Goleta) via phone, check, or by donating blankets, towels, or food; or to The Gideons International www.gideons.org/donate.

Cemetery Details

Goleta Cemetery

44 South San Antonio Road
SANTA BARBARA, CA 93110
(805) 967-3608

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

APR 13. 6:15 PM (PT)

Oaks Bible Church
400 Puente Dr.
Santa Barbara, CA

Tribute Wall

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“ I worked for Dan’s Valet from around 2004-2009. Dan was such a classic guy. He was very enthusiastic about the way he ran his business. He loved taking care of people and had a huge genuine smile. And who could forget the curly handlebar mustache!? I always had a great time working valet events with Dan and he would always make sure his employees were taken care of. He loved his wife Joyce. I’ll never forget his boisterous personality and driving around in his big old wood sided station wagon. Oh and he’d always say ooh sure oh sure haha what a classic one of a kind guy.

Sean Lamb - May 03, 2025 at 11:25 PM

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“ I’ve known Dan 30+ years and he was such a classic “Distinguished Gentleman” and we always talked about the Bible, Jesus, where we are in prophecy, and how great it will be to one day ‘be absent from our earthly body and present with the Lord’ - and he IS there right now! What a strong faith Dan had in God’s Word and all His promises to us. I’ll miss him saying, Well Dr., I’ve got a quick question for you to clarify” as he smiled with that great handlebar mustache and asked me about a Bible verse or theological topic - then afterward we’d shake hands having shed Biblical insights to the issue and ALWAYS had a big smile together!! 🙌🙏📖

Dr. Dave Newton - March 27, 2025 at 08:44 PM

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Mellany Archer - March 25, 2025 at 05:00 PM