



Daniel Torino Arruda

March 16, 2025

Daniel Torino Arruda, 80, formerly of North Providence and The Villages, FL, passed away on March 16, 2025.

Born in Smithfield, he was the son of the late Gaspar and Regina (Bruno) Arruda.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia (Houle) Arruda.

Daniel is also survived by his children; Julie Driscoll and her husband Gregory of Warwick, Jennifer Notargiacomo and her husband Joseph of Cumberland. Lastly, he was Pop to his beloved granddaughter Gabrielle Savard of Warwick. She was his “Number One” and their adoration for each other was immeasurable. He was also the brother of the late Bernice Marino.

Daniel graduated from Hope High School in 1962. He was drafted in the Army in 1965, and proudly served his country. A machinist, he worked for Brown and Sharp, Stanley Bostitch, and Federal Products. He ended his career at TACO and retired to The Villages, FL.

Daniel was a former member and past president of Valley Country Club in West Warwick, RI. He spent many years enjoying the Florida sun, golfing, and

being the neighborhood handyman. He loved to drink coffee with his friends, always teasing them or telling a story.

Daniel was well known for his sharp wit and intelligence. He loved music, dancing and a gathering of friends and family. Daniel's generous spirit and big personality will be missed by many.

Committal Service with Military Honors will be held, Saturday, March 29th at 10:30 a.m. in the Rhode Island Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 301 South County Trail, Exeter, RI. Please arrive at 10:00 a.m. and meet at administrative building to be lined up for procession to the chapel.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Gary Sinise Foundation, at <https://www.garysinisefoundation.org/donate>; or Hope Health Hospice at Hope Health Donations.

Cemetery Details

Rhode Island Veterans Memorial Cemetery

301 South County Trail (Route 2)
Exeter, RI 02822

Previous Events

Committal Service with Military Honors

MAR 29. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JD

“ Dan was such a special person who was loved by all. A wonderful Father & a very hard worker. You could always count on Dan to lend a helping hand to anyone. We had a special loving bond between our families. Dan was definitely like a brother in so many ways to me. He will be missed dearly. Always in my heart & prayers. Love, Janet ❤️

Janet Doyle - March 19, 2025 at 07:05 PM

DM

A really good man who will be sorely missed. But I am sure is golfing in paradise!!!!

Dan Miller - March 22, 2025 at 02:49 PM

JB

“ Maureen and I will always remember the good times with Dan and there were many. Cards, Golf, Gun club, out to eat and just daily visits. We miss him beyond words. He had a great sense of humor and was always true to his values. Danny, you will be with us forever. MoeJoe

Joseph Barbieri - March 19, 2025 at 06:28 PM

JG

“ Danny was a gifted storyteller who made friends of strangers everywhere he went. His quick wit and outgoing personality made all feel welcome, except those who may have made the unfortunate mistake of hurting someone he loved. Thank you for all of the happy memories and for the gifts of Julie, Jenn and Gabby ❤️. Love, Jen, Audrey & Alex

Jenifer Giroux - March 19, 2025 at 05:12 PM

BC

“ *Dan and I became friends living in the Villages. Early morning coffee at Starbucks, golf almost daily and some wild Pitch games a couple nights a week. It was a pleasure to have been a friend. Bill Cleary*

Bill Cleary - March 19, 2025 at 05:06 PM

JD

Thank you for sharing this, Bill. He loved his time in the Villages and the friends he made there.

Julie Driscoll - March 19, 2025 at 06:26 PM