



Daniel Michael Barber

December 16, 2025

Daniel Michael Barber, 80, passed away peacefully at home December 16, 2025 with his loving husband by his side.

Dan Barber was born on January 28, 1945, in Norwalk, Ohio, to the late Betty (Heffley) Barber and Floyd Robert Barber. In 1956, Dan moved to Warren, Rhode Island, where he was raised and later graduated from Warren High School.

Dan built a long and successful career in banking and finance. He began his professional life at Peoples Bank, where through dedication and hard work, he rose through the ranks to achieve the position of Vice President. In the 1980s, Dan worked for Collier Wire in Central Falls. He later joined AFC Cable in New Bedford, Massachusetts, serving as Credit Manager until his retirement in 2002 due to declining health.

Never one to slow down completely, Dan went on to become a part owner of the Providence nightclub The Stable, formerly known as Wheels, a place that held special meaning in his life.

Dan is survived by his loving spouse, Mark Ellinwood, whom he met at Wheels on Gay Pride Day in June of 1996. The two were married on June 25, 2016 and made their home together in Cranston, Rhode Island. They shared

a deep love for travel and explored the world together until Dan's illness made travel no longer possible.

Dan was predeceased by his sisters Nancy Minarsky (Barber) of Connecticut, Janice Barber of Pawtucket and Barbara Barber of Providence. He is survived by his brother Robert Barber and his wife Vallerie (Rocchio) Barber of Cranston, Rhode Island and his beloved half-sister, Missy Legan of Catawba Island, Ohio, the youngest of his siblings, with whom he reconnected and formed a meaningful bond beginning in 2015.

In 2018, Dan was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. In April of 2025, he received a cancer diagnosis and subsequently entered the compassionate care of Hospice of Care New England.

Dan will be remembered for his intelligence, strong work ethic, adventurous spirit and the deep love he shared with family and friends. His memory will live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved him.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Tuesday, December 30th at 10 am in St. Joseph Church, 144 Danielson Pike, Scituate, RI. Burial will follow in Rhode Island Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Exeter, RI. Visitation will be held from 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM in the Winfield & Sons Funeral Home, 571 West Greenville Road, Scituate, RI.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 30. 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM (ET)

Winfield & Sons Funeral Home and Crematory
571 West Greenville Road (Route 116)
Scituate, RI 02857
(401) 647-5421

Mass of Christian Burial

DEC 30. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Joseph Church
144 Danielson Pike
Scituate, RI 02857

Burial

DEC 30. 12:00 PM (ET)

Rhode Island Veterans Memorial Cemetery
301 South County Trail (Route 2)
Exeter, RI 02822

Tribute Wall

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“ I met Danny at Wheels. He was always very nice and polite to me. He will be missed. Prayers for his family.

Nancy - January 18 at 07:52 PM

SD

“ I met the very sweet gentle funny Danny Barber in 1.965. My new in-laws moved to Aaron Ave, Bristol. Sister-in-law Christina hung out with her neighbor Karen. They became a fun teen quartet with Danny and his pal "Stick".
Many years later when Danny was with his love Mark, Karen and Danny and Mark and Christina's sister Polly enjoyed a long meal at the Old Canteen, reminiscing. Mark and Danny visited me on Lieutenants Island for another good time.
I am glad you and Danny had such a wonderful happy relationship, Mark I can't drive that far but I promise to be thinking of you on the morning of the 30th. Love and sympathy, Sandy Dobbyn

Sandy Dobbyn - December 23, 2025 at 07:32 PM

MA

🙏 Dan was a angel 🙏 I miss you barber your CNA

Maria - March 23 at 09:14 PM

EC

“ I've known Danny for a long time...back in the 70s at People's Bank. We've maintained our friendship right to the end. I think it's fair to say he'd be remembered as everyone's friend.

Elyse (Grote) Cute - December 23, 2025 at 04:09 PM