



## Sgt. Daniel R. Nerstrom

February 26, 1984 - March 13, 2015

Sgt. Daniel R. Nerstrom, 31 passed away on Friday, March 13, 2015 in Libertyville. He was born Feb. 26, 1984 in Lake Forest, IL and was a graduate of Oak Grove School and Libertyville High School in 2002. He enlisted in the US Army on Sept. 15, 2003, served his basic training at Fort Knox, KY and was a member of the 3rd ACR, Brave Rifles, 3rd Platoon, Killer Troop, 3rd Squadron at Fort Carson, CO. They left for the Iraq war in Feb. 2005, returned Feb. 2006 and were in Southern Baghdad during that deployment. He was medically retired on Feb. 5, 2013 and became a member of the Gurnee American Legion Post. Surviving are his parents, Douglas and Kim (nee Mitchell) Nerstrom; sister Kelli (Mike) Luna; grandmother Carol Mitchell; his girlfriend Amanda Tiffany and her son Austin, who Dan always considered to be his son. He was also the dear nephew of Peter Nerstrom, Susan (Paul) Andrews, Mark Mitchell and Kelly (Kevin) McCormack. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, LeRoy and Gloria Nerstrom and Roger Mitchell. Visitation will be from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. Friday, March 20 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home Ltd., 120 W. Park Ave. (Route 176, one block west of Milwaukee Ave.), Libertyville. Funeral services with military honors will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 21 at the funeral home. Interment will be at Highland Memorial Park. Info, 847-362-3009 or please sign the guest book at [www.burnettdane.com](http://www.burnettdane.com).

# Tribute Wall

ST

“ *Kim, Doug Kelli and Tiffany,  
I am so sorry to hear about the passing of Dan. I along with so many other were hoping for a different outcome. My thoughts and prayers are with you during your time of need.*

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**SUSAN TRADER** - June 29, 2018 at 01:15 PM

NC

“ *My Prayers are with all the loved ones. As a Veteran I salute you, for you have made the ultimate sacrifice and I humbly thank you for loving us so much. Greater Love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends John 15:13 God bless you All*

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**Nick Carlisle** - June 29, 2018 at 01:15 PM

DK

“ *Kim, Doug and family We are so sorry to learn of the passing of Dan. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. He is in real peace now.  
Don and Rose Ann Kraemer*

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**Don & Rose Ann Kraemer** - June 29, 2018 at 01:15 PM

RS

“ *Dan, did not know you, but knew of you. So hard to find all the words to say. I am hopeful that your new Journey will be a better one....Thoughts and Prayers to all family and friends....*

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**Ren Sanfilip** - June 29, 2018 at 01:15 PM

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“ Doug, Kim and Kelli,

*My heartfelt sympathy to you all on Dan's passing. And thank you Dan, for your service to your country. May you forever rest in peace.*

*Debi (Gahart) Thompson*

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**Debi Thompson (Gahart)** - June 29, 2018 at 01:15 PM

KL

“ Dough, Kim, Kelli and family,

*I was saddened to hear of Dan's passing. Know that thoughts and prayers are with you at this very difficult time.*

*Kathy Luna and family*

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**Kathy Luna** - June 29, 2018 at 01:15 PM

JP

“ Your family is in our family's thoughts and prayers. You do not know us personally, but we both are Dan's brother and sister in arms. Your loss is felt by many.

*Daniel's life here on Earth may be over, but his legacy will remain. His name has become a rally cry to improve the services provided to our hurting warriors.*

*May the coming days bring you peace.*

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**Justin and Stephanie Perry** - June 29, 2018 at 01:15 PM

ST

“ Kim,  
I am so sorry for your loss. I really wished there would of been a better outcome with Dan. I am sure you and Doug did also. If there is anything I can do for you please let me know.

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**SUSAN TRADER** - June 29, 2018 at 01:15 PM

RP

“ My deepest sympathies for the loss of your son, Dan. May you find peace in your sorrow.

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**Rod Plummer** - June 29, 2018 at 01:15 PM

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“ I never got to meet you. I want to thank you for your service to our country. Thank you to your family for sharing you with all of us. God Bless you and your family.

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**Noreen** - June 29, 2018 at 01:15 PM

MB

“ So very sorry for your loss. God bless Dan....

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**Melinda Brooksher** - June 29, 2018 at 01:15 PM

RS

“ I can't thank you enough for your brave and selfless service to our country .. You will always be in my heart and I know that you will be dearly missed. You and I have never met but I feel like I know you. May God keep you until we see you again.

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**Rozzlyn Sepulveda** - June 29, 2018 at 01:15 PM

DM

“ *“if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died in vain”  
(Galatians 2:21)*

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**Doug Mayes** - June 29, 2018 at 01:15 PM

TF

“ *May you find calm seas and a following wind. Godspeed Sgt.*

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**Timothy Forsythe** - June 29, 2018 at 01:15 PM

TM

“ *My condolences to your family. I didn't know Dan, but I am a fellow  
veteran. Till Valhalla brother.*

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**Tim Morehouse** - June 29, 2018 at 01:15 PM

SL

“ *May God comfort you all during this difficult time. Thank you Dan for  
your service and sacrifice. Rest in peace.*

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**Shelli Lanphier** - June 29, 2018 at 01:15 PM

CS

“ *I never knew you, but you will forever be a part of my life. I prayed  
for your safe return, not knowing it would be to your eternal home.  
May GOD bless the family left behind and give them the knowledge  
that you will watch over them and continue to keep them safe.*

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**Charla Spencer** - June 29, 2018 at 01:15 PM

AB

“ *From one veteran family to another, thank you for your service.*

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**Angie Brady** - June 29, 2018 at 01:15 PM

KW

“ I am so sorry for your loss, my thoughts and prayers are with your family. Fly high among the Angels Daniel. You are a true hero.

Karen white - June 29, 2018 at 01:15 PM

LM

“ God bless. May you now find healing in God's embrace

Lucy M - June 29, 2018 at 01:15 PM

SK

“ I didn't know you or your family, but I followed your story on Facebook and prayed so much for his safe return. Words cannot do justice to how your family must be feeling and your family will continue to be in my prayers.

Shannelle Krebbs - June 29, 2018 at 01:15 PM

LJ

“ Never doubt that he is with you always... Pay particular attention to an unsuspected breeze, a familiar scent or sound for that is his way of telling you he is near. Heaven is honored to have his presence.

Leilani Johnson - June 29, 2018 at 01:15 PM

PH

“ Thank you for your Service Sgt. Nerstrom. I hope you now have found peace. God Bless.

Peggy Hauck - June 29, 2018 at 01:15 PM

JB

“ I never met this brave young man but prayed every day for his safe return home. Eternal rest grant unto him oh Lord and let your perpetual light shine upon him. Amen.

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**Joann Beste** - June 29, 2018 at 01:15 PM

SK

“ RIP Brother. To his family, so sorry for your loss. Sean Kelly - 5th Brigade Commander Warrior Pointe

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**Sean Kelly** - June 29, 2018 at 01:15 PM

BL

“ May God bless you....many are feeling your pain and sorrow....please stay strong and always remember he will walk beside you every day in spirit....Dan...Thank you for service to our country....they looked for you every day.....glad you are home....RIP....

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**Brenda Letourneau** - June 29, 2018 at 01:15 PM

JP

“ Dan was a true hero fighting every day. He will be missed by many people, R.I.P.

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**Julia Prena** - June 29, 2018 at 01:15 PM

KC

“ Thank you, sir, for your service. Condolences to the family and loved ones of this hero. I pray you are comforted knowing he is in the presence of our Lord. As a veteran myself it saddens me to learn he passed.

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**Karen Cox** - June 29, 2018 at 01:15 PM

TS

“ Though I may not have personally known you, I hoped and shared for your safe return. To your family and friends, we send our deepest condolences. May you be at peace now and watch and take care of your loved ones still here.

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**The Swains** - June 29, 2018 at 01:15 PM

VO

“ Thank you for your service Sir. It salute you and I pray for your family to find the strength to go on. Until you meet again. Another soldier has his wings.

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**Valerie O'Neill** - June 29, 2018 at 01:15 PM

MB

“ Rip brother u will b missed.

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**Mike Burt** - June 29, 2018 at 01:15 PM



“ I have never met you but from day one I have followed shared and prayed for Dan to return home safely. It hurt my heart to read the post he had been found but not the way I hoped. Hugs and prayers to all. Birdie lieder

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BK

“ Thank You Dan for serving our country and for protecting us. You will forever be remembered! Your family, including your girlfriend and her son, have shown amazing love and faithfulness to you. God bless them all as they trudge thru the months ahead.

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**Beth Kotecki** - June 29, 2018 at 01:15 PM

SS

“ God Bless this wonderful man and the family. Im sorry for your loss. Prayers are being said. Thank you SGT. Daniel Nerstrom for your service.

Sonsara Singleton - June 29, 2018 at 01:15 PM

TA

“ My deepest sympathies to the family. Prayers for comfort in your time of sorrow. May he always be remembered for his honor & courage & for the love & joy he gave to all he touched. RIP Sgt Nerstrom

Tammi - June 29, 2018 at 01:15 PM

HG

“ RIP soldier, you paid the ultimate sacrifice. May the Lords loving arms embrace you. Praying for peace and strength for the family.

Helen Gomez - June 29, 2018 at 01:15 PM

JT

“ until Valhalla! Brave Rifles!

Jim Trammell - June 29, 2018 at 01:15 PM

CH

“ God bless you and keep you, Dan. Your sacrifice for our country has touched the hearts of many. Peace to your loving family and friends.

Cathy Holtcamp - June 29, 2018 at 01:15 PM

LA

“ Thank you for your service Sgt.

Lauren - June 29, 2018 at 01:15 PM

TF

“ God bless you Kim, Doug, Kelli, Tiffany and most of all Austin!  
Thank you for your service Dan! Rip.....at ease soldier!

tabitha foust - June 29, 2018 at 01:15 PM

CD

“ My sincere condolences on your loss, my thoughts and prayers are  
with your family.

Carman Dickson - June 29, 2018 at 01:15 PM

LG

“ thanks for your service

lora gregory - June 29, 2018 at 01:15 PM

LK

“ My ohana and I thank you for your Service. Our deepest  
condolences to your ohana. Prayers of strength for you all during  
this difficult time.Linda, Donnell & Lance Kahele~Spc Seth & Spc  
Kealani Smith

Linda Kahele - June 29, 2018 at 01:15 PM



“ Thank you for your service and prayers and Hugs to your family

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DM

“ Dan. You were the first person I met when coming to Fort Carson. We clicked instantly and formed a great bond. I'll never forget the times we shared. I'll always remember the times driving in your white pickup truck listening to 94.3 kilo on the radio and talking about everything and anything. Those times on cq where you would keep your door open so we could pull the tv out and play video games or watch movies all night together. The double dates we went out on. I'm gonna miss you man. But the memories I have from us are all still so fresh in my mind that I still feel you with me. Take care brother and God bless. - Derek Meisenburg

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**Derek Meisenburg** - June 29, 2018 at 01:15 PM

KR

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you. I know that there are no words to help ease your pain, but please try and take comfort in knowing that Dan is now at Peace. Heaven Deployed Hero. Sgt. Dan Nerstrom you will NEVER be forgotten. God Bless.

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**Kelly Ryden** - June 29, 2018 at 01:15 PM

JM

“ I began following Dan's story from the beginning and always prayed for his safe return. I wish to send condolences to you and your son, as well as Dan's parents. I am so sorry for your loss, Dan's story has now touched the hearts of many and he will live on in their and your memory. Stay Army Strong.

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**Jennifer McInelly** - June 29, 2018 at 01:15 PM

BH

“ Thank you Daniel for your honorable service and sacrifice for our nation.I will always treasure the freedoms that you fought for - till the end.Thank you also to his family, for your sacrifice.Much Respect, Love, and many prayers continue for you all in the days ahead.

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**Brenda Hatley** - June 29, 2018 at 01:15 PM

LF

“ Forever in our hearts...

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**Linda Coddington Fields** - June 29, 2018 at 01:15 PM

DM

“ Thank you for your service Dan ! God bless you and your loved ones ! You've touched our hearts forever !

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**Donna Mierzejewski** - June 29, 2018 at 01:15 PM

DM

“ God bless you Dan and your family . Thank you for your service . You will be in our hearts forever and greatly missed !

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**Donna Mierzejewski** - June 29, 2018 at 01:15 PM

DR

“ So sorry for your loss.Thank You Dan for your service.May you rest in peace.

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**Dorothy Raczka** - June 29, 2018 at 01:15 PM

SC

“ Thoughts and prayers for the family thank you Dan for your service

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**Shirley Caldwell** - June 29, 2018 at 01:15 PM

CB

“ You will not be forgotten!!! Thank you Soldier for your service.

Chris and Laura Billings - June 29, 2018 at 01:15 PM

DM

“ Thank you to the Nerstrom family for sharing Daniel with us. Through their explicit love shown through these months,, we grew to love him also.Now we grieve with all of you. Your boy was a Hero, not only loved by his family, but loved by a nation. May the Lord give you all strength during this time.

Dixie Moore - June 29, 2018 at 01:15 PM



“ My love and heartfelt thoughts are with you all. Thanks for your service.

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CK

“ Bless u Kim and Doug, Amanda and Austin. RIP DAN

carol keller-topor - June 29, 2018 at 01:15 PM

MP

“ Rest in Peace Sgt. Nerstrom. Thank you for your service from a Gold Star Mom.

Mary Patterson - June 29, 2018 at 01:15 PM

KK

“ Thank you for your service to our country Dan. My prayers and thoughts are with you and your family. Bless you for all that you have done for us.

Kathi K - June 29, 2018 at 01:15 PM

RY

“ *Sgt. Daniel R. Nerstrom*

Robin ylatupa - June 29, 2018 at 01:15 PM

LB

“ *May you rest in peace and splendor in the home of our Lord.  
Godspeed to you.*

Laura Brown - June 29, 2018 at 01:15 PM

PF

“ *We will keep you all in our prayers.*

Prendergast Family - June 29, 2018 at 01:15 PM

DK

“ *I didn't know you, Dan, but thank you for your brave service and the sacrifices you made for our country and for others around the world.*

David Kirkpatrick - June 29, 2018 at 01:15 PM

SS

“ *Even though I didn't know you, Dan, I just want to say "thank you" for your service. God bless.*

Sue Semm - June 29, 2018 at 01:15 PM

MM

“ *Although I didn't know you personally... you are in my thoughts and prayers Dan. Condolences from the Fort Lewis Washington State Army base... God bless you Dan and deepest sympathy to Amanda, Austin and his family RIP Soldier*

Mindy Moreland - June 29, 2018 at 01:15 PM

HV

“ Dan had a kind-hearted, humble spirit. We had a playful childhood together as neighbors riding bikes around the block and swimming in our pool. So sorry the world has lost another veteran and friend. Prayers for your family tomorrow and the days, months, and years that follow. You are not alone.

Heidi (Biedermann) Vanderwerff - June 29, 2018 at 01:15 PM



“ I followed dan's story on Facebook and prayed for his family daily. I will continue to pray for all of you that you will find peace and cherish your memories of him.

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LK

“ Dan, I did know you personally, I want to say you will never be forgotten. Rest with the Angel's now in Peace. My prayers go out to you and for your family and loved ones.

Leslie Knight - June 29, 2018 at 01:15 PM



“ Sorry 2 hear of ur son, Daniel death. There have been way 2 many deaths from this war. I'm sure ur son was a GREAT SOLDIER. This goes out to all his family. It's REALLY SAD WHEN A CHILD LOSSES A PARENT. MAY DANIEL R.I.P. GOD BLESS DANIELS FAMILY!!!

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KS

“ God Bless you Dan. Thank-you for your service. Rest in Peace. God bless your family and Amanda and Austin. Prayers are with you always.

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**Kim Schneider** - June 29, 2018 at 01:15 PM

SP

“ Thank you Dan for your service!! You Soldier will NEVER be forgotten!! I didn't know you personally but my heart breaks for you and your family! It helps my heart to know you are at peace now and I will pray daily for your Mom and family to also find peace with this losing a child has to be a great hurt no one could explain..I have faith she will live out your great legacy!! RIP Soilder !

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**Stacey Phillips** - June 29, 2018 at 01:15 PM

CA

“ Rest in Peace, Soldier. You are at peace now. Thank you for your service to our country. Prayers to Dan's family, his girlfriend and her son.

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**candy** - June 29, 2018 at 01:15 PM

BW

“ Our thoughts and prayers to all of you during this time.

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**Bill & Nora Winkowski** - June 29, 2018 at 01:15 PM

KL

“ Doug, Kim, Kelli and Family,

*I am so sorry for your loss. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time.*

*Kathy Luna*

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**Kathy Luna** - June 29, 2018 at 01:15 PM

HR

“ As a wife a veteran who also has PTSD, Dan's story hit close to home since the first report of him going missing. My heart goes out to you and your family, I am so very sorry for your loss. I thank Dan for his service to us and our country. I am sorry that he suffered because of it.

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**Heidi R** - June 29, 2018 at 01:15 PM

KL

“ Dear Doug, Kim, Kelli and Family, I was saddened to hear of Dan's passing. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you at this very difficult time. Kathy Luna

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**Kathy Luna** - June 29, 2018 at 01:15 PM

MD

“ In memory of a true American Hero! You must be so proud of Dan. Let the wonderful memories you must have of him help you in your grief.

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**Margaret Daniels** - June 29, 2018 at 01:15 PM

RE

“ i don't know u but im a friend of a friend my deepest sympathy thank you for your service i followed u on facebook so i pray for the whole family durring this time of sorrow R I P Dan

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**roberta ewald** - June 29, 2018 at 01:15 PM

AT

“ Kim, Greg and I are so sorry for your loss. You are a great person, I didn't know Dan, but I know you and because of the person you are i know he was a great person also. So sorry for your loss.

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**Ashley Telling** - June 29, 2018 at 01:15 PM

LN

“ Thanking SGT. Daniel R. Nerstrom for signing up and being willing to sacrifice his all for the freedoms we all enjoy. May God wrap his mighty arms of comfort around his family, battle buddies, and friends as they walk through the valley...may rays of hope and light fight their way into the darkness of grief and loss...may they continue here on Earth to make a difference and to continue the legacy of sacrifice that Daniel demonstrated. RIP Daniel...know you are loved by so many!

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**Lynn N.** - June 29, 2018 at 01:15 PM

AT

“ I'm sorry for your loss. You and your family are and always be in our hearts. Rip Sgt.Daniel R. Nerstrom

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**Amanda Trader** - June 29, 2018 at 01:15 PM

ML

“ My heart breaks for your entire family during this very difficult time. I pray that you can all feel God's love and strength right now. I am so very sorry. *Michelle LybrookMilitaryMamaNetwork.org*

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**Michelle Lybrook** - June 29, 2018 at 01:15 PM

KM

“ Sincere condolences to Daniels family. I hope the wonderful memories you have of happy times will ease your pain in the coming days. I followed your story on Face Book and prayed for Daniel daily. Rip

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**K McCarthy** - June 29, 2018 at 01:15 PM

CS

“ My heart goes out to you, Kim, Doug, and Kelli, on the loss of your son and brother, Daniel. Our lives once intersected as neighbors; I now send my loving condolences as a friend and lift up Daniel's memory in prayer.

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**Cindy (Infantino) Serikaku** - June 29, 2018 at 01:15 PM

GG

“ My deepest condolences to Sgt. Nerstrom's Family & friends. God bless u, thank u for protecting our freedoms & family's! R.I.P. Bro!

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**George Gandara** - June 29, 2018 at 01:15 PM

RM

“ Prayers go out to the entire family and friends that have lost a hero. Thank you for your service and hope you find peace.

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**Romi Moormeier** - June 29, 2018 at 01:15 PM

LL

“ You are at peace now, dear cousin and no longer in pain. May you rest easy in God's arms.

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**Lisa Long** - June 29, 2018 at 01:15 PM

GC

“ Though you do not know us, we feel indebted to all the family members and friends of Sgt. Nerstrom and to Sgt. Nerstrom for his service to our country. He gave the ultimate sacrifice for the freedom we enjoy. May he be at peace and may you all be blessed for his heroic deeds!

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**Grateful Citizens** - June 29, 2018 at 01:15 PM

JC

“ Sgt. Dan, you will be honored this Memorial Day by my family as we consider you a military hero. You died serving our nation and we owe you for that. We will never forget you and we will honor you forever. You are in our prayers and we hope you finally found peace after what you went through in Iraq. My son deploys to Iraq in Aug 2018 and I ask you to watch over him and keep him safe. Godspeed Sgt Dan....

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**Jeanne Cabel** - June 29, 2018 at 01:15 PM



“ R.I.P. Warrior!!

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April 27, 2018 at 05:33 AM



“ God Bless may HE receive you soul Thanks for you service

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April 27, 2018 at 05:33 AM



“ Daniel, u brought much love to ur family and friends. U were a wonderful father a good friend and son. God has taken ur pain away, but left a hole in hearts here on earth, RIP my dear friend. And peace be with ur mom and family.

April 27, 2018 at 05:33 AM



“ Thank you, Sir, for your service. We owe our freedom to heroes like you. God bless you and comfort your family.

April 27, 2018 at 05:33 AM



“ Thank you.Soldier. for your service. God Bless.Georgia m.Thomas Leland,N.C.

April 27, 2018 at 05:33 AM



“ Thank you for fighting so that our family can sleep at night, may God watch over you and you can rest in peace

Linda Duffey - April 27, 2018 at 05:33 AM



“ Sgt. Daniel R. Nerstrom you will never be forgotten. You are a legend and a hero. R.I.P.

Patricia Love - April 27, 2018 at 05:33 AM

HB

“ *Sgt. Daniel R. Nerstrom. Thank you for stepping up to serve our country. May your memory be eternal. RIP knowing you have made the world a better place.*

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**Helen Bednarczyk** - April 27, 2018 at 05:33 AM

BL

“ *I pray you are at peace and comfort. You are missed so much...but we will never forget you. God bless...*

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**Brenda Letourneau** - April 27, 2018 at 05:33 AM

JS

“ *I will keep the family in my heart and prayers. Another one of my brothers gone home.*

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**Joseph Spencer** - April 27, 2018 at 05:33 AM



“ *So Very sorry for your loss.*

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March 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Dan is at peace now, and will be watching over all of you until you meet again some day. You are all very blessed to have each other, and to have had him in your lives.*

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March 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM



*“ Thank you for your service. May The Lord comfort your family at this difficult time. My son is a Marine and we are all family. I am a member of the Military Mama Network. May God Bless All of you.*

March 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM



*“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all!!*

March 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM



*“ My prayers are with your family.*

March 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM



*“ My heart and prayers go out to all of you at this very difficult time. I hope all of the wonderful memories that you have help you through. Thank you Dan for your service, and thank you to all of you, his family, for your sacrifice. It is very much appreciated. With deepest sympathy and prayers. God Bless All of You. Cheryl Walsh*

March 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM



*“ Praying for peace for your family. Go rest high on that mountain soldier.*

March 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM



*“ May you rest in peace, Daniel. Godspeed...*

March 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM