



Daniel Bauer III

October 27, 1955 - December 15, 2020

Daniel Bauer III of Manville entered eternal life on December 15, 2020. He was 65 years old. He and his wife, Tracy, recently celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary. Daniel III was preceded in death by his mother Doris, his father Daniel C., and his sister Danise Page. Daniel was born on October 27, 1955 in New Brunswick, NJ. He attended Van Derveer Elementary School and Somerset County Vocational Technical High School. In 1985, Daniel married Tracy Pankowski, the love of his life, and they settled in Manville. He was the owner of Gifford Auto Body and worked tirelessly the past 42 years to support his family and build his business. Daniel was an expert with fiberglass work, known for his Corvette knowledge, and could fabricate and fix anything.

Daniel was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed boating, fishing, shooting sports, and riding ATVs, especially with his beloved grandchildren. He loved sitting at the marina to watch the boats come in and go out to fish. He was a Home Depot shopaholic. He loved spending summer vacations on the Wildwood beach and boardwalk with his family. He loved the ocean, napping in the sun, and big family dinners. He loved to cook and made the best stew and ribs. Daniel spent lots of time riding his Harley-Davidson Fat Boy. His first passion was rebuilding and working on Corvettes, and he built his business on the premise, "Not Just Vettes."

Daniel loved to help people and was liked by all. His family was most

important in his life. Anyone who knew Daniel knew that he was the most loving and giving father and the silliest grandpa a family could ask for. He was a hopeless romantic. He never missed a Valentine's Day or wedding anniversary and always ordered his wife the shrimp cocktail that she loved. Daniel is survived by his wife, Tracy, his daughters Dawn Larosa, Jessica Bauer, and Kelly Bauer, his sisters Jackie Campanello and Darlene Mitchell, his brothers Wayde and Kurt, 8 grandchildren: Alexander, Anthony, Makenna, Nicholas, Amore, Sophia, Ralph, and Ava, and many nieces and nephews. He will be greatly missed by all of his family and friends.

A celebration of Daniel's life will be scheduled at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of the Ketusky Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, please check in on his girls. They miss him so much and want to hear your memories of their father.

Tribute Wall



“ I moved away to Florida 16 years ago and just came across this news today. Sorry to hear of Dan's passing. When I was in Manville I was a member and former President of the Manville Wrestling Club. Each year we would do a Wrestling Program ad book fund raiser. I remember each year stopping over at Gifford's and asking Dan if he would want to place an ad in the book to support the wrestling teams. Dan always said sure and to give him a full page ad. I never saw him at a match, and yet he always made a big donation just to support the Manville kids. He was a special kind of guy.

Randy Lebedz - January 26, 2024 at 08:18 AM



“ On Wednesday, December 15, on the one year anniversary of his passing, I will be hosting a memorial for my incredible father. I have the banquet room at Pizza & Pasta in Manville reserved from 6-9pm for all who want to come celebrate his life with me. I know he had an immeasurable amount of friends, and was loved by many, so if you know someone who might like to stop by, please pass this invitation onto them. The invitation is open to all. Thank you. ~Jessica



Jessica Fazekas - December 03, 2021 at 08:50 AM

MF

“ Our sincere condolences on the passing of Dan. We have nothing but many fond memories of cutting thru the hedges to visit and enjoy our neighbors! May all the fond memories of the good times you all had get you thru this sudden loss of someone so special to many people. Dan touched a lot of lives and his memory will live on with love and laughter as stories are told. Rest In Peace Dan❤️
Monica Fisher and family

Monica Fisher - December 30, 2020 at 08:43 PM

DL

Thank you Monica💕💕

Dawn Larosa - December 30, 2020 at 09:27 PM

WA

“ Mrs. B
So sorry to hear of Mr. B's passing. He was a great guy. I know he is going to be sadly missed. He's now in a great place where he can be a great fisher.

Walter - December 27, 2020 at 07:47 AM

GB

“ Dear Bauer Family,

I was truly saddened to hear of Danny's passing today. My heart goes out to all of you. He was a great friend back in the day. So many wonderful memories and good times! In recent years I would stop in to the shop to shoot the breeze and reminisce. He will be sorely missed. My deepest condolences, God Bless & RIP Danny...George Brown.



GEORGE BROWN - December 24, 2020 at 03:15 PM

DH

“ Dear Tracy and Family,

*We are heartbroken for your loss. May Dan
Rest In Peace.*

God Bless you all!

Vince and Debbie Hudson



Debbie Hudson - December 24, 2020 at 10:51 AM

SB

“ My heartfelt condolences to the entire family.
Rest In Peace Danny.



Scott Brown - December 23, 2020 at 09:13 AM

TF

“ Condolences to the Bauer Family from the Conways Danny was a
great person gone but not forgotten 🙏🙏🙏 brother till we meet
again GODBLESS!!!

The Conway Family - December 22, 2020 at 10:27 PM

NR

“ My condolences to the entire Bauer Family. This is so sad.....Danny was and always will be even in heaven such a great guy! He was our go to guy for all our families vehicles and always did a professional job. You knew you were in good hands with Danny and Kurt. We will miss your smile, your dedication and professionalism. But most of all your caring and big heart. Rest in peace buddy!
.....Nick Riga and Family

Nick Riga - December 21, 2020 at 10:24 AM

MP

“ 🙏 Condolences to all 🙏

Mark Porchik - December 20, 2020 at 11:08 AM

CT

“ Tracy and family, I am so very sorry to learn of Daniels's passing. I remember him back in the 1970s and 80's when he first opened Gifford Auto Body in town and he was such a sweet man. My heart goes out to you during this very sad time.
Carol Michaels Thomas

Carol Michaels Thomas - December 19, 2020 at 07:29 PM

DM

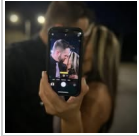
“ Danny was and will always be known as a kindhearted man. He looked out for everyone. He cared greatly for all he knew. May he is Rest In Peace. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family, friends, and all those he has impacted.

Danielle Mahilo - December 19, 2020 at 06:39 PM

CL

“ *Wow. Always liked Danny. Such a good man. Always fixed my cars. Always had a smile. He lived life well. Tracy and girls...I am so sorry for your loss. May God send His Holy Spirit to comfort you and your family.*

Carl Leone - December 19, 2020 at 09:23 AM



“ *We have so many great memories of you, Dad. I love you.*



Jessica Fazekas - December 19, 2020 at 08:04 AM



“ *Pop Pop, we will miss you so much! - Alex, Makenna and Amore*



Jessica Fazekas - December 18, 2020 at 11:57 PM

RL

“ Several years ago I stopped at his shop.....for the stripping on my Impala was lifting...I asked him if he would be able to fix it....he said leave it and come back tomorrow...when I went back I said....what do I owe you....he said nothing.....till this day I can't believe he fixed it and wanted nothing....all my life I lived in Manville and I never found a more giving soul as his..... he's up in heaven driving around in the vet he loved the most.....someday I will remind him of his kindness and maybe he'll take me for around around town.....with sincerest sympathy....heaven gained a beautiful angel for sure.....Rose Ann Lucas

Rose Ann Lucas - December 18, 2020 at 09:31 PM

PG

“ Dear Tracey an Family, Sending condolences to you an the Bauer family.
I can remember when The Bauers moved on Fairview Ave, Danny was a young boy. As the yrs passed we were good friends. Always took my cars to him when they needed repairs. He was a great person. An will bemissed by many. We have known each other over 40 yrs.
Rest in Peace Danny.

Paula (winkler) Giles - December 18, 2020 at 08:09 PM

CC

“ I. Am so sorry for your loss. Dan and I have been close friends for 40 years.We were both in business at the same time in the 70s.Before we got married we did a lot todether.
He will be really missed by me. REST IN PEACE DAN

chip christiansen - December 18, 2020 at 06:17 PM

SF

“ So many of my family's childhood memories involve Dan Bauer. I have clear memories of biking down Main Street and waving to him at Gifford or my sister cutting through the hedges to head over to the Bauer house and Dan was in the driveway. While I wasn't as close as my sister was, I have very fond memories of Dan from my childhood. Rest in peace, Dan and my love and thoughts go to Dawn, Jessica, Kelly and your beloved grandchildren. -Sarah Fisher (Fretz)

Sarah Fisher Fretz - December 18, 2020 at 03:17 PM

DG

“ I've felt pain before, but never like this. My heart is literally broken. For me. For Alex, Kenna, and Amore. My mom, sisters, nieces, and nephews. Dad, I know you didn't want to leave us. You had so many plans. Always thinking of new ways to show my kids love. Making sure we were taken care of. I was so lucky to be your daughter. I will love you and miss you forever. And will never stop talking about you with the kids. They adore you.. You were our rock. 💔

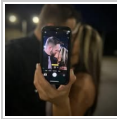
Daddy's Little Girl - December 18, 2020 at 02:48 PM

DL

“ Where do I begin there are so many memories going through my head. Dad you were simply the best and I adored you actually still adore you. The loss of your love has proven to be the hardest thing I have ever had to go through. I loved you the second I took my first breath and will continue to love you until my last. I thank you for the woman I have become and promise to make sure Jessica and Kelly will always be watched over. Until we meet again Dad Rest In Peace and enjoy your time fishing with you Dad and Mom I love you



Dawn Larosa - December 18, 2020 at 01:58 PM



Love you, big sis

Jessica Fazekas - December 18, 2020 at 02:41 PM

DL

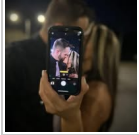
I love you more

Dawn Larosa - December 18, 2020 at 02:50 PM

BM

RIP Danny, you were a good guy

Brent Mills - December 18, 2020 at 08:17 PM



“ *Dad, we are devastated. We will miss you terribly.*

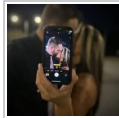


Jessica Fazekas - December 18, 2020 at 01:46 PM

JH

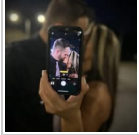
“ *LONGTIME FRIEND AND MY BODY MAN ON MANY OCCASIONS HE WILL BE MISSED SO SO SORRY JOHN HARENZA FORMER OWNER OF HILLSBOROUGH GLASS*

JOHN HARENZA - December 18, 2020 at 01:00 PM



On Wednesday, December 15, on the one year anniversary of his passing, I will be hosting a memorial for my incredible father. I have the banquet room at Pizza & Pasta in Manville reserved from 6-9pm for all who want to come celebrate his life with me. I know he had an immeasurable amount of friends, and was loved by many, so if you know someone who might like to stop by, please pass this invitation onto them. The invitation is open to all. Thank you. ~Jessica

Jessica Fazekas - December 03, 2021 at 08:48 AM



“ *Best grandpa ever!* ”



Jessica Fazekas - December 18, 2020 at 11:56 AM