

## **DANIEL HENRI JEAN**

Daniel Jean died at home on 17 October 1992 from bladder cancer detected in April of the same year. Surgery, chemotherapy and radiation treatment were all useless and could not prevent the cancer from spreading.

The funeral was held on 20 October 1992 at Swan Lake funeral home Chapel. He was cremated and his ashes were scattered at his father's grave and at sea in Florida. A memorial marker stands at Myrtle Cemetery in Tampa, FL.

Dan was born 30 March 1939 in Englewood, NJ to Robert and Odette Jean, both of French origin and naturalized US citizens. Raised in Tampa, FL, he entered the Naval Academy with the Class of 1960 and 8th Company. While at the Academy he was always extremely helpful to Classmates whose talents in several science courses were very meager. Each year brought new stories of his latest escapades in Europe where he lived with relatives during summer leave. His command of several languages made him particularly well liked by foreign students whom he would amiably take under his wing.

He graduated from the Academy in 1960 and opted for the Air Force. He served as a Space Systems Staff Officer at the Aerospace Defense Command's radar facility at Eglin AFB, FL and at other similar facilities. He graduated from AFIT in 1970 and retired as a Major in 1976.

On 7 August 1965, he married Evelyn Berlin of France. They had two sons: Alain, born 26 July 1968 at Eglin AFB and Philip, born 26 October 1973 at the Penrose Hospital in Colorado Springs. Alain assists his mother with the management of his father's rental business. Philip is a graduate student at the Syracuse University majoring in media communications and graduating this May.

Mr. Jean started his own building company "Chateau Homes" as a member of National Builders Association in Colorado Springs, CO. He then formed his own real estate brokerage firm, Jean Realty, a member of the Pikes Peak Association of Realtors. In the later years of his life, he operated his real property rental business (overlooking and maintaining about 30 properties which he had previously built).

"The Deacon," as his fellow Midshipmen called him, continued to be a deeply religious man, who in the late '70s and early '80s became head minister at La Montana Universal Life Church, a non-denominational church in Colorado Springs. He was also treasurer of the Pikes Peak Association of Churches and was active with the Colorado Springs Ecumenical Services organization.

He is not only survived by his mother living in retirement in Colorado Springs, and his wife and sons, but also by a brother, Pierre Jean, a violinist with the Montreal Symphony, and two nieces, Nadia and Melanie. Dan will live on through a grandson whom he never knew, but looks exactly like him at the same age: Robert Daniel Jean, born 3 June 1994.

*William E. Lewis, Jr. '60  
Shipmate, April 1997*