



Daniel Hunt Girdner Jr.

December 9, 1931 - December 29, 2015

Daniel Hunt Girdner, Jr., 84 year old long time Yreka resident and business man, passed away peacefully on Tuesday afternoon, December 29, 2015 at his home surrounded by his family.

Dan was born in Red Bluff December 9, 1931 to Della and Daniel Girdner. His paternal great grandparents were early day Shasta County settlers and cattle ranchers in the Millville area.

He came to Yreka with his parents in January, 1943, after his father, having had a position with McDonald's Chapel in Redding, had purchased an interest in Bills and Burton Funeral Home and thus began Girdner Funeral Chapel, now in its fourth generation serving Siskiyou County families.

Dan graduated from Yreka High School with the class of 1950 and received his B.A. degree from Stanford University in 1954. He remained a faithful and loyal Stanford alumnus (go Indians!!) and was a life-long member of the Stanford Alumni Association. After college his father asked that he join him in the family mortuary and he devoted some 40 years to the profession.

During that time he served as Yreka Rotary Club's president (a club his father had helped found in Yreka and had served as its first president), was active, in the 1960s, in the U.S. Junior Chamber of Commerce (Jaycees), during which time he helped the organization build Discovery Park. He served some 11 years on the Yreka Elementary School Board, was treasurer of Hawkinsville Hall Assoc., and was a charter member of Yreka Lodge No. 1980, B.P.O.Elks. He was a member of Red Scarf Society, and had served on the board of

United Scholarships, Inc., almost since its inception in 1964. He was also a founding board member of Madrone Hospice and a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church.

On April 23, 1960, in St. Joseph's Catholic Church he married Miss June Solus, who survives. The couple raised five children who also survive: Gregory Girdner (Jeanne), Danna Ayers (Bob), Christopher Jon Girdner (Jackie), Jennifer Ann Copeland (Bennett), and Scott Girdner (Sandra). He also leaves grandchildren, William and Robert (Cicily) Girdner, Robert Christopher and Caleb Ayers, Treyden (Laurel) and Terah and Annie Girdner, Clayton and Colton Copeland and Nathan and Grace Girdner. He also leaves his sister, Gloria Castellano of Medford, numerous cousins and nieces and nephews. His first great granddaughter is due in early February! In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his niece, Andrea Castellano. He and June were active RVers, after retirement, enjoying their time with several RV clubs. They had traveled to Canada and New England and enjoyed saying that they had RVed to Cabo San Lucas and back twice. In later life they were able to cruise to Rome, Greece and Egypt and to Alaska. They also traveled to the Azore Islands where June's ancestry traces back to. Dan enjoyed reading, loved crossword puzzles and was an avid Jeopardy fan. He thought it important to expose his children to the fine arts and encourage them to have an appreciation for music. This included trips to plays and musicals in San Francisco and Ashland.

The Rosary will be recited on Monday evening, January 4th, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. followed by a visitation. The Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Tuesday, January 5th, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Yreka. Following the Mass, he will be laid to rest in the Girdner family plot of Evergreen Cemetery.

A permanent scholarship in Dan's name will be established at United Scholarships, Inc. and for those wishing to do so, memorial contributions may be made to that organization at P.O. Box 1328, Yreka, CA 96097 in his name, or to the charity of one's choice.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Cemetery

Top of Evergreen Lane
Yreka, CA 96097

Previous Events

Rosary

JAN 4. 7:00 PM (PT)

Girdner Funeral Chapel
202 S. Oregon St.
Yreka, CA 96097
(530) 842-3434
<https://www.girdnerfuneralchapel.com>

Mass of the Christian Burial

JAN 5. 10:00 AM (PT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
314 Fourth Street
Yreka, CA 96097

Tribute Wall



“ *Girdner Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Daniel Hunt Girdner Jr.*



Girdner Funeral Chapel - January 06, 2016 at 03:59 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Girdner Funeral Chapel - January 06, 2016 at 12:45 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Daniel Hunt Girdner Jr..*



January 04, 2016 at 11:21 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Daniel Hunt Girdner Jr..*



January 04, 2016 at 12:42 PM



“ *Patricia A Crechriou purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Daniel Hunt Girdner Jr..*



Patricia A Crechriou - January 03, 2016 at 05:59 PM



“ *As a colleague and friend, it was always good seeing Dan and June at the California Funeral Directors Association conferences and events. Dan was always a gentleman and represented the funeral profession well. He will be missed, but his legacy of caring for others will continue on with the family business. Blessings to the Girdner family. Ric & Colene Newton, Chico, CA*

Ric Newton - January 03, 2016 at 04:55 PM



“ *With our love and sympathy to the Girdner Family. Our prayers with you.*

Love

Dan and Penny Henson

Penny Henson - January 02, 2016 at 03:03 PM

TC

“ So sorry to hear of Dan Jr's passing...Remembering him when I was a child visiting at their home on Gold St. with him and his sister Gloria and Dan and Della.

They were a wonderful family and Dan Jr. continued with his family. My father was grateful to have been able to work for them for many years.

Tony Colburn

Tony Colburn - January 01, 2016 at 09:47 PM

SK

“ *The Kuck family would like to send our heartfelt prayers to the Girdner family. Sheila's first trip to Yreka was to Dan and June's house with Joyce and Manny Sarmiento. We have many memories going back to Jiggs and Betty and many more through out the years.*

Sheila Kuck - January 01, 2016 at 01:01 PM

TR

“ *Tara and Robert purchased the A New Sunrise S pray for the family of Daniel Hunt Girdner Jr..*



Tara and Robert - December 31, 2015 at 08:44 PM

KO

“ *Thank you Dan for your warm smile and gracious manners. You were always one of my favorite fellow Rotarian. With love and sincere condolences to your lovely family, Kathleen O'Neill*

Kathleen O'Neill - December 31, 2015 at 05:47 PM

CP

“ I was saddened this morning to read of Dan's death. It was my pleasure to work with him in the hospice program, and in my capacity as patient caregiver saw him consistently over the years. He was always pleasant, respectful and sympathetic, and I always felt comforted by his presence. A good man. The world is a poorer place without him. Connie Peterson, Yreka

Connie Peterson - December 31, 2015 at 01:17 PM

GF

“ June, my heart breaks for you. I'll call soon

Gerrie Froiland - December 31, 2015 at 12:52 PM

GF

“ I used to love it when he would come over to get a haircut and if I had anything cooking he would lift the lid and take a big whiff and ask me what I was cooking and then that would be our conversation until my husband would come in and then they would have their conversation. We used to love when Dan came over.

Gerrie Froiland - December 31, 2015 at 11:10 AM

MS

“ Dear June and Family, I'm so sorry to hear about Dan's passing. He will be greatly missed! My prayers and thoughts are with you. Love Marianne Gonzales Sims

Marianne Gonzales Sims - December 31, 2015 at 10:08 AM

EH

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the entire family at the loss of your loved one, The love of family and friends will be a great comfort as will all the memories you share. It was a pleasure knowing Dan and all the good Jaycee days.
Evelyn Hanni

Evelyn Hanni - December 31, 2015 at 08:22 AM

CO

“ Many thoughts of deepest condolence to all the family. May your love and memories sustain through your loss.
Catey and Chris Olivolo



Catherine Olivolo - December 30, 2015 at 11:46 PM

MP

“ June, Michele Pillon here (Weed neighbor) sending love, blessings and prayers.

Michele Pillon - December 30, 2015 at 09:46 PM

LH

“ Dearest friends,
May prayers of compassion, strength and love bring you comfort, as well as the precious memories you shared with Dan.
I met you, June and Dan, when I was a newcomer to the US, no one could have put me more at ease. Sharing time with you and your children, gave Ricci and myself a haven. Dan especially made a big impact and difference in my life, changing the course of my career.
Dan and his father, as with numerous others, saw me through difficult times with a peace and concern. He will be remembered and missed.
Much love,
Liz Hockaday

Liz Hockaday - December 30, 2015 at 07:28 PM

EE

June and Family, My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. May God comfort all of you and give you His Peace as only HE can do in times of sorrow like this. Edna Lemos Epps

Edna Epps - December 31, 2015 at 11:59 AM

TF

“ The Churchill Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Daniel Hunt Girdner Jr..



The Churchill Family - December 30, 2015 at 05:05 PM