



Daniel Robert Atkinson

July 1, 1940 - August 4, 2026

Daniel Robert Atkinson, of Warren, passed away Tuesday, August 4, 2026, at the age of 86. He was born July 1, 1940, in Detroit, Michigan, to the late William and Alice Atkinson. Beloved husband of Janet for 60 years. Dearest brother of the late John Patrick (Charlotte) Atkinson and the late William (the late Gloria) Atkinson. Loving uncle of David (Elaine), Diane, Donald (Jeanette), Denise (Doug), Danny (Kris), Joseph (Tracey), Theresa (John), Curtis (Rhonda), Shawn, and Cindy. Also survived by many loving family members and friends.

Daniel proudly and honorably served his country in the United States Army, carrying the values of discipline, duty, and service throughout his entire life. A man of deep and unshakeable faith, Daniel was a devout Catholic and cherished member of the Secular Franciscan 3rd Order for over 40 years. His faith wasn't just something he practiced on Sundays - it was a guiding principle of how he treated every person he met.

To know Daniel was to have a friend. He truly loved people and could strike up a heartfelt conversation with anyone, anywhere. It seemed there was nowhere he could go without running into someone he knew, or leaving with a new friend in tow.

Daniel found great joy in the simple beauty of creation. He loved tending to his

garden and took quiet pride in taking care of his yard. His love for his neighbors and friends went far beyond his property line as well, always the first to help mow a lawn in the summer heat or shovel a driveway after a winter storm.

While he wore many titles - soldier, Franciscan, neighbor, friend - but his favorite role in life was being a partner. Above all else, Daniel was simply the best husband in the world, loving his wife Janet with unwavering devotion, tenderness, love, and joy. He will be dearly missed by all who had the privilege to know him.

Family and friends will gather Tuesday, August 11, 2026, from 11 a.m. until a 12 noon funeral mass at Ss. Cyril and Methodius Slovak Catholic Church, 41233 Ryan Road (North of 18 Mile Road) Sterling Heights. Interment Resurrection Cemetery in Clinton Township.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

18201 Clinton River Road
Clinton Township, MI 48035

Previous Events

Instate in church

AUG **11**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Ss. Cyril & Methodius Slovak Catholic Church
41233 Ryan Road
Sterling Heights, MI 48314-3937

Funeral Mass

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Tribute Wall

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“ Alicia R. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Daniel Robert Atkinson.

Alicia R. - August 10 at 04:08 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Daniel Robert Atkinson.



August 10 at 10:23 AM

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“ Dan was a great guy and a presence in the Church. I would see him and his wife Jan and he was always attentive to her. Dan you will be sorely missed. Rest in Peace. Amy Perugi



Amy Perugi - August 06 at 09:28 PM

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I had the great privilege of knowing Dan & his Lovely wife Jan, through our Lay 3rd.Order, St.Francis of Assisi, at St.Bonaventure, Detroit, MI.. Dan, you had such a beautiful & wonderful positive energy about you that everyone you met benefited from! You brought FRANCISCAN JOY to everything you were involved in & to everyone you met!

I am so Grateful & Thankful to GOD for your presence in my LIFE & I am a better person for having known you. Thank You.

May the Angel's welcome you to Paradise ... May the Martyrs Greet you on your Way ... May you see the FACE of the LORD this Day... Alleluia! ...Alleluia!

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Daniel O Lord & Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon him. May Daniel SOUL & all the SOULS of the Faithful Departed, through the MERCY of GOD, REST IN

🕊️ PEACE 🕊️ ... AMEN

Julia Ann Ertzbischoff-Donahue, OFS



Julia Ann Ertzbischoff-Donahue, OFS - August 08 at 11:07 AM