



Daniel J. Rongo

May 24, 1961 - May 3, 2024

Daniel J. Rongo, 62 of Manalapan, New Jersey passed away on Friday, May 3, 2024, at his home surrounded by the love of family and friends.

Born on May 24, 1961 in Jersey City, New Jersey, Daniel was the son of Frank Rongo and the late Dolores Rongo.

He was raised in Bricktown New Jersey and was a graduate of Brick High School, class of 1979. After high school he also attended and studied at Berklee College of Music.

Danny's love for music and becoming a talented bass guitarist began at 11 years old when he would perform with his parents who were both musicians and then in his adult years, he played with various professional original and cover bands throughout NY/NJ for three decades.

He also had a 30 year career on Wall Street as a director of retail taxable fixed income sales and marketing for Citigroup.

Later in his life he got the most joy working as a paraprofessional at both the Bayberry Elementary and Valley View Middle Schools in the Watchung school district. He was a beloved member of the staff and role model to the students he spent his days with. He was honored two years in a row with the

Paraprofessional of the Year award :) #MRDAN

Spiritual Author, Danny Rongo is a singer, songwriter, activist, playwright, and podcaster who has dedicated his life through music and words to the spread of the spirituality that he calls 'ONENESS'.

He is the author of two amazing books and has been nurturing his spirituality for more than forty years.

He has written many original songs that has helped and advocated for; cancer patients, bereavement, global warming (commendation from Al Gore), survivors of 9-11, the Pay It Forward movement, troubled teenage girls, people trying to recapture their youth and existentialism.

Danny also was a tremendous supporter of our United States Military Veterans. He wrote songs that helped struggling veterans who were returning back to civilian life. His help was not only emotional but also to raise thousands of dollars to help fund Veterans Organizations. The majority of his support for our Veterans has been through local NJ Veterans support groups like "VETWORK", "Rolling Thunder", "Wounded Warriors", "Veterans Haven North", and more. He was the Co-Founder of "Rock The Vets" an organization that holds annual fundraisers to support local Veterans.

Danny had even received commendations from U.S. Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric Shinseki, U.S. Secretary-General George W. Casey Jr., and others.

Danny was the greatest entertainer and loved making people laugh through his 'immness' (immaturity, lol). He loved life but most of all, spending every day with the love of his life, Andrea. Their happy place was spending time together in Cape May, NJ. His beautiful soul, spirit and light will live on in all of us that loved and cherished him so dearly.

Daniel was predeceased by his loving mother, Dolores Rongo.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 27 years Andrea, step-daughter Alexandra Koken, his loving father Frank Rongo, his siblings Frank Rongo Jr. and his wife Claudia, Angela Bost and her husband Bill, and Micaela Scott and her husband Billy, also by his sisters-in-law, Joan McGuire, Carol DeMarco, and Arlene DeFalco, and by countless nieces, nephews, cousins, family and friends.

Danny and his wife Andrea would like to Thank everyone for their generosity, love and support during this difficult journey. They have No Words, JUST LOVE!

Memorial service for Danny Rongo will be held this Monday, May 6, 2024, from 3 -7 pm at Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Funeral Home, 3377 US Highway 9, Old Bridge, New Jersey. All are welcome.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Veterans Haven North, the same group of Veterans that Danny and Darren DeMarco have been supporting through their annual charity music event ROCK THE VETS. This cause meant the world to him and it will continue on in his honor. <https://www.nj.gov/military/veterans/services/vetshavennorth/>

To read Danny's books and to continue to follow his message of ONENESS go to his website: www.thatonenessguy.com

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.HegartyScaliaFuneralHome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 6. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals and Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Daniel J. Rongo*



Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals and Cremation Service - May 06, 2024 at 02:46 PM

KX

“ I worked with Danny for years at Smith Barney. He was, by far, the most fun person to be around. He made coming to work so enjoyable. There are so many memories to recall, from his role as Captain Kirk in our annual Smith Barney skits, to him and I handicapping the ponies at random racetracks around the country....DURING WORK. I will always cherish our pre-Kentucky Derby convos, emails, texts. Danny loved the horses! We had so many inside jokes, that it makes me laugh out loud just thinking about them ('Gouche OUT!).

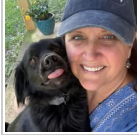
But even after he left Smith Barney, we never lost touch. I always followed his music career through social media, and all he did for the veterans and the elderly. I'd brag to my kids that i knew a rock star! I'd give him such a hard time over his early years playing in a crazy punk band called Tough Lick. The pictures of that band he'd share....oh man. We'd laugh for hours!

All the years that would go by, we'd stay in touch. But mostly because he was always reaching out, checking in, saying hello, wishing my family well for the holidays. Always so thoughtful.

My condolences to Andrea, Alexandra and all his family and friends.

He was my boy, and I will miss him very much.

Kris Xippolitos - May 20, 2024 at 02:07 PM



“ Danny was the first person to ever invite me to be a podcast guest, and later I was honored to have him as a guest on mine. His friendship and messages of hope and oneness had a profound impact on my life. I will be forever grateful for his encouragement and example. He was a truly special soul that blessed the world immensely. Heartfelt prayers of peace and comfort to all of Danny’s friends and family at this time.

Laura Wakefield - May 13, 2024 at 05:56 PM

SN

“ I've only known Danny for a year and half but it feels like much longer. He was such a compassionate, empathetic, funny, kind and loving man with a huge heart. He poured his heart and soul into his messages, music and people.

I had the honor of being a guest on his podcast "That Oneness Guy" and the positivity radiating from him was amazing! Danny has left an indelible mark on my life and the world, his beautiful spirit will live on forever!

Sending my deepest condolences, hugs and love to the family! God Bless You! ~Sabrina Nelson



Sabrina Nelson - May 13, 2024 at 12:57 PM

JO

“ I'll always remember Danny's wonderful laugh, his great sense of humor, and his Johnny Carson impression, which wasn't half bad. The world was a better place because of Danny.

John Osinski - May 13, 2024 at 09:51 AM

JO

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



John Osinski - May 13, 2024 at 09:49 AM

NC

“ Taken much too soon. My heartfelt condolences to the entire family. Danny, may you rest in eternal peace and comfort. Much love, Nina Cosimano



Nina Cosimano - May 06, 2024 at 04:42 PM

AN

“ To my Danny,
The impact you left on me is nothing short of profound. The joy, the laughter, the love, and the memories we made will always be in my heart until I see you again.
I love you so much,
Your Sister,
Angela ❤️



Angela - May 06, 2024 at 01:21 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Daniel J. Rongo.



May 06, 2024 at 12:42 PM



“ 155 files added to the album LifeTributes



Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals and Cremation Service - May 06, 2024 at 11:34 AM



“ Love, Joe and pam Hughes planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Daniel J. Rongo.

Love, Joe and pam Hughes - May 06, 2024 at 10:33 AM



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May 06, 2024 at 10:33 AM

UF

“ Uhl & Jersets families purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Daniel J. Rongo.



Uhl & Jersets families - May 05, 2024 at 11:48 PM

SS

“ Sharon & Susan lit a candle in memory of Daniel J. Rongo



Sharon & Susan - May 05, 2024 at 09:36 PM

KE

“ Vhh

Kelly - May 05, 2024 at 06:41 PM

KE

“ Our heartfelt condolences to the Andrea and the Rongo family and to all the lives Mr. Dan has impacted. He will be sorely missed.



Love,

K-Man and the Newsome Family

Kelly - May 05, 2024 at 06:36 PM

ER

“ Ernie, Billy, Kim, Pam, Sean, Ryan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Daniel J. Rongo.

Ernie, Billy, Kim, Pam, Sean, Ryan - May 05, 2024 at 03:33 PM

ER

“ Ernie, Billy, Kim, Pam, Sean, Ryan purchased the *Divine Peace Bouquet* for the family of Daniel J. Rongo.



Ernie, Billy, Kim, Pam, Sean, Ryan - May 05, 2024 at 03:33 PM

LP

“ Linda and Mike Padula purchased the *Beautiful Heart Bouquet* for the family of Daniel J. Rongo.



Linda and Mike Padula - May 05, 2024 at 02:42 PM

TF

“ The DeNigris Family purchased the *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* for the family of Daniel J. Rongo.



The DeNigris Family - May 05, 2024 at 02:21 PM

LW

“ Lisa & Garon Worrell/Simonelli purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Daniel J. Rongo.



Lisa & Garon Worrell/Simonelli - May 05, 2024 at 11:53 AM

MG

“ Marcia and Jerry Geller purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Daniel J. Rongo.



Marcia and Jerry Geller - May 05, 2024 at 09:46 AM

PQ

“ Patricia Q. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Daniel J. Rongo.

Patricia Q. - May 05, 2024 at 09:10 AM

MG

“ Our deepest condolences to the Rongo family. May Danny rest in peace.
Gerri & Mike Gullace

Mike & Gerri Gullace - May 05, 2024 at 08:48 AM

FR

“ Weekly chats and FaceTime to laugh and talk sports. That'll now be a void that will never get filled. I'll need what he taught us now more than ever❤️❤️. Love you Danny- best brother ever! Always stay close❤️

Frankie Rongo - May 05, 2024 at 08:31 AM

MS

“ Micaela Scott lit a candle in memory of Daniel J. Rongo



micaela scott - May 05, 2024 at 01:05 AM

MS

“ My beautiful brother! How I will miss you so very much. I love you more each and everyday. Kiss mommy for us❤️ To my strong amazing SIL, thank you for loving Danny with all your heart and soul and taking such great care of him especially through his battle. You were the best thing in his life and I thank him for giving me a wonderful loving sister-in-law. I am so deeply sorry for your tremendous loss and all of our loss. He was the best and we love him so very much!! Xoxo



micaela scott - May 05, 2024 at 01:04 AM

JH

God bless you on your journey Danny. Thank you for making our lives a better, more fun place to live. Your music lives on as do the memories of all the great times we had on stage and off. RIP Brother Dan. Love, Joe and Pam Hughes

Joseph Hughes - May 06, 2024 at 10:37 AM

RW

May God bless you on your new life Danny...you inspired everyone you touched while you were here...thank you for that...you always will live in our hearts...I am glad you are free from earthly pain...and know your spirit is free...stay awesome my brother...I love you so much...take good care....love, Rusty

russell waitword - May 06, 2024 at 03:09 PM