



## Daniel C. Klein

August 24, 1942 - June 22, 2024

Daniel C. Klein, 81, of Cruiser Oaks, Ocala, FL, passed away peacefully at home on

Saturday, June 22nd, 2024.

He was born on August 24th, 1942, in East Meadow, New York. Danny was raised in

Floral Park, New York. Upon leaving Floral Park Memorial High School in 1960, Danny

joined the United States Marine Corps and served honorably until his discharge as an

LCPL in September of 1964. His duties in the USMC gave him the experience required

to work for Grumman Aerospace on the Apollo Lunar Module landing gear for Lunar

Modules 1 to 11, from 1964 to 1969.

In October of 1969, he began his career with the New York City Police Department.

After graduating from the Police Academy, he was assigned to the 9th Precinct (East 5th

Street, Manhattan). Promoted from rookie to detective and subsequently to Sergeant,

he remained with the 9th Precinct – training rookies fresh out of the Police Academy until

the opportunity presented itself for him to join the NYPD Mounted Unit. He traded his radio car for Cruiser, his only mount, and served in the Mounted Unit until his retirement in November of 1994.

Moving from Long Island to a mini farm in Ocala, Florida, Danny enjoyed fishing from his Grady White on the Great South Bay; hunting with the boys from Bartow and Lakeland up in Georgia, golfing with his two sons and grandsons; his horses, the birds and turkeys which came to feed by the porch, and the many hours with the music of Willie Nelson's Roadhouse in his pickup truck and on his tractor.

Danny was blessed to have known and shared many years with a loving family. His wife, Mary Ellen, of 57 years; his two sons, John Daniel and William Daniel Klein, and his daughter-in-law, Lee; his two grandsons, Shawn Daniel Klein and Joseph William Klein – for whom he is forever and always, Duke. Under the love and care of his wife are his “boys” – their two German Short-Hair Pointers, Flyn (14Yrs) and Bandit (9Yrs), and his Paint Quarter Horse, Rio. He will be remembered fondly for his love of animals and his great sense of humor by family and friends.

The family thanks the doctors and nurses at HCA West Marion Hospital, and the administrative staff, doctors, and nurses of Hospice of Marion County, Team West.

In his memory, the family requests donations to ROAR Florida, at [roarflorida.org](http://roarflorida.org), a residential community for adults with unique capabilities.  
Rest easy, in the heart of God.

# Tribute Wall

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“ & Emily Erwin purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Daniel C. Klein.



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**& Emily Erwin** - June 26, 2024 at 04:52 PM

MA

“ Many memories in the 60 years or so since you became part of our family. Starting with you letting me and my friends sit in your convertible sportscar parked at the curb in front of our house. I remember writing you letters when you were out in Texas working on the Lunar module. Taking me with you and Mary Ellen out to Pappy's to fish, many fishing lessons/ moments in your Absolutely. My first exposure to Willie Nelson, Stardust, in your backyard in West Islip, shooting pool. Teaching me how to dance at someone's wedding. One of the best was helping my sister to convince you that living in Florida would be great. It took a few martinis, a ride up to Ocala's beautiful horse country, you did not know existed, in Florida and surprisingly some tea at The Two Sisters Tea Room, still funny! Watching my sister seal that deal. The times we spent at the hunt camp in Georgia, all those Thanksgivings in the woods. Your sense of humor, priceless!

Our family loves a good story. I love that it didn't take long for you to genuinely love living in Florida on your beautiful six acres. Your story ended in a place you loved with those who knew and loved you best with you, at your side. May the earth and universe embrace you Danny Klein. Thanks for the memories, I will hold on to them.

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**Margaret** - June 25, 2024 at 06:46 PM

ME

*Thank you my dear, beautiful, dear sister for adding to his story during his life! Danny and I love you dearly. xoxo*

**Mary Ellen** - June 26, 2024 at 09:58 AM

DW

*Danny was my NSU Sargent at NYPD. He was a funny and kind man. I am saddened to hear of his passing but grateful I got to know him. I am happy to hear his retirement years were spent doing what he loved, surrounded by his loved ones.  
End of watch Danny. Godspeed*

**Denis Wolfe** - October 07, 2024 at 05:05 PM

MK

*Denis Wolfe: Thank you for your condolences. Mary Ellen*

**Mary Ellen Klein** - October 08, 2024 at 12:20 PM

EM

“ *Eleanor and Bob Petty, Raymond and Dorothy Marine purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Daniel C. Klein.*



**Eleanor and Bob Petty, Raymond and Dorothy Marine** - June 25, 2024 at 05:53 PM