



Daniel S Bailey III

September 26, 1949 - July 17, 2025

Haverhill, MA- Daniel S Bailey III sadly passed away on July 17, 2025 at the age of 75 at his home in Haverhill, MA. Born on September 26, 1949 in Amesbury, MA, he was the son of the late Daniel S Bailey Jr. and Margaret (Hodge) Bailey.

Dan, aka “Big Papi”, was more than just fun, he was the life of the party. He led with a swagger and a smile that brought joy into every room. He was a comforting presence with a generous heart who truly loved life and lived it to the fullest.

Dan was an avid golfer and enjoyed his weekly outings with his buddies. He had a lifetime passion for sports and played Basketball throughout college at Lowell Tech(now UMass-Lowell). Following college he continued with his love of basketball as a referee for decades. He worked as a salesman for many years, until he finally found his passion as an entrepreneur.

His love (and frustration) for New England sports teams was a running joke. If the Celtics were playing, he was watching and yelling as if he was a Coach on the sidelines.

However, his love of sports was especially evident as he watched his grandchildren excel at basketball, baseball and golf. They were his pride and

joy, and he had no better era than his 16 years of being “Papi”.

He leaves behind his wife Tammy Bailey, his daughter Lisa Bailey McCray and husband Brian of Smyrna Ga, his son Mark Bailey and wife Jessica of Newburyport, Ma. His stepdaughters Alyssa Strong & husband Nick of Lee, NH , Danielle Grieco & fiancé Jesse Roy of Merrimac, Ma. His grandchildren who were his pride & joy: Ava, Caiden, Aiden and Colin.

He also leaves behind his brother Robert Bailey, his wife Debbi, his nephew Jay Bailey and wife Jill, and his beloved dog Baylee Bailey.

Dan loved a good party and to be surrounded by all whom he loved. Please join us for a “Celebration of Life” which will take place at Sylvan Street Grill in Salisbury, MA on Saturday, July 26th from 1-5pm. Please arrive prepared to smile, laugh, and cry as we Celebrate a life well-lived.

In lieu of flowers Dan would have loved for donations to be made to First Tee - NH by clicking here (<https://forms.donorsnap.com/form?id=d6059e46-e71a-488a-adb3-2a81733e80d1>)

“In Memory of Dan Bailey”

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUL **26.** 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Sylvan Street Grill
195 Elm Street
Salisbury, MA 01952

Tribute Wall

AH

“ Dear Tammy, Lisa, Mark, and ALL of your Family;

I am so sorry to hear of Dan's passing. I just found out about his passing this afternoon, when I went to The Andover Companies, to pay my Homeowner Insurance premium! I was talking to the Receptionist and asked how the two "Lady Golfers" were doing. When I mentioned that I'd been the Banker for Tammy's Husband, Dan, I was told about his recent passing! I had worked at Haverhill Bank in Salem, NH, and was Dan's V.P. Banker, until I retired several years ago. Dan always enjoyed talking to me about his and Tammy's golfing, and about how Mark and Lisa and the grand kids were doing. My sincerest sympathy and deepest condolences to ALL of Dan's Family. Please R.I.P. Dan.

A. Richard (Dick) Hanlon

A. Richard (Dick) Hanlon - July 25, 2025 at 09:52 PM

PD

I'm saddened to learn the passing of Dan. He was a a good friend who I had the honor to play so many rounds of golf and spend a number of fun trips to Myrtle Beach back in the 80's and 90's. He truly was a decent and kind person who always cared for the people that were around him. My thoughts and prayers are with Tammy and his family. May there be a 19th hole in heaven for Dan to reflect on the friendships he made during his lifetime. My deepest sympathies Phil and Diane Doherty

Phil Doherty - June 04 at 06:42 PM

BK

“ Celebrating Dan’s life and legacy- he became family and the only “papi” our boys have known. We are blessed to have enjoyed some unforgettable times with Dan, Tammy and the McCray family which we will cherish forever. We love you all so very much!

brittnye kidd - July 25, 2025 at 09:03 AM

SS

“ My deepest condolences to the Bailey family in your loss. I met Dan playing in the DGA golf league on tuesdays and became friends with Dan.
(Something could be said for his skill at the game of 45's) where he created his own way of obtaining points. We had many many laughs and always walked away each week looking forward to the next. Dan will be sorely missed to each and everyone who had the pleasure to have made his acquaintance..... Simply put a great guy.....RIP Dan.

Steve Sousa

Steve Sousa - July 24, 2025 at 07:45 AM

MC

“ To my best friend, my basketball roommate and teammate at Lowell Tech. Although we didn’t keep in touch much during the last few years, you were always there when I needed “something”. You always literally lit up the scoreboard with your 5 fouls before halftime, even though you thought you never committed one. My condolences to the family, Tammy, Bobby, Mark and Lisa. May he rest in peace.....

Mike Camuso Lowell Tech Class of 1972

Michael R Camuso - July 23, 2025 at 11:45 PM

DR

“ My condolences to the family of Dan Bailey. I was introduced to Danny through the Hodge boys (Tom, Peter, and Wil) and played some basketball with him, including Sunday night men's league action. I always enjoyed playing with Danny as he was a team player. More importantly, from observing Danny and the way he played, I believe he made me a better player. His intensity was very high and contagious and it resulted in my level of play to reach a higher level. I also candlepin bowled with Danny in a men's league and boy could he fire that ball down the alley. He was "all-in" when it came to sports competition. I hope you can find some solace in hearing about a younger Dan. It was an honor and privilege to have known him. May he rest in peace.....
Dave Randall, AHS Class of 1972

David Randall - July 23, 2025 at 07:35 PM

AD

“ Tammy, My deepest condolences on the loss of your spouse. Andy Dolliff

Andy Dolliff - July 23, 2025 at 09:53 AM

TB

“ I only knew Dan a short time from what I saw fun loving caring man so sorry for your loss. God bless Tia.

Tia Bistany - July 22, 2025 at 10:37 PM



“ My condolences to all of Dans family and friends. I have loving memories of him from my youth. We may not have stayed in touch, but he was always thought of. I pray you all hold your memories close and they help you heal. Love Cheryl

Cheryl Trent - July 22, 2025 at 05:18 PM

JG

“ *Dear Tammy & Family: My deepest sympathy to you and your family for the loss of Dan. I pray that the memories will help you heal from your grief. Sending Prayers, Love & Hugs. Jean Grieco*
xoxo

JEAN GRIECO - July 21, 2025 at 04:58 PM