



Daniel Joseph Donahue

February 5, 1933 - March 29, 2025

North Hampton – Daniel Joseph Donahue, 92, of North Hampton, passed away peacefully at home on Saturday, March 29, 2025, surrounded by his devoted family.

Dan was the loving husband of Bettiann (Scripture) Donahue, with whom he shared a lifetime of love, faith, and unwavering commitment. Together, they built a beautiful life grounded in family, generosity, and deep devotion. He is also survived by his three daughters: Kathi Mann and her husband Stuart Mann, Sharyn Nault and her husband Michael Nault, and Holly Donahue. Dan was the proud grandfather of three adored grandchildren: Jonah Mann, McKinley Nault, and Taylor Nault, each of whom brought him immense joy and pride.

Dan Donahue was the proud owner of New England Homes Incorporated, where he poured his heart, vision, and hard work into building not only homes but also lasting opportunities for others. A devoted father, a cherished grandfather, and a man of great generosity, Dan lived a life defined by integrity, love, and a deep commitment to those around him. He never said no when someone needed support. His legacy is one of selfless service, strong values, and enduring love.

He will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

Family and friends will gather to honor and remember Dan for a funeral Mass on Monday, April 7, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at St. Theresa Church, 815 Central Road, Rye Beach, NH 03871. Burial will be private, and Daniel will be laid to rest at Center Cemetery in North Hampton.

In lieu of flowers please consider a donation in Daniel's memory to Boys Town USA by clicking here (https://www.boystown.org/ways-to-give/support-our-kids?utm_source=google-ads&utm_medium=cpc&utm_id=15566588769&utm_term=boys%20town&utm_campaign=Search_Fundraising_Brand&gad_source=1&gclid=CjwKCAjw47i_BhBTEiwAaJfPpp-CDYyt45XRwwzGgHQalpnAfBlzxf_hGzwcYGg3aaxeAL4pdwIT6RoCcxMQAvD_BwE)

By mail:

Boys Town
14100 Crawford Street
Boys Town, NE 68010

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

APR 7. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Theresa Church
815 Central Rd
Rye Beach, NH 03871
(603) 964-6440

Tribute Wall

MC

“ *Bettiann Kathi, Sharyn and Holly, I am so sorry to hear about your loss. I know the Grandchildren and the rest of your family must be feeling Dan's physical absence from them as well. I have always loved my times with your family whether it was at the house in North Hampton or in Wolfeboro or even at my pool. I always enjoyed my interactions with Dan. I would love to be in touch with any and all of you but no longer have contact info. The following quote reminds me of your Dan- "Wherever a beautiful soul has been, there is a trail of beautiful memories." I hope this thought gives you comfort.*

~Meg Coren

Mrs Meg Coren - April 10, 2025 at 06:02 PM

AL

“ *I have known the Donahue family since 1991 when I came to stay with them as an exchange student from the Soviet Union. Dan became my second father and I used to call him Dad. For me it was an honour to meet him and share just a short time with a great man Dan was. He did a lot for me and my family, we will always warmly remember him and I will cherish the lessons learned. Our prayers are with his close family. As we say at home, Lord rest his soul.*

Andrey Lisov - April 09, 2025 at 04:00 AM

MP

“ I learned of Dan Donahue many years ago from Joe Sawtelle who was a director on the Board of Olde Port Bank, when Dan was Chairman of the Board. Under his leadership Olde Port Bank always gave the "little guy" a break. When he had over 100 employees at New England Homes, a particularly brutal recession forced Dan to go on the floor and announce he could either lay off 30% of the workers or keep them all employed at 30% less pay. The choice was theirs. They so loved this man that everyone voted to work for 30% less. Well, two years later, when the recession had passed, with no fanfare, he gave everyone a Christmas Bonus equaling the 30% they voluntarily gave up for him for the past two years. That is the true measure of a leader.

Mark G. Phillips, Newington

Mark G. Phillips - April 08, 2025 at 08:41 AM

SH

“ Sharyn and family- deepest condolences to you, Mike, the girls, your sisters and family, and your mom. Your dad was full of spirit and joy. It was always nice to see him especially when all the kids were running around! Please accept our thoughts and prayers. We hope his memory will live in your hearts in the days to come.
Sandy and the girls 🙏

Sandra Hoyt - April 07, 2025 at 10:39 PM

PM

“ My condolences to Dan's family. I had many business encounters, going back many years, with Dan and he was always such a respectful gentleman.

Paul McInnis

Paul McInnis - April 07, 2025 at 10:19 AM

GK

“ *The Donahue's were good friends of ours in North Hampton while I was growing up. Dan as I recall owned a business called "New England Homes" which built beautiful, manufactured homes, many of which dot our landscape and neighborhoods. I remember them erecting minister Bill McConnel's home in mere days it seemed to my astonishment, as I looked on from across on our house on Post Rd. I also recall the Donohue's owning a hotel on Boars Head at Hampton Beach. (I can't remember the name and forgive me if I am wrong on these details). One afternoon while swimming in the pool at that hotel while visiting with my parents, I did the unthinkable: that is, I ventured into the deep end while not quite knowing how to swim yet. As I started to flounder and go under, Dan (who was relaxing with my parents' poolside) jumped in and swooped me up, depositing me on the side like a whale saving its offspring. I will never forget that moment and feel I owe Dan my gratitude at the very least; for I would likely not have lived much less be writing this tribute had he not intervened. R.I.P and thank you from the bottom of my heart Dan; my sincere condolences to the Donahue family and friends. Dan was a great man and know he will be deeply and sadly missed. Sincerely, Geordie King-*

Geordie King - April 06, 2025 at 08:29 PM

BK

“ *Bettiann, Jennifer, and Katherine purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Daniel Joseph Donahue.*



Bettiann, Jennifer, and Katherine - April 03, 2025 at 10:17 AM

BK

“ *Bettiann, Jennifer, and Katherine planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Daniel Joseph Donahue.*

Bettiann, Jennifer, and Katherine - April 03, 2025 at 10:17 AM