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Official Obituary of

## *Daniel Leo Falvey*

April 20, 1954 ~ March 13, 2023 (age 68)

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### Daniel Falvey Obituary

Colonel Daniel L. Falvey, USAF (retired), 68, of South Bend, IN, died on March 13, 2023, surrounded by his family, after a courageous 4+ year battle against cancer. He was born on April 20, 1954, in Bainbridge, MD, the son of the late Colonel Joseph L. and F. Marcia Falvey (Drake), of Auburn, NY. Dan grew up near several U.S. Air Force bases, the second oldest in a family that grew to four brothers and four sisters. Upon graduation from Bishop Ireton High School, Alexandria, VA, in 1971, he was selected to and attended the United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, CO, carrying on the family tradition of service in the U.S. military. He was commissioned as an Air Force 2nd Lieutenant in 1975, beginning a successful 30-year career as a Logistics and Maintenance Operations officer, with increasing responsibilities that culminated with his promotion to the rank of Colonel. After retiring in 2005, Dan continued his service to the Air Force as an instructor at the Advanced Air Force Maintenance and Munitions Operations School at Nellis AFB, NV. There he taught and mentored the next generation of Air Force maintenance and logistics operations officers.

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Dan's devotion to the Air Force was only exceeded by his devotion to family. Blessed with two wonderful sons from a previous marriage, Christopher Falvey who predeceased him and Joseph Falvey of Milton, WA, he married his perfect life partner, Patricia Falvey (Wood), also a

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career Air Force officer, in 1982. Dan and Pat were blessed with three children, Lauren Bonadies (Tim) of Mishawaka, IN, Timothy Falvey of Charleston, SC, and Katherine Yoder (Jeff) of Bloomington, IN, and eight grandchildren – Cecilia, Simon, Oliver, John, Daniel, Eileen, Tala and Margaret. Dan adored his family, enjoyed a good meal, and treasured his many vacations and cruises with Pat.

Dan is also survived by his siblings David (Jody) Falvey, Pensacola, FL, Patricia Taylor, Milford, CT, Margaret (Daniel) Surdam, Skaneateles, NY, Joe (Anne) Falvey, Plymouth, MI, John (Deborah) Falvey, Granger, IN, Mary (Frank) Stephenson, Osceola, IN, and Amanda (John) Conmy, South Bend, IN, twenty nieces and nephews, and many grandnieces and grandnephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 18, 2023, at St. Jude's Catholic Church, 19704 Johnson Rd., South Bend, IN. Friends may visit with the family from 4:00 p.m.– 7:00 p.m. on Friday, March 17, 2023, at Palmer Funeral Home - Welsheimer North Chapel, 17033 Cleveland Road, South Bend. Additional visitation will be held one hour prior to Mass at the church. Interment will be held at a later date in Arlington National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made In honor of Colonel Falvey to The Christ Child Society of South Bend, 2366 Miracle Lane, Mishawaka, IN 46545 or St. Jude Parish, 19704 Johnson Rd., South Bend, or Center for Hospice Care, 501 Comfort Pl, Mishawaka, IN 46545.

Online condolences may be left for the family at [www.palmerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.palmerfuneralhomes.com).

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## Services

### VISITATION

Friday

March 17, 2023

4:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Palmer Funeral Home - Welsheimer North

17033 Cleveland Road

South Bend, IN 46635

 Directions

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### VISITATION

Saturday

March 18, 2023

9:30 AM to 10:30 AM

St. Jude Catholic Church

19704 Johnson Road

 Directions

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# Donations

**Christ Child Society**

2366 Miracle Lane, Mishawaka IN 46545

**Tel:** 1-574-288-6028

**Center for Hospice/Hospice Foundation**

501 Comfort Place, Mishawaka IN 46545

**Tel:** 1-574-243-3100


**Web:** <https://cfhcare.org> (<https://cfhcare.org>)

**St. Jude Catholic Church - Our Time to Build**

19704 Johnson Road, South Bend IN 46614

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**Punch & Kathleen****P**

March 25, 2023 11:13 AM

Pat and family,  
With the deepest sympathy, our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Dan was a beloved icon, a mentor, and a dear friend. His calm manner and wisdom about everything logistics/maintenance made him the epitome of a leader in the US Air Force. The Wing's dramatic successes in Alaska had a single author—Dan. One can only sit back and admire the impact he had on so many missions and so many people during his career.

More than that, Dan was a dedicated friend while our boys were nearly inseparable in the paradise of Alaska's wilds. I fondly remember the day Dan informed me our boys made the Security Forces blotter for their fort in the woods near Ship Creek.

Dan, we here on Earth lost you too soon, but your kind and caring soul will be fun to meet again in eternity. In the meantime, we'll continue to admire your legacy—your contrails are long and wide.

Sincerely  
Punch & Kathleen

[Comment](#)**Jon Larvick, USAF (retired)****J**

March 22, 2023 11:08 AM

My condolences to the Falvey family. Please know that the many comments about Colonel Falvey's positive impact to the USAF and especially to those of us who served with him are very much the norm. One conversation with him many years ago literally changed the course of my career and my life for the better, and I will always remember and I will always be grateful. God bless you all.

[Comment](#)**John J. Lysaght, CMSgt (Ret.)****J**

March 22, 2023 7:28 AM

To the Falvey family,  
Dan was an outstanding American and amazing Airman! He positively impacted a generation of aircraft maintainers by passing along his wisdom and making all of us stronger as leaders. Know this, that when you see an Air Force aircraft performing its mission, Dan had a hand in molding the Airmen who launched it. God Bless.

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**Craig**  
**C** March 21, 2023 2:23 PM

Sincerest condolences to Pat, Lauren, Tim, Katie and the entire Falvey clan. Dan was a good man. A gregarious smile, a mischievous twinkle in his eye, and a generous spirit. Weâ€™™I done good and faithful servant. Enjoy your heavenly reward. Peace and prayers, The Horvaths

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**Alice Julias**  
**A** March 17, 2023 11:25 PM

To the Falvey family,  
I was deeply saddened to read of Dan's passing. I remember babysitting he and some of his siblings when we were all living in Dayton, OH back in the 50â€™™s. I was a tweenager earning babysitting money. I learned so much from your sweet mother â€” wishing to emulate her when I grew up. The memories are still tucked in my heart. To all the family, please accept my deepest sympathy. Itâ€™™s never easy when the family circle is brokenâ€” I know. God hold you all in his loving embrace.  
Fondly, Alice (Munkasey) Julias

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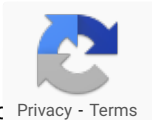
**Amanda Falvey Conmy**  
**A** March 19, 2023 9:41 AM

Alice-I was born after you were the babysitterâ€”but I heard all about you from my mother. She remembered you fondly. She was a special lady and

I know that my brother is with her now.  
Peace,  
Amanda Falvey Conmy

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