



## Daniel Philip Pedersen

December 30, 1993 - November 26, 2019

Daniel Philip Pedersen peacefully passed away at the age of 25 while surrounded by his loving family on November 26, 2019. He fought a courageous, awe inspiring fight against cancer that left a lasting imprint on everybody he encountered.

Daniel was born on December 30, 1993 to Kristiane and Scott Pedersen. He graduated from Bountiful High School in 2012 and joined the Marine Corps shortly after. He was a loyal Marine and honorably completed his five years of service in 2018. Daniel loved to serve those around him and proudly obtained his Advanced Emergency Medical Technician certification in 2019. Daniel was physically and mentally resilient not only during his service but throughout his life. Daniel always maintained a positive attitude even in the hardest of situations. His bright countenance was a light to those around him.

He is survived by his beautiful fiancée Cortney, his brothers, David, Taylor, Nathaniel, and Samuel, in addition to his sisters, Rebecca, Rachel, Caitlyn, Sarah, and Abigail, and his mother Kristiane Pedersen. He is preceded in death by his grandparents, Philip and Lorraine Washburn, and his father Scott Pedersen.

The celebration of Daniel's life will be held on Friday, November 29, 2019 from 12-2 pm at the Utah Veteran's Memorial Park Chapel, 17111 South 1700 West, Bluffdale, Utah 84065. The viewing will be held from 12-1, and a memorial service will be held from 1-2. All are welcome to bring flowers or make a donation in Daniel's honor to the Huntsman Cancer Institute where he received treatment. To further research preventing and curing lung cancer. To do this, head to [give.huntsmancancer.org](http://give.huntsmancancer.org), select "Lung Cancer" in the gift designation drop down, and be sure to dedicate your gift to honoring our beautiful Daniel's life.

# Events

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**NOV** **Viewing** 12:00PM - 01:00PM

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Utah Veterans Memorial Park - Camp Williams  
17111 S. Camp Williams Road, Bluffdale, UT, US, 84065

**NOV** **Celebration of Life** 01:00PM - 02:00PM

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# Comments

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“ I knew Dan from going to Bountiful High School. We both ran track together and he always made it so fun. One time he put tape on his legs in the shape of his initials, and then sat in the sun and got a sun burn. When he took the tape off it was still there . Haha. He always made everyone feel included and was just a joy to be around. You will be missed Dan.

-Rachael (Hawkes) Rushton



**Rachael Rushton** - December 02, 2019 at 05:42 PM

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“ I will miss you more than you'll ever know, warrior! Semper Fi brother

**Juan Cruz** - November 30, 2019 at 05:34 PM

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“ You will be surely missed! We had great talks on duty about life, religion, and trying to get you to re-enlist. You are humble, kind, and a warrior. Rest In Peace my brother.

**Chris Falzone** - November 30, 2019 at 04:39 PM

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“ During the entire time I served with you, there was no doubt that you were incredibly intelligent and devoted to your job. Always respectful and dedicated to what you did. Not only did the Marine Corps lose a great leader, but the world lost a great man. Rest In Peace, brother.

**Rob Collins** - November 27, 2019 at 07:40 PM

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“ Rest In Peace to an inspiring leader, mentor and person. It was an honor serving underneath of you. You taught me a lot as a communicator and NCO. You will be greatly missed and the world is truly at a loss. Sending my deepest condolences and prayers to your family. Rest easy, Sergeant Pedersen.

Leah Engdahl - November 27, 2019 at 05:41 PM

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“ When Daniel moved to California, I was immediately smitten with his quiet sweetness and goofy teenage boy attributes. It wasn't long before we started spending a lot of time together and found our friends helping us to sneak out of church activities to sneak our first kiss. We had each kissed someone before, but decided that we wouldn't count them and that we had officially been each other's first kiss. On my birthday, he came over with flowers and asked me to be his girlfriend. Our parents were pretty strict and we weren't supposed to "exclusively date"- but of course I said yes. We were terrified to tell his parents. One day after school, we were sitting in my car talking waiting for his dad to pick him up. His dad waved and I told Daniel he better hurry before his dad got suspicious. He then leaned over, full of confidence, and kissed me in front of his dad. I was shocked and looked at him confused- and he said "now my dad knows." He smiled and got out. The next day I was anxious to hear the response- and it turns out his parents were ecstatic that we were dating. Daniel was the perfect boyfriend for a 16/17 year old version of myself. He was kind, respectful and constantly tried his hardest to make me so happy. He was my date to dances, the boy who walked me to class and my favorite person to spend time with. He taught me how to open up, how to hand over my heart and how to be a girlfriend. I adored him and was so grateful to stay in touch as good friends once we graduated and moved on in life. He always remembered the little things as we would chat throughout the years- whether it was my desired childhood major or my sassy comebacks- and that amazed me. I was in awe of how he chased his dreams and make such an impact on so many. That sweet boy who so boldly kissed me that day became a man who so boldly lived out the dreams he had since his childhood and made those who knew him so proud. While I wish we could have been better at following through with our plans to see each other or talked more often, I am grateful for the time I got to spend with Daniel. He was a light- and his giant heart will be missed so dearly. While his heart may not be with us anymore here on earth, he will forever have a piece of mine and hold a special place in my heart. I am grateful to know I will see him again someday and will truly miss "Pitter Patter" until then.



Hayley Aiono - November 27, 2019 at 02:22 PM

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“ You made me rethink my leadership style after watching you take on stress in the shop and deployment. I wish I could of heard your laugh again but I know I’ll hear it soon enough. You touched some many lives with your kind hearted ness. You will be truly missed. Sending prayers to your family, we got the post now, rest easy brother

Sean Wilder - November 27, 2019 at 11:55 AM

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“ Dan Pedersen .... Rest In Peace to a humble and kind warrior! Now you are guarding the gates of heaven. It has been a honor to serve with you and for you. Fair winds and following seas to a truly great Sgt of Marines!

GySgt Steven Superville



steven superville - November 27, 2019 at 10:54 AM

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“ It was an Honor and Privilege to serve along side Sgt Pedersen. He was a Marine that always looked out for his fellow Brother and Sister. He always strived to better himself and those around him. I will always remember the man that treated everyone with dignity and respect. We lost an outstanding young man. My condolences to his family, Daniel will be greatly missed. Semper Fi, Brother.

Martin Brewer SgtMaj USMC (Ret)



MJ Brewer SgtMaj (Ret) - November 27, 2019 at 10:37 AM

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“ Condolences and prayers are sent to Cortney and Daniels family. I'm so sorry for your loss. I met Daniel at Cortney's sister, Amber, at her wedding. He was a nice young gentlemen.

**Brenda Orris** - November 27, 2019 at 01:35 AM