



Daniel Gossard

January 1, 1943 - September 22, 2025

Daniel “Dan” Gossard, 82, of Clinton Township, Michigan, passed away peacefully into the arms of his Lord and Savior on September 22, 2025, while napping on his favorite couch.

Dan was born on January 1, 1943, in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, to George and Dorothy (Clemence) Gossard. He faithfully served his country in the U.S. Army’s 101st Airborne Division before returning home to Detroit. After a few years in the auto industry, he was sworn in as a Detroit Police Officer in 1968. Dan served his community with honor and integrity for 30 years until his retirement as a Sergeant.

Beyond his service, Dan was a man who lived his faith in both word and deed. He loved caring for his home and garden, rooting for the Pittsburgh Steelers, working out, reading, and especially looked forward to Sunday drives and meals along Lake St. Clair with his beloved wife, Marilyn.

Dan is survived by his devoted wife of 52 years, Marilyn (Luca) Gossard; twin daughters, Jennifer (Donell) Holyfield and Julia (Michael) Ashburn; and his cherished grandson, James Daniel Ashburn, who lovingly called him “Pap.” He is also survived by his brother, Dennis; two half-siblings; sister-in-law, Diane Harriman; and brother-in-law, Tom (June) Luca. He is remembered by his dear niece, Kimberly D’Alessandro, along with many other nieces and

nephews, and is deeply missed by his treasured dog, Rosie.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Dorothy; his half-sister, Carol Robotnik; his sister-in-law, Linda Gossard; and his nephew, Derrick Gossard.

A memorial service will be held at Immanuel Lutheran Church, located at 47120 Romeo Plank Rd, Macomb, MI 48044, on October 9th at 11am. Dan's final resting place will be at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, Michigan. Memorial gifts may be made to Immanuel Lutheran Church in Dan's memory.

Dan's life reflected his faith: steady, humble, and full of love for God and family. He will be remembered as a husband, father, grandfather, and servant who trusted in Christ and now rests in eternal peace.

Tribute Wall

BP

“ Dan, was a great guy. He always had a smile on his face. He was a pleasure to be around. I was shocked to learn of his passing. I didn't even know he was sick. I knew him from the the police department and he was one of the nicest people I've ever had the pleasure of knowing. Rest in peace Dan.

Bill Presley - December 23, 2025 at 01:40 PM

CK

“ My sincere condolences to Mrs. Gossard, Julie and Jen. When I first met Jenny and Julie's mom and dad, I was met with jokes, laughter and smiles. He was always positive. Memory Eternal! 🕊

Chrissy K. - November 29, 2025 at 08:55 AM

BM

“ I knew Dan from the police department.....what a great guy, and a perfect gentleman. He was always smiling and cheerful, never complained. After I retired, my husband and I would see him walking his dog every day in our subdivision. He always had a kind word to say. Marilyn & family, I am so very sorry for your loss.....please accept my condolences.

Bunny Monti - October 21, 2025 at 12:58 PM

MG

“ My dear husband was the most wonderful person I have ever known — loving, caring, kind, considerate, and gentle. He touched the lives of everyone around him with his goodness and thoughtful spirit. He was everything to me, and life will never be the same without him.

Today, as we lay his remains to rest at the Great Lakes National Cemetery, my heart is filled with love and gratitude for all that he was — and deep sorrow because I miss him so desperately. His love will live in my heart forever.

With all my love to my Dan,
Marilyn

Marilyn Gossard - October 10, 2025 at 10:11 AM

SD

I knew Danny on the job. We traded pistols. I remember him, a great guy. Thoughts and prayers for the Goddard family and may Danny be at peace with the Lord. 🙏

STEVEN DEST - October 21, 2025 at 08:47 AM

MG

Thank you Steven for your kind words. Dan is missed so very much by all that knew and loved him. 💔

Marilyn Gossard - October 25, 2025 at 07:51 AM

MJ

“ Malcolm, Mayumi, Chika Jones purchased the Ar
rive in Style for the family of Daniel Gossard.



Malcolm, Mayumi, Chika Jones - October 08, 2025 at 08:18 PM

ST

“ Stephen purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Daniel Gossard.



Stephen - October 07, 2025 at 11:56 AM

LM

“ I think my fondest memory of Dan was an answer to “How are you doing, Dan?” Every time it was, with a big smile...“I can’t complain!” What a wonderful example of God’s love...

Linda Mikowski - October 05, 2025 at 05:57 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Daniel Gossard.



October 04, 2025 at 06:46 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Daniel Gossard.

October 04, 2025 at 06:46 PM

BB

“ Dan was a good man and a good neighbor. He had a wonderful smile! We will miss you Dan. Rest in paradise.

Bob and Marilyn Baca - October 03, 2025 at 08:22 AM



“ I am so sorry for everyone's loss. I only had the pleasure of meeting Dan once but I am so glad I had that opportunity. Meeting him, while briefly I was lucky to see what a wonderful man with a great sense of humor and family oriented he was. I have no doubt that him and my mother are now having their catch up after way too many years and I know uncle George is thrilled to have his boy with him. I know heartache of his passing has affected so many, I pray for healing for all especially his wonderful wife and children. 🙏

Crystal Edwards - October 02, 2025 at 08:21 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Daniel Gossard.



October 01, 2025 at 10:54 PM



“ For many years, I have been friends with Dan's lovely daughter Julia Ashburn, and her husband Michael and their young son, James. Julia told me about her wonderful childhood and how special her father, Daniel Gossard was. Because Dan worked as a police officer for 30 years, I understood how difficult it is to be a loving father and husband and work in law enforcement because my son was a police officer for over 20 years. Dan loved helping people as my son did, and Dan's honor and integrity shines through his daughter Julia. With much love, Kathy Fjermedal

Kathy Fjermedal - October 01, 2025 at 06:23 PM

RM

“ Love Dan, Marilyn, Jennifer (Gosshead), and Julie! Dan gave a great big smile and made a guest feel like a guest. This family knows how to make people smile and Dan’s smile...Dan smiled the biggest about his wife and girls. Loved this man, and I love his family. You did well with your family Dan! We know you did well with your Lord too. God bless you in heaven until we meet again there. Prayers for the family, God bless. Love ya from “Rocks-in-the head!”

Rocki Mort - October 01, 2025 at 06:21 PM

JL

“ Dan was such a fun loving guy always greeted you with a slap on the back, a hug and a big smile! We have so many great memories! He was loved by our family and will be deeply missed. We love you. Tom & June Luca

june Luca - October 01, 2025 at 05:53 PM

MA

“ Condolences, love, and prayer to the Gossard Family. He will be missed!

Marsha - October 01, 2025 at 04:30 PM