



Danielle Anna Kalish

May 24, 1951 - September 5, 2023

Danielle Anna Kalish was born in New York and was the only child of Charles and Zelda Kalish. She spent her childhood years living in her parents' coop in Deepdale, Little Neck, New York. She went to C.W. Post College in Brookville, New York, where she got her bachelor's degree and master's degree. It was at C.W. Post College she met her college roommate Hilary, and both attended the original Woodstock Festival together in August of 1969. Danielle was a former bodybuilder along with her boyfriend Leon Brown. They attended the Arnold Classics since both knew Arnold Schwarzenegger well. Danielle had Parkinson's and moved to Texas a year ago to live with her dear friend of 50 years, Hilary, who took care of her in her home until her passing.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Danielle's memory may be made to the following foundations:

Parkinson's Foundation - https://secure3.convio.net/prkorg/site/Donation2?10243.donation=form1&df_id=10243&mfc_pref=T

Michael J. Fox Foundation - <https://give.michaeljfox.org/give/421686/#!/donation/checkout>

Cemetery Details

Eloise Woods Natural Burial Park

115 Northside Lane
Cedar Creek, TX 78612
(512) 796-5240
<http://eloisewoods.com>

Previous Events

Graveside Service

SEP 7. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Please use the Pearce Lane entrance and park in that parking area. If traveling from Austin/West you will pass the Northside Lane turn which the GPS recommends and instead take the next left to enter Eloise Woods and use the parking area on the left hand side.

Tribute Wall

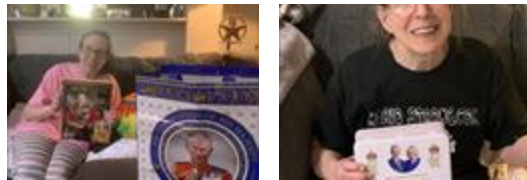
MM

“ Danielle was a beautiful friend. She was so kind and thoughtful. I spoke with her last month. She called me to wish me a Happy Birthday. She would remember me for each holiday by sending cards and also speaking to me on the phone. I will miss her calls and her sweet voice and kind words.
I thank God for all the wonderful moments we shared when we both lived in Staten Island.
Mary Moore

mary moore - September 09, 2023 at 12:54 PM

HI

“ 2 files added to the album Danielle May 2023



Hilary - September 09, 2023 at 09:45 AM

TN

The SALT OF THE EARTH..THE SWEETEST KINDESS PERSON EVER.I INTRODUCED DANIELLE TO THE BODYBUILDER LEGENDARY LEON BROWN IN 1980 AT ZINNS GYM as PRANK.THEY Became Life Partners until his Death in 2021...Im SO glad God give her to us .Now rest in HEAVEN. YOU will never be 4GOTTEN. RIP.

Tyrone Weo Norfleet - October 02, 2023 at 12:25 PM

HI

“ Danielle was laid to rest on Thursday. It was a very difficult day for me since I had to say my final goodbyes to someone whom I loved and cared for until her passing. I want to thank everyone who has perused this webpage, wrote their memories of Danielle, and donated to her favorite organizations.

One memory which I wanted to end with was how much she loved Queen Elizabeth and the Royals. After the passing of Queen Elizabeth, I bought her numerous magazines that came out telling the life story of the Queen. I specifically bought her on Ebay a tin box that came from England commemorating the Coronation of Queen Elizaeth back in the 50's. She treasured that. We sat voraciously together on the day of King Charles Coronation in early May of this year. She was in her ecstasy talking about everything she read about the Royals. Since it was her birthday at the end of the month, I purposely bought whatever little trinkets I could find online to commemorate his Coronation and a tin box to help accessorize the collection she started with the one of Queen Elizabeth.

I analogize those times to how Danielle was royalty to everyone she knew and met. Her friends became my friends, since almost every time she talked to them, she wanted me to take the phone and say hello to them as well. My friends became her friends and when they called me, I would put them on speakerphone so she could say hello to them as well. She was truly one-of-a-kind royalty to everyone she met and will always be remembered in that way.

Hilary

Hilary - September 09, 2023 at 09:29 AM

DE

Absolutely beautiful tribute to a very special woman Rest In Peace Danni you will be so missed ... God Blesd

Debra - September 09, 2023 at 09:58 AM

MA

So true, Danielle was royalty to all her friends. She was a unique person that brought joy into this world. I'm so glad that her last year was surrounded by love and happiness. That is what filled her heart, and that's what she shared with those she cared for. A very beautiful remembrance, thank you.

Mario - September 09, 2023 at 10:20 AM

DO

*Beautiful memories of dear Danielle, Hilary!
Thank you for sharing to keep her memory alive! I first talked to her on the phone back in 1997?! Never had the opportunity to meet her but we talked several times over the years.... I was truly looking forward to meeting her on my trip to TX this December....
G-d bless her memory.
Her good deeds will follow her into heaven's gates (Proverbs of King Solomon, 31:31)*

Donna - September 09, 2023 at 11:47 AM

LT

I am so sorry for your loss. Danielle was very sweet and loving. I will miss her.

Lloyd D. Thompson - September 10, 2023 at 09:29 AM

ST

Danielle was one of a kind. She always told everyone we started the same day at NYCHA. She was such a wonderful person.

Sonia Thompson - September 11, 2023 at 09:07 AM

CE

“ I would like to share this good memory of my dear cousin Danielle before Parkinson’s robbed her of her health and ultimately her life.

Dear Arlene and Yitzy,

Thank you very much for all you’ve done for me. I appreciate your help in planning my Mom’s funeral. I couldn’t have done it with you.

Arlene-thank you so much for all your comfort and support-staying by side. Our moms were right-we would truly be close as sisters when we grew up. I couldn’t ask for a better sister than you.

*All my love always,
Danielle*

May her neshama have an aliyah.

Chana Esther - September 06, 2023 at 07:30 PM

TN

I'm Very Sad..I met Danielle 1980 Zinns Gym Introduced her TO THE latevLEGENDARY LEON BROWN her Life Partner.She was my DEAR FRIEND AND we did so much .The EPITOME OF KINDNESS & LOVE...REST in Heaven my DEAR friend. TEARS

Tyrone Weo Norfleet - September 07, 2023 at 09:34 PM

GG

“ *Peppy 'n pretty, funny, strong and free-spirited: that's our Danni! This effervescent woman has been my pal since the summer of '71, where we were roomies at LIU/CW Post College. I was a Theatre Arts/Music major, and she was a Sociology major. After school, we both went our own ways. Years later we literally ran into each other on St. Mark's Place, in Greenwich Village. We picked up where we'd left off as she introduced me to the aw-sum sport of body-building, through the love of her life, the great Leon Brown. We trained at Better Bodies, and also at this pumpin' iron super-couple's old standby--the East 13th Street gym. Hard-core, baby!!! Over the years Danielle was always there--my wedding, the birth of our daughter, her bat mitzvah, '80s all-night club crawling at Studio 54, Danceteria, the Ritz, Limelight, the Tunnel, Area Club, Kamikaze, Peppermint Lounge. We cheered her on when she placed in an over-forty competition, and at many of Leon's engagements. Danni attended just about every single one of my professional NY performances, and house parties at our Park Slope brownstone, and later at our house when we moved upstate...How I adored Danni's spicy Yiddish zingers, always delivered with a decisive KO punch. Our code word for anything/anyone shady was "Kunna-HUR-rah!" In fact, our crowd had our own language that never failed to crack us all up. And nobody else knew why. Although I had not seen her for many years, we spoke frequently during the good times and bad times in both of our lives. I will never forget my dearie Danni. And will never, ever forget the kindness and support bestowed upon her by her wonderful friend, Hilary. Most of all, I could never forget Danielle Anna Kalish...*

goldee greene - September 06, 2023 at 10:50 AM

SG

“ *Danielle Anna Kalish and I met in 1996 through a mutual friend. We lost contact with each during the Pandemic as my phone broke. We connected again late June or July. She was such a kind and loving person. I was going to call her tonight but received the text from her friend in Texas.*
She will be missed.
Sidney Askew Greene



Sidney Askew Greene - September 05, 2023 at 11:21 PM

RO

“ *We met as I called Section 8 for my clients. A sweet, calm, reassuring voice was always there ready to help with the information I needed. On meeting her a few years later I found out that's really who she was. I will miss her a lot...and that giggle.*

Robertino - September 05, 2023 at 09:23 PM

HI

“ Call me when you get there....

Danielle and I met in 1969 when we both attended C.W. Post together. We were like two peas in a pod, having roomed together for two years. We never lost touch with each other. She came to Houston several times for my sons' Bar Mitzvahs and her biggest joy in life was when my son Jacob was born on her birthday. She would always tell people that I called her on her birthday to let her know that I had a special present for her on that day back on 5/24/1984. We remained friends for 50 years and when Leon passed, there was no question in my mind that I needed to make sure that she was always safe and protected so I told her I was bringing her back to Texas to live with me.

She just loved my two dogs. Blue, my older dog, was her protector. He would follow her all over the house and even when she went to the restroom, he would sit outside the door to make sure she was ok. She just loved him. Her most favorite story she would always tell would be that when we attended college together, if I ever went anywhere without her, she would always say "call me when you get there" to make sure I was safe.

I loved her dearly and will miss all the fun times we had together when she lived with me here in San Marcos. When the weather wasn't so hot, I would take her out on day trips outside of San Marcos and show her around the area. She loved being chauffeured around in the car. Since I am an avid Elvis fan, I made sure that when I drove her from New York to San Marcos, we stopped at Graceland to take a tour of his home and museum. Despite my having to push her around in the wheelchair, she loved every minute of it.

I know that G-d will have a special place in heaven for her since she touched so many lives and loved all her friends dearly. R.I. P.

Danielle

Hilary

Hilary - September 05, 2023 at 07:07 PM

MA

A beautiful story from a True friend.

Mario - September 06, 2023 at 12:21 AM

AP

“ *Danielle will always be remembered as a happy person and good hearted. She always remembered to send me a birthday card. She was a lot of fun to be around and had a positive view on life. I am blessed to have known her. Aida*

Aida Picardi - September 05, 2023 at 06:00 PM

SI

“ *Danielle was the most good hearted person I ever met. She always had a kind word for everyone she met. She is now reunited with the love of her life Leon Brown. I had the great fortune of living with Danielle and Leon for 2 years. I learned about the bodybuilding lifestyle with all its charm and disappointments. Danielle always carried herself like a champion. She was definitely a major force behind Leon's success. When you saw Leon you always saw Danielle. RIP Danielle. There will never be another like you. Thank you Hillary for providing a loving and safe haven for her in Texas.*

Sigrid - September 05, 2023 at 05:43 PM

RF

“ *I knew Danielle for 67 years. We met in kindergarten. She was the nicest person I have ever known. She always gave me an encouraging word. Over years, I enjoyed our telephone conversations. She was a kind, compassionate, smart, and knowledgeable person. I am so sad to hear of her passing. She will be missed by all those who had the pleasure of knowing her.*

Rita Feigenberg - September 05, 2023 at 05:12 PM

ER

“ *Dani was one of the sweetest women I have ever met. Her child like joy licking off the beaters when I made her whipped cream. That smiling face will stay with me forever. RIP my dear friend*



Eva Reininger - September 05, 2023 at 04:44 PM

RC

“ *In the late 80's Danielle and I worked together at NYCHA Section 8. If I was on the elevator or out in the street Danielle would always address me as her Gemini sister. At times people would only hear the sister part and look at both of us like really?? That's because Danielle is Jewish & I am African American. Some people would ask is that really your sister. I would chuckle and say nooo. Once Danielle found out we both shared the same born day, she always referred to me as her Gemini sister. As long as I've known Danielle she kept the same energy, smiling & helpful. Danielle had a kind heart & proud of her accomplishments. In her early yrs of bodybuilding she use to say hey Robin I had a competition or I have a competition, no matter what place she took she shared it & I gave her kudos. Danielle owned the bodybuilding stage, she really didn't need a pep talk from me.*



Im so grateful to have known Danielle, she was a real sweet heart. That's what she use to say about her dear sister/friend Hillary. I'm really going to miss hearing Danielle's voice, laugh & her giving a countdown to our born day. You are loved & never forgotten.

R.I.P Danielle

Robin Copney - September 05, 2023 at 04:42 PM

MA

“ *Danielle was a sweet and loving woman whose heart was filled with happiness and joy. Her glass was always half full...and she saw the beauty life has to offer.*

I'm glad that her last year was spent with her lifelong friend, Hilary, who brought Danielle to Texas to share her family and friends with...

Goodbye Danielle, it was an honor to have been your friend.



Mario - September 05, 2023 at 04:31 PM

JU

I had the privilege of being her hair stylist when Hilary moved her to Texas.

She was a sweet lady. Always a sparkling in her eyes ♡ And Hillary you are a true friend..

Justin - September 05, 2023 at 05:04 PM

SI

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Sigrid - September 05, 2023 at 05:22 PM