



Daniel Alan Olsen

April 9, 1986 - January 8, 2026

Mr. Daniel Alan Olsen, age 39, of Grantville, Georgia, traded his earthly assignment for a heavenly mission on January 8, 2026. Daniel was born on April 9, 1986, in Plantation, Florida, to Svend and Dona Olsen. Daniel was adventurous and fearless from an early age, with a heart that sought to meet the needs of loved ones above his own. He was loyal, daring, strategic, and comical, never failing to pass up an opportunity for a good laugh or a good time. He won the hearts of children and animals whenever he encountered them, and if you were a person fortunate enough to meet him, he would easily consider you a friend. He was a kid at heart and never met a stranger, quickly lending a helping hand to those in need around him, which led many to become fans of Dan. He was mechanically inclined with an uncanny ability to fix any problem, and he adopted the "no shoes, no shirt, no problem" dress code for most of his days. He loved riding the terrain on any and all wheeled vehicles and possessed acrobatic skills to the awe and admiration of his peers. He had an infectious smile and characteristic chuckle that left the room better than when he arrived.

Daniel was a patriot to his core, a warrior, sacrificial, and a proud and dedicated member of the military brotherhood. His love for his country led him to enter the US Army in 2007, where he completed training as an Infantryman. Afterwards, he was assigned to HHC 1-27 INF 25th ID Sniper Section Wolfhounds. While completing his second deployment in Iraq, he was

wounded in action and was awarded the Purple Heart, but in unwavering commitment, returned months later to serve out his time of duty. During his time in service, he was presented the Combat Infantryman Badge, Expert Infantryman Badge, numerous Army Commendation Medals, as well as the Good Conduct Medal. He attended sniper school, a warrior leadership course, and multiple medical courses. But, Daniel never talked about his accolades, his awards, or the Army's decorated recognitions it bestowed upon him. Daniel spoke only of the men who fought beside him, his brothers. He served his country with honor, integrity, and selfless sacrifice. Those who served in combat beside Daniel considered him an example to follow, a trusted friend and a brave warrior; the bravest in fact, because Daniel would have laid down his own life for any of them. The servicemen who fought beside Daniel to protect the freedom we as Americans so cherish, were proud to call him brother, warrior and most of all friend. Upon completion of his active duty contract, Daniel left the US Army as a Sergeant.

Though he is undeniably a highly decorated countryman, his biggest accomplishment and adoration was his wife and three children. To call him a devoted, protective, caring, ever present husband and father would be selling him short. To the end, his family was his greatest investment and his highest priority. Daniel fully embodied the essence of a man and his life resounds of Second Corinthians 4:17: For his light and momentary troubles have achieved for him an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.

Daniel is survived by his devoted wife of 15 years, Mallory Olsen, their daughters Ansley and Addison Olsen, along with son Ezekiel Olsen. Father and Mother, Svend and Dona Olsen; brother David and wife Amber Olsen and nephews. Surviving in-laws include James and Robin Leonard, along with brother and sister in-law, Brandon and Amy Clark and sons, sister in-law Brittany Wingo and sons.

In lieu of flowers, Daniel's family gratefully asks that donations be made to Waypoint River Ranch www.waypointranch.org/donate

In honor of Daniel's life, a memorial service will be held on January 16th at 4:00 at McKoon Funeral Home with visitation prior to service from 2:00-4:00 where family, friends, and fellow soldiers can pay their respects and celebrate a life dedicated to service and sacrifice. Daniel's family would also like to express their deepest gratitude and appreciation for the love and support exhibited by many friends and family members during this difficult time.

Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.mckoon.com.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory (770) 253-4580

Cemetery Details

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory

38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
care@mckoon.com
<http://www.mckoon.com>

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 16. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263

Funeral Service

JAN 16. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home Chapel
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263

Tribute Wall



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Daniel Alan Olsen*



McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory - January 15 at 05:34 PM

SC

“ *Thank you, B Hawkins, for your kind contribution to the Daniel Olsen memorial fund with Waypoint Ranch.*

Stephanie Cirasa - January 31 at 08:05 AM

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“ *Thank you Mallory for sharing this picture with me.*



Stephanie Cirasa - January 31 at 08:00 AM

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“ Dear beloved family of Daniel. We have started a donor fund in honor of Daniel to support his brothers of the 27th ID Wolfhounds in order to gather here at Waypoint River Ranch family camp next year in April or before as needed.

Nec Aspera Terrent

Ray & Stephanie @ waypoint ranch



Stephanie Cirasa - January 19 at 04:04 PM

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https://www.times-georgian.com/southern_spice/silent-bond-veteran-and-horse-prove-to-be-natural-allies/article_637e23c3-30ad-57ee-984f-b093293f37f3.html

Stephanie Cirasa - January 19 at 08:18 PM

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“ Thank you Ray Cirasa from Waypoint Ranch in Woodbury Georgia for your donation in memory of Daniel.

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Stephanie Cirasa - January 19 at 04:01 PM

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“ Thank you Cheryl Swehla from Havre de Grace, Maryland for your donation in memory of Daniel.

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Stephanie Cirasa - January 19 at 03:58 PM

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“ Thank you Renee at AD-PAK Systems in Dahlonega, Georgia for your donation in memory of Daniel.
waypointtranch.org

Stephanie Cirasa - January 19 at 03:56 PM

MT

“ Madeline Tomlin lit a candle in memory of Daniel Alan Olsen



Madeline Tomlin - January 16 at 04:19 PM

KG

“ Donna, you and your family are in my prayers during this difficult time.

Kim Gill - January 16 at 02:44 PM

DL

“ Devin Dove (1-27 sniper section leader) purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Daniel Alan Olsen.



Devin Dove (1-27 sniper section leader) - January 16 at 12:25 PM

LH

“ Dear Mrs. Olsen and Family,

I was heartbroken to learn of Mr. Olsen’s passing. Please accept my deepest condolences during this incredibly difficult time.



Mr. Olsen was truly a bright presence in our school community. In the car rider line, he never failed to greet others with a warm smile and a kind word, and those moments meant more than he likely ever realized. Seeing him each day—often with sweet Mollie by his side—brought so much joy and comfort, and she was always a delight to see as I directed traffic.

Beyond those small but meaningful daily interactions, it was clear that Mr. Olsen was a man of devotion. His service to our country as a military veteran and Purple Heart recipient speaks to his bravery and sacrifice. Even more, his love and dedication as a husband and a caring father to your three children was evident to all who knew him.

His passing is a tragic and unexpected loss, and he will be deeply missed by our community and all whose lives he touched. Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers, and that Mr. Olsen’s kindness, service, and smile will not be forgotten.

With heartfelt sympathy,

School Resource Office - Moreland Elementary

Lt. Jamie Hixson - January 14 at 10:08 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Daniel Alan Olsen.*



January 13 at 05:53 PM



“ *Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Daniel Alan Olsen.*



January 13 at 05:30 PM



“ *Olsen was one of the most genuine and kind people you could ever meet. Every time I walked into drill and saw him, he was wearing that big, sweet smile that instantly made the room feel lighter. Some people bring a light so bright into the world that even after they're gone, it continues to shine—Olsen was one of those people. The world is undeniably dimmer without him, but his light will always remain in the hearts of those who knew him and within his children. Praying for comfort for his family & friends. 🙏*

Kristi Cromer - January 13 at 12:17 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Daniel Alan Olsen.*



January 13 at 11:01 AM

CA

“ *Cardo planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Daniel Alan Olsen.*

Cardo - January 12 at 10:53 AM

CA

“ *Cardo purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Daniel Alan Olsen.*



Cardo - January 12 at 10:53 AM