



William John Daniel Magsamen

August 20, 1947 - December 4, 2023

William John Daniel Magsamen "Danny" passed away at home on December 4, 2023. He is the beloved husband of Lynn Magsamen, devoted father of John Daniel Magsamen, III, dear grandfather of Daniel and Regan, and brother of Lois Lorenz and George Toboll. Also survived by his nieces and nephews.

Danny was a man of music, a talented drummer who mastered and excelled at the art of rudimental drumming. He spent a lifetime pursuing his passion for percussion in the music in motion competitive drum and bugle corps genre as an instructor and performer, entertaining audiences of thousands over six decades.

At the behest of a school friend, in 1958 a ten year old Danny joined Baltimore's Zorro Raiders Drum and Bugle Corps where he mastered the basics before moving on to perform with the Maryland State Champion St. Mary's Lancers where, in 1964, he appeared in a landmark, first ever broadcast television program devoted to a single drum and bugle corps. Serving a brief stint in the Army, Danny performed in the drum lines of a succession of local and regional drum and bugle corps including Delaware's Blue Rock; Baltimore's Dundalk Cadets, South Wind, and the National Champion Yankee Rebels;

Pennsylvania's

Reading Buccaneers, Harrisburg Westshoremens, and Philadelphia's Archer Epler

Musketeers; New Jersey's Bayonne Bridgemen: and most recently, with The Lancers of Hanover Pennsylvania. Danny was also a member of a Baltimore precision percussion ensemble known as The Mason Dixon Line. In addition to

sharing his percussion skills with several Maryland high school band drum lines

as an instructor, over many years Danny also served as a percussion instructor

for The Hamilton White Knights, the Hanover Lancers, and the Archer-Epler Musketeers drum and bugle corps.

His life long interest, dedication, devotion and contributions to the drum and bugle corps activity not only earned him the respect and friendship of many, colleagues and competitors alike, but also a coveted place in the Maryland Drum

and Bugle Corps Hall of Fame into which he was inducted and honored in 2022.

A Memorial Service with Military Honors will be held at the Funeral Home, 8521 Loch Raven Blvd. (beltway exit 29B) on Saturday, December 16th at 2p.m. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his memory to the American Heart Association, P. O. Box 840692, Dallas, TX 75284 or www.heart.org.

Previous Events

Service

DEC 16. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Johnson-Fosbrink Funeral and Cremation Services, P.A.
8521 Loch Raven Blvd
Baltimore, MD 21286
(410) 668-2300

Tribute Wall

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“ Terribly sorry to hear about Danny's passing! My heart goes out to Lynn and her family. He was a good man and will be missed. Sending warmth and hugs to my friend Lynn. <3<3

Douglas Foulke - December 16, 2023 at 08:15 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William John Daniel Magsamen.



December 16, 2023 at 08:12 AM

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“ Danny, you were an incredible man, drummer, husband, father and friend. John and I will miss you. The memories from the Bridgemen, our Wildwood trips, Allentown, and our wedding stay fresh in my mind and my heart. You will always be Dan, Dan the old Drummer man in my heart. May you rest in peace in angel arms in the light of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

Pam & John LaLama - December 12, 2023 at 08:30 AM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of William John Daniel Magsamen.



December 11, 2023 at 05:05 PM

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“ George & Janice Toboll planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William John Daniel Magsamen.

George & Janice Toboll - December 11, 2023 at 05:05 PM