

IN LOVING  
*Memory*  
OF



DANILO 'Danny' NERI

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AUGUST 8, 1943 – JULY 9, 2021



*"Gone from our sight, but never from our hearts"*



Mass offered at  
St John the Evangelist Catholic Church  
494 Whitehorse Road, Mitcham

Wednesday, 21st July 2021  
11:00am

Livestream link:  
<https://vividstreamlive.com.au/danny-neri/>

Officiating Priest  
Father Dispín John





Beloved Husband of

**Maria Lina**

Loving Father of

**Brian, Frances (Joy) and Melissa (May-Ann)**

Loved Father-In-Law to

**Rosa, PJ and Lyndon**

Cherished Lolo/Grandfather of

**Chavez, Cooper, Kylen, Jarrad and Keeran**

Treasured son of

**Nemesio (dec.) and Adela (dec.)**

Dear brother to

**Pompey, Marietta, Leila, Amelia, Sarah and Nemesio Jr.**



## INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE SONG (Please stand)

*“SAAN KA MAN NARORON” by Pilita Corrales*

Fr Dispin: In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

### GREETING

Fr Dispin: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And with your Spirit.

### SPRINKLING WITH HOLY WATER – LYNN NERI

Fr Dispin: In the waters of baptism, Danilo died with Christ and rose with Him to new life. May he now share with Him in eternal glory. Amen.

### LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE – BRIAN NERI

Fr Dispin: In baptism Danilo receive the light of Christ. That light has guided him throughout his life. May he now enjoy the risen life with his risen Lord. Amen

Fr Dispin: May almighty God have mercy on all of us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

### PLACING OF THE PALL – FRANCES SANTIAGO & MELISSA SHANE

Fr Dispin: At his baptism, Danilo received the new garment, and was asked to wear it spotlessly throughout his life. May the Lord not look on any wrong that he may have done during his lie, but rather look upon his faithfulness to his God and his love for his family and friends. Amen.

## EULOGY – BRIAN NERI

### OPENING PRAYER

Fr Dispin: Let us pray. O God, almighty Father, our faith professes that your Son died and rose again; mercifully grant, that through this mystery your servant Danilo, who has fallen asleep in Christ, may rejoice to rise again through Him. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING – ROWENA LUNNY

Rowena: A Reading from the Book of Ecclesiasticus (44:11-15)  
In his descendants there remains a rich inheritance born of him and thanks to him, in his children's children. His offspring will last forever, his glory will not fade. His body will be buried in peace and his name will live on for all generations. The people will proclaim his wisdom, the assembly will celebrate his praises.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Song)

*"I'LL REMEMBER YOU" by Elvis Presley*

## SECOND READING – ERMIN JAVIER

Ermin: A Reading from the Book of Proverbs (31:10-31)

Who shall find a valiant man? Who shall find a man of strength? A pearl of great price is he. All who are with him have confidence in him and benefit from his experiences. He initiates good, not evil, every day of his life. He does not neglect his tasks, he willingly works.

Broadminded, his understanding of life is a source of nurture for him. He considers his options, then makes his move, investing the experience he already has. He works diligently, taking pride in his inner resources and strengths. When his gifts are encouraged and their value affirmed, he will work wholeheartedly. He opens his heart to the needy, he is generous with the poor, yet he does not neglect his family's needs nor his own priorities. He is known for his dignity and strength, and he laughs at the days to come. He often speaks with wisdom, and he teaches in a kindly way. Those who are close to him praise him. Charm is superficial and beauty fades, but the man who is wise is the one to be praised. May all value who he is and may all applaud his integrity.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Fr Dispin: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your Spirit.

Fr Dispin: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

**Fr Dispin:** Seeing the Crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them. How happy are the poor in spirit: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage. Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted. Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied. Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown to them. Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God. Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called children of God. Happy are those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of slander against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

## HOMILY

### PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

**CLAIRE JAVIER, BETTINA WAY, PATRICK JAVIER, MARIANNE JAVIER  
and MATTHEW JAVIER**

**Claire:** We thank God for Tito Danny's presence in our lives. He touched us with his humor, love of life, enthusiasm for children and his deep love for Tita Lynn. We pray that we too know this joy, love and devotion in our lives. We pray to the Lord.

**All:** Lord hear us.

**Bettina:** Lord God, as we present Uncle Danny's soul to your heavenly care, we give thanks for the gift of his life. We thank you Lord, for the privilege of being part of his life and family. In faith and trust we ask you to grant Uncle Danny the peace and rest he so richly deserves. We pray to the Lord.

**All:** Lord hear us.

**Patrick:** We pray for Papa Danny's family and friends. May all of our lives continue to be enriched because of our relationship with him and may our happy memories of Papa Danny carry us forward into the future. We pray to the Lord.

**All:** Lord hear us.

**Marianne:** We pray for Fr Dispin, Dr. Chiu, the nurses, the carers and all the staff of Vermont Aged Care who looked after Papa Danny so lovingly, ensured his comfort and provided him great kindness throughout his time at the VAC until his final days. God bless them in their daily work. We pray to the Lord.

**All:** Lord hear us.

**Matthew:** We pray for all our departed brothers and sisters. Today we pray for Papa Danny, may he be reunited with them in God's Kingdom where there is no more pain or suffering. We pray to the Lord.

**All:** Lord hear us.

## OFFERTORY PROCESSION

PJ SANTIAGO accompanied by CHAVEZ SANTIAGO  
LYNDON SHANE accompanied by COOPER and KYLEN SHANE  
ROSA NERI accompanied by JARRAD NERI

## OFFERTORY MUSIC

*"TO WHERE YOU ARE" by Josh Groban*

**Fr Dispin:** Pray friends, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**All:** May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of His name, for our good and the good of all His Holy Church.

## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Fr Dispin: As we humbly present to you these sacrificial offerings, O Lord, for the salvation of your servant Danilo, we beseech your mercy, that he, who did not doubt your Son to be a loving Saviour, may find in Him a merciful Judge. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

## EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

### PREFACE

Fr Dispin: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Fr Dispin: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Fr Dispin: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right and just.

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

Fr Dispin: The mystery of faith.

All: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again. Amen.

## COMMUNION RITE

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Fr Dispin: At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching,  
we dare to say:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
Amen.

Fr Dispin: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant  
peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may  
be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we  
await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour,  
Jesus Christ.

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now  
and forever.

### RITE OF PEACE

Fr Dispin: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And with your Spirit.

### BREAKING OF BREAD

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
grant us peace.

## COMMUNION

Fr Dispin: Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

## COMMUNION HYMN

*“MAKE ME A CHANNEL OF YOUR PEACE” Prayer of St. Francis*

## COMMUNION REFLECTION

*“ALWAYS” by Patsy Cline*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Fr Dispin: Let us pray. Lord God, whose Son left us, in the Sacrament of His Body, food for the journey, mercifully grant that, strengthened by it, our brother Danilo, may come to the eternal table of Christ. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

## PHOTO COLLECTION – A CELEBRATION OF DANILO’S LIFE (Photos prepared by PJ Santiago)

*“LOVE STORY (WHERE DO I BEGIN)” by Andy Williams*

*“TODAY, TOMORROW AND FOREVER” by Elvis Presley & Ann Margret*

## FINAL COMMENDATION

Fr Dispin: Before we go our separate ways, let us take leave of our brother. May our farewell express our affection for him, may it ease our sadness and strengthen our hope. One day we shall joyfully greet him, when the love of Christ, which conquers all things, destroys even death itself.

## SONG OF FAREWELL

Fr Dispin: Saints of God, come to his aid! Hasten to meet him, angels of the Lord.

All: Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.

Fr Dispin: May Christ who called to you, take you to Himself; may angels lead you to the bosom of Abraham.

All: Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.

Fr Dispin: Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him.

All: Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.

## PRAYER OF COMMENDATION

Fr Dispin: Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend our brother Danilo, in the sure and certain hope that together with all who have died in Christ, he will rise with Him on the last day. Merciful Lord, turn to us and listen to our prayers, open the gates of paradise to your servant and help us who remain to comfort one another with the assurances of faith, until we all meet in Christ and are with you and with our brother forever.

All: Amen.

## PALL BEARERS

BRIAN NERI, ROSA NERI, FRANCES SANTIAGO, PJ SANTIAGO,  
MELISSA SHANE and LYNDON SHANE.

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

*“YOU’RE THE FIRST, THE LAST, MY EVERYTHING” By Barry White*

*“AROUND THE WORLD “ By Nat King Cole*

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## COMMITTAL AND CONCLUDING PRAYERS FOR CREMATION

Place:

Lilydale Memorial Park Crematorium in the Federal Chapel  
126-128 Victoria Road, Lilydale 3140

Time:

12.15 -12.45pm

Livestream link:

<https://www.oneroomstreaming.com/login>

Email: info@heritagefunerals.com.au

Password: MCN2H4

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*Due to lockdown and restrictions, unfortunately we will not be able to have the wake after the funeral.*

*We will extend our invitation to family and close friends on the future date of the burial to celebrate DANILO “Danny” NERI’s life.*



## *Thank You*

The family of the late **DANILO “Danny” NERI** would like to sincerely thank you for your expressions of sympathy.

Words cannot express how grateful our family is for your generous support, encouraging words and thoughts and prayers during our time of grief and need.

