

In Loving Memory



Owen Richard Daniel

22nd July 1935 - 15th October 2024

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Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses

Avion Crescent, Grahame Park Way, LONDON NW9 5NZ

A Warm Welcome to Family and Friends

Richard Daniel was born in Ramsgate on 22nd July 1935, four years after his sister Jane. He was the only son of Charles and Patricia, Charles being the fifth generation of solicitors in the firm Messrs. Daniel. His grandfather, Kenyon, was the senior partner.



Boarding school life began for him in 1939 aged four. He won a scholarship to Rugby School in 1949, continued classical studies in Latin and Greek, and became Head of House and Captain of the inter-house rugby championships. In 1954, having been awarded the Dewar Travelling scholarship, he travelled to Canada and spent a happy year working at the Chateau Lake Louise Hotel, and then as an axe man cutting trees down with the newly formed survey crew for the forty mile stretch of the Trans-Canada Highway from Banff to Lake Louise.

Within weeks of returning home Richard was called up for National Service. He served in the Rhine Army and became a commissioned officer at Eaton Hall. He met and married Kate, a lovely nurse, in 1959 and they soon had four daughters: Linda, Penny, Pauline and Alison.

In 1961 Richard qualified as a solicitor and then in 1977, while living in Norfolk, transferred to the Bar. He was widowed in 1978, when Kate, who by then had become one of Jehovah's Witnesses, sadly died. After a long discussion with Glen How OC QC, Richard also began to study the Bible and was baptised in 1981. He met and married Jan in 1984, and welcomed three stepchildren: Sam, Becky and Ben.



Always generous, he willingly made himself available for those who needed help. He not only lectured extensively on the right to choose one's own medical treatment, but was also involved in a string of groundbreaking cases that took him to many countries including Armenia, Estonia, Namibia and Russia, as well as the European Court of Human Rights.

Richard commanded huge respect from professional colleagues and a wide circle of friends and family. He died on October 15th 2024, and will be greatly missed.





He Will Call

(Job 14:13-15)

1. Life, like a mist, appears for just a day,
Then disappears tomorrow.
All that we are can quickly fade away,
Replaced with tears and sorrow.
If a man should die, can he live again?
Hear the promise God has made:
(CHORUS) He will call; The dead will answer.
They will live at his command.
For he will have a longing
For the work of his own hand.
So have faith, and do not wonder,
For our God can make us stand.
And we will live forever,
As the work of his own hand.
2. Friends of our God, though they may pass away,
Will never be forsaken.
All those asleep who in God's mem'ry stay,
From death he will awaken.
Then we'll come to see all that life can be:
Paradise eternally.
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For the work of his own hand.
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For our God can make us stand.
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