



## Daniel William Stafford-Swaby

November 1, 2000 - April 15, 2017

Daniel (Danny) William Stafford Swaby, age 16, of Tallahassee, Florida passed away unexpectedly on April 15, 2017 in Tallahassee Florida. Visitation will be held at Epiphany Lutheran Church, 8300 Deerlake Road West, Tallahassee, Florida, on April 22, 2017 beginning at 9:30 AM. A memorial service will follow at 11:00 AM with Pastor Mark Schulz of Epiphany Lutheran Church and Rev. David Bridwell of Crawfordville Baptist Church in Georgia officiating. A graveside service will follow at 3pm, at Pioneer Baptist Church in Crawfordville, Florida; with Rev. James Bridwell of Pioneer Baptist Church, Crawfordville, Florida officiating. Bevis Funeral Home will be handling the funeral arrangements.

Daniel was born in Tallahassee, Florida to Donald and Diana Swaby on November 1, 2000. He attended SAIL High School where he was in the 10th Grade. He was a member of Epiphany Lutheran Church and also attended Sunday School at Thomasville Road Baptist Church. Daniel was an avid soccer player from an early age, and most recently a member of the Tallahassee Tottenham Hotspurs Futbol Club Premier Team.

Daniel is survived by his parents Donald and Diana Swaby, brother Caleb of Tallahassee Florida, and grandfather William R. Shuler of Quincy, He was a beloved nephew of Debra and Chuck of GA , Donna of Gainesville , Peche' and Steve of VA, Vernice and Jesse of FL , Catherine and Jim of FL, and Susan and Jeff of GA. He was a cousin to Steven, Michael, Christina, Brion, David, Hope, Annalise, Cheri, Ben, Jacob, Travis, Keah, Heather and many

more. He was preceded in death by his beloved grandparents Sylvia Shuler of Quincy, Florida, and Stafford and Ursie Swaby of Fort Lauderdale

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to American Cancer Society in memory of his grandmother Sylvia Shuler, who he loved dearly. The family wishes to extend its gratitude to members of Epiphany Lutheran Church and Thomasville Road Baptist Church, of Tallahassee; and Pioneer Baptist Church of Crawfordville, for their outpouring of love and support. Daniel would want his friends and loved ones to know that he lives on because Jesus lives.

# Cemetery Details

## Pioneer Baptist Church Cemetery

Crawfordville, FL 32327

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 22. 9:30 AM (ET)

Epiphany Lutheran Church  
8300 Deer Lake S  
Tallahassee, FL 32312

## Funeral Service

APR 22. 11:00 AM (ET)

Epiphany Lutheran Church  
8300 Deer Lake S  
Tallahassee, FL 32312

## Burial

APR 22. 3:00 PM (ET)

Pioneer Baptist Church Cemetery  
Crawfordville, FL 32327

# Tribute Wall

AW

“ I’m thinking of you Danny. I miss you. I miss the old days where we were just kids playing soccer or riding our bikes. Now I’m almost 19, I never thought it would be without you



abby wade - October 24, 2019 at 12:08 AM

H(

“ I loved and still love your son Danny so much. He was and will forever will be the love of my life. I will always year for his love and comfort and how he always got upset with me for talking down on myself. He will forever be in my heart and memory. I cannot wait to see him again one day.



Hannah Smith (Grace) - August 20, 2017 at 02:50 PM

RR

“ Diane so sorry to hear about Daniel he was a sweet little guy that overcame a lot & had such a sweet smile. Prayers for your family.  
Renee & Bill Roberts

Renee Roberts - May 12, 2017 at 08:50 PM

CO

“ Mr. and Mrs. Swaby, I am just learning of your loss and thinking of you and Caleb. I remember both of your sweet boys and am so saddened by this news. My thoughts and prayers are with your family even now.

Carmen Overstreet

Carmen Overstreet - April 27, 2017 at 05:58 PM

CT

*Dear Mr & Mrs. Swaby & Caleb, I am so sorry to hear of Daniel 's passing. Words fail . I will remember your family in my prayers. I pray that Jesus comforts you in the deepest places in your hearts.*

*Cindy Townsend*

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**Cindy Townsend** - April 27, 2017 at 07:12 PM

BA

“ *Diana and Donald, Dave called me last night with the sad news about Daniel. Although we haven't kept in touch you will always be among the most special people I've met on my journey through life. I remember how honored I was when you asked me to provide a character reference when you were going through the process to adopt this special boy who became your beloved son and grew into a handsome young man. I remember watching him play soccer when he was just a little guy. You know my prayers are with you both. Dave and I will see you tomorrow.*

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**barbara armstrong** - April 21, 2017 at 06:28 PM

DS

*Love you Barbara and Dave*

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**Diana Lynn Shuler-Swaby** - April 22, 2017 at 05:20 AM

BF

*Donald - I can't even imagine what you are going through at this time. My Prayers are with you and your family, that God will wrap you all in HIS loving arms and guide you through this terrible tragedy in your life.  
Bob Frost*

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**Bob Frost** - April 22, 2017 at 09:47 AM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Daniel William Stafford- Swaby.*



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April 21, 2017 at 03:05 PM



“ *My thoughts are with Daniel's family, friends, and Teammates. He was always a polite young man when I saw him at the soccer fields. His quiet determination and perseverance will be missed. - Angie Kostrzewa (TTHFC)*

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**Angie Kostrzewa** - April 21, 2017 at 02:16 PM



“ *Leslie Reimer lit a candle in memory of Daniel William Stafford- Swaby*



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**Leslie Reimer** - April 21, 2017 at 01:20 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Daniel William Stafford- Swaby.*



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April 21, 2017 at 12:03 PM

PA

“ Danny always brought the spirit of joy to all his teammates. His attractive smile will be seriously missed. It was a pleasure for us to watch him play goalie with such talent and skill. Diana and Don, you are awesome parents. May the Heart of Jesus bring you consolation. --- Aline And Bill He was always cheerful. Several times, I remember Danny blocking shots from the other team. This helped us to win some games. I miss you, Danny. ----- Teammate Peter Cowdrey

Peter and parents Bill and Aline - April 21, 2017 at 11:44 AM

JN

“ Jo Ann Nelson lit a candle in memory of Daniel William Stafford- Swaby



Jo Ann Nelson - April 21, 2017 at 08:44 AM

JN

Although I do not know Daniel and his family well, I share a bond of knowing him on the team and remember how hard he worked and he seemed happy to be there with the team. I remember him at the tournament last year and he really gave it his all. He and his Father seem to have fun working on his skills and bonding with the group and parents. Sad and concerned for his parents and family, but will always remember him as a nice and happy young man.

Jo Ann Nelson - April 21, 2017 at 08:49 AM

DB

“ I remember Daniel's quiet manner and his sweet smile. We saw him less these last few years, but watching him grow up was good. Don and Diana are such supportive and loving parents. My heart also goes out to Caleb, as I know he misses his big brother. So thankful Daniel is now in heaven.

Deborah Belcher - April 21, 2017 at 08:13 AM

DS

“ 1 file added to the album Dan



Diana Lynn Shuler-Swaby - April 21, 2017 at 04:48 AM

JV

“ Daniel was my student at Dick Houser Center in 2002-3 and maybe 2004. He was the sweetest little guy with the most wonderful parents I think I ever had the honor to meet. Bless you both Diana and Donald. My heart goes out to you.....and I will hold you all in my prayers❤️🙏 Sincerely with love,  
JoAnna Valentine

JoAnna Valentine - April 20, 2017 at 08:40 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Daniel William Stafford- Swaby.



April 20, 2017 at 07:52 PM

TT

“ I didn't know Daniel very well while he was the goalie for Jack's team for a short period a couple of years ago, but it was easy to see he had the heart of a champion and the support of a loving father. Donald never missed a training session of Daniel's and always sat near the goal at each practice to encourage and support his son. It's an image I will always remember as a bond between father and son that everyone should be blessed with. My deepest thoughts and prayers go out to Donald and his family. Each of us who knew Daniel, or only saw him on the pitch, are better people because of the strength he represented. I know all his teammates are better people because of Daniel's determination. Thank you sharing Daniel and God Bless.



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**Tim Templeton** - April 20, 2017 at 03:21 PM

DA

“ I coached Daniel last year in the Fall/Spring. A nicer and more well mannered individual was hard to find. Always so respectful and willing to learn. He truly loved the game. My fondest memory comes in the final tournament I coached him at. Daniel saved what I believe was two penalties in our shootout on route to victory. He also picked up a yellow card while trying to get in the penalty takers head. That moment always makes me smile when I think about it. My deepest condolences go out to his family

*Coach Daniel*

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**Daniel Aronstam** - April 20, 2017 at 01:33 PM

TK

“ *Tati, Jesse, Travis and Keah purchased the Love Everlasting Bouquet for the family of Daniel William Stafford- Swaby.*



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**Tati, Jesse, Travis and Keah** - April 20, 2017 at 12:06 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Daniel William Stafford- Swaby.*



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April 19, 2017 at 10:10 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Daniel William Stafford- Swaby.*



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April 19, 2017 at 08:35 PM

CE

“ *I was fortunate to know Danny since last July as a member of McKenzie's U17 Premier team. Danny was a great teammate, always encouraging him teammates. He was such a quiet young man, but could get loud when he needed to as a Keeper. He treated coaches with respect, but other parents with as much respect. I wish that I had more time to know him. He will be missed.*

*Coach Ed*

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**Coach Ed** - April 19, 2017 at 04:42 PM

KI

“ I had the pleasure of coaching Daniel last Spring/Fall and he was a wonderful team player, always bringing a smile and friendly conversation that was greatly appreciated. He was eager to learn and had a heart of gold. My deepest condolences to his family and friends during this trying time.

Kieran - April 19, 2017 at 03:22 PM

LJ

“ Love, Cheri, Steve, Benjamin, and Jacob purchased the Sacred Garden Spray for the family of Daniel William Stafford- Swaby.



Love, Cheri, Steve, Benjamin, and Jacob - April 19, 2017 at 02:22 PM

RB

“ My son and Daniel, though playing on different teams, often trained together as goal keepers. He was a great competitor and club mate. When he and I occasionally crossed paths at the Meadows, he always greeted me with a smile and hello. A fine young man who will be missed. Prayers to his family, especially his father who I often saw at training.



Robert Bass - April 19, 2017 at 01:06 PM

AC

“ April Cox lit a candle in memory of Daniel William Stafford- Swaby



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**April Cox** - April 19, 2017 at 12:17 PM

JC

“ John, April, And Logan Cox lit a candle in memory of Daniel William Stafford- Swaby



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**John, April, and Logan Cox** - April 19, 2017 at 12:17 PM

IA

“ Ina Abdrabu lit a candle in memory of Daniel William Stafford- Swaby



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**Ina Abdrabu** - April 19, 2017 at 12:12 PM

IA

*I only knew Danny for a short while as he was a teammate of my son. I was so impressed with this young man's manners and kindness. He was an awesome teammate and my son Nasr and the rest of our family will miss him so much. Rest in Peace Daniel!*

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**Ina Abdrabu** - April 19, 2017 at 12:17 PM

KW

“ *Kathy Wilder lit a candle in memory of Daniel William Stafford- Swaby*



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**Kathy Wilder** - April 19, 2017 at 10:39 AM

AW

“ *He was my bestfriend, and my next door neighbor, ever since we were little we would always play outside together, my little sister and his little brother were just as close as we were. He was always so happy and energetic. There was never a time where I would think he was rude, or nasty. He was a genuine sweetheart. His family was a blessing. He would always love to be outside, or playing with the kid nextdoor, or going to the yard sales , or just riding bikes around the cul-de-sac. It breaks my heart to hear about this. I just moved and now I wish I could have stayed. -abby*

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**abby wade** - April 19, 2017 at 09:22 AM

DS

*Abby , Daniel thought the world of you too.*

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**Diana Lynn Shuler-Swaby** - April 22, 2017 at 05:26 AM