



Daniel Leonard See

October 20, 1960 - July 29, 2025

Daniel “Danny” Leonard See, age 64, passed away peacefully on July 29, 2025, surrounded by his family, after a long 3-year battle with brain cancer.

Danny was born on October 20, 1960 in Lancaster, California to Dean and Pauline See. The family moved to Fresno, California soon after where he would grow up and graduate from McLane High School. Danny was the older brother to two younger siblings, Charlie and Denine. He is survived by Julie, the love of his life for 20 years and devoted wife of 14 years, daughter Ileana See, stepsons Aldo and Marc Salinas, brother Charlie See and his wife Erin, sister Denine Rudolfs and her husband Mark, nieces Katie See and Sally Rudolfs, in-laws Ado and Phyllis Quercia, and aunts, uncles and cousins. Danny is preceded in death by his mom Pauline, dad Dean, and Uncle Jack See.

After high school, Danny attended Fresno City College and soon opened his transmission shop, See’s Transmissions, which he ran for 25 years. He then went to work for the City of Fresno in January of 2007, eventually achieving the position of Heavy Equipment Mechanic Lead Worker in the Fleet Division. He vigorously studied and passed required tests, which earned him the title of ASE Certified Dual Master Mechanic, which he was extremely proud of.

Danny had a life-long love of cars and drag racing. He practically grew up at

the racetrack, spending weekends at Fresno Dragway, a playpen set up in the back of his mom's station wagon, watching his dad race his '32 Ford. This led to street racing his '55 Chevy during his high school years, and for the last 20 years, racing a nostalgia altered race car with his dad and brother, which they built together from the ground up.

Danny was hardworking and sincere with a big heart. He was someone who made everyone feel welcome and cared for, someone who truly never met a stranger. He was a fierce protector of his loved ones and their biggest supporter, and he never missed an event. Danny was a storyteller, fun to be around, and he could talk for hours. He was competitive, but also the first one to celebrate your win, even if it meant he had lost.

To his kids, he was a role model. He showed them what it meant to be kind, strong and loving. And his soft spot for animals revealed the gentle side behind his strength.

Danny loved spending time on the patio with Julie, enjoying a glass of wine and a good cigar while listening to music. They loved going wine tasting together, beach trips to Cayucos with the kids, and their favorite getaway—Catalina Island—where they celebrated their anniversary each year at the jazz festival.

Danny was deeply devoted to his Christian faith and lived with a heart for service, always putting others before himself. Even as he faced a long and difficult battle with brain cancer, he did so with remarkable courage and unwavering hope. His strength came not only from within, but from his steadfast belief in God's grace and goodness. Danny never lost his faith, and through every trial, he remained a bright light in our lives—full of love, resilience, and kindness. He is forever in our hearts, forever our example, and forever loved.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **21**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (PT)

Chapel of the Light
1620 W. Belmont Avenue
Fresno, CA 93728
michael@chapelofthelight.com
<http://www.chapelofthelight.com>

Celebration of Life

AUG **22**. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (PT)

Chapel of the Light
1620 W. Belmont Avenue
Fresno, CA 93728
michael@chapelofthelight.com
<http://www.chapelofthelight.com>

Reception

AUG **22**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (PT)

Chapel of the Light Banquet Room
1620 W. Belmont Ave
Fresno , CA

Tribute Wall

RF

“ I went to school with Charlie, but knew all 3 kids & I believe their dad worked with my father. It's probably been 35 years since I talked to any of them. MY CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY

Robert Falls - September 01, 2025 at 09:20 PM

TL

“ Danny was a good man! I grew up around the Sees, “ what an awesome family” Danny was always helpful to answer any questions I had about cars and hot rods and actually Dean and Charlie were also right there, Denine was also fun to be around growing up on San Gabriel as kids, The brothers were always so talented I can remember Danny riding a wheelie all the way down the street to the store so relaxed like it was nothing, and as I write this I just can't believe it because he was way to young. My heart goes out to this family especially to Charlie and Denine love you guys and im very sorry. Sincerely Tim Larson ❤️🙏

Tim Larson - August 23, 2025 at 05:08 PM

JH

“ Daniel was one of the best competitors in drag racing I couldn't count how many times him and Charlie put me on the trailer early in competition ill Will miss him with a very heavy heart I hope that God has a drag strip for him in heaven I hope to see him again someday my friend

Jay huckleberry - August 22, 2025 at 11:22 AM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Daniel Leonard See.*



August 22, 2025 at 02:54 AM



“ *Mike & Anita See Gray & Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Daniel Leonard See.*



Mike & Anita See Gray & Family - August 20, 2025 at 12:44 PM



“ *Your son Marc planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Daniel Leonard See.*

Your son Marc - August 20, 2025 at 03:32 AM



“ *Your son Marc purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Daniel Leonard See.*



Your son Marc - August 20, 2025 at 03:32 AM

ML

“ I met Danny back in the late 70s in our street racing days. His black 55 was wickedly fast! One of the fastest on the streets at that time. Street racing was a different scene back then. We would hang out at Eddies Speed Shop late Friday and Saturday nights. Much like the hot rod gatherings we have today at either churches, or coffee shops. The main difference was that on occasion, we would choose people to race, and we would quietly and sedately drive out to places like industrial areas where everything was closed and no one around. Then, a few pairs of cars would make their runs, and we would leave.

Illegal? Yes. Foolish? Absolutely! But we were not endangering anyone but ourselves, unless today's brand of illegal street racing fueled by cell phones and social media, drawing hundreds of people.

We were young, and we bonded through a common obsession. Our friendship lasted a lifetime. As we matured, we, and others like Danny and I, went "legit" and took our racing to the track. Though our life's path diverged a little, we still remained friends.

Danny was there when my first wife (who was also deeply into the street racing scene back then) passed away from that evil that is cancer.

I will keep Danny's spirit within me with extreme fondness for the rest of my days.

I will see you again soon my friend.

Mike Lawless - August 17, 2025 at 10:56 AM

SS

“ Danny's race is run. A winner in life. A winner in Heaven. Loved by all who knew him. Sally Schneider, Mike Schneider, Renee Schneider Snow and Lynn Schneider Gaytan will hold Danny in our hearts and minds forever.

Sally Schneider - August 15, 2025 at 05:37 PM

GC

“ Gary and Katrina Chung purchased the Serene R
etreat for the family of Daniel Leonard See.



Gary and Katrina Chung - August 15, 2025 at 03:53 PM