

In 1949 an addict named Danny Carlsen started a self-help group in New York City. He called it Narcotics Anonymous.

In the next six years Danny started other meetings. There were articles about his movement in the *New York Times*, *Newsweek*, & the *Saturday Evening Post*.

In 1956 Daniel Carlsen died an early death but his vision did not die with him.

DANIEL L. CARLSEN DIES

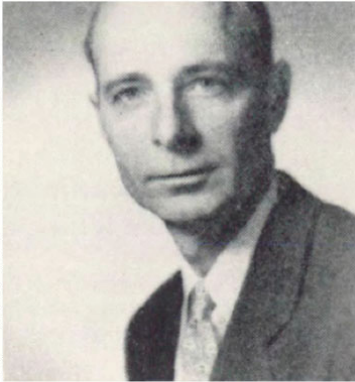
Former Drug Addict Founded Narcotics Anonymous in '50

Daniel L. Carlsen, founder of Narcotics Anonymous, died Sunday at Montefiore Hospital, the Bronx, after a long illness. He was 50 years old.

Mr. Carlsen founded Narcotics Anonymous in 1950 after having spent nine years in hospitals and prisons for narcotic addiction. He had been a patient at the United States Public Health Service Hospital in Lexington, Ky., eight times since he became an addict at the age of 16.

The group was formed to help newly treated sufferers to continue their abstinence by introducing them to a dedicated way of life in which they passed on the benefits of their experience to other sufferers.

Mr. Carlsen was also executive director of the National Advisory Council on Narcotics, an educational group.



Daniel L. Carlsen

July 7, 1907-August 19, 1956

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Danny Carlson is not forgotten!

Please attend a celebration of the life of Daniel L. Carlsen and the dedication of his gravestone on the anniversary of his death.

August 19, 2012 at 3:00 pm

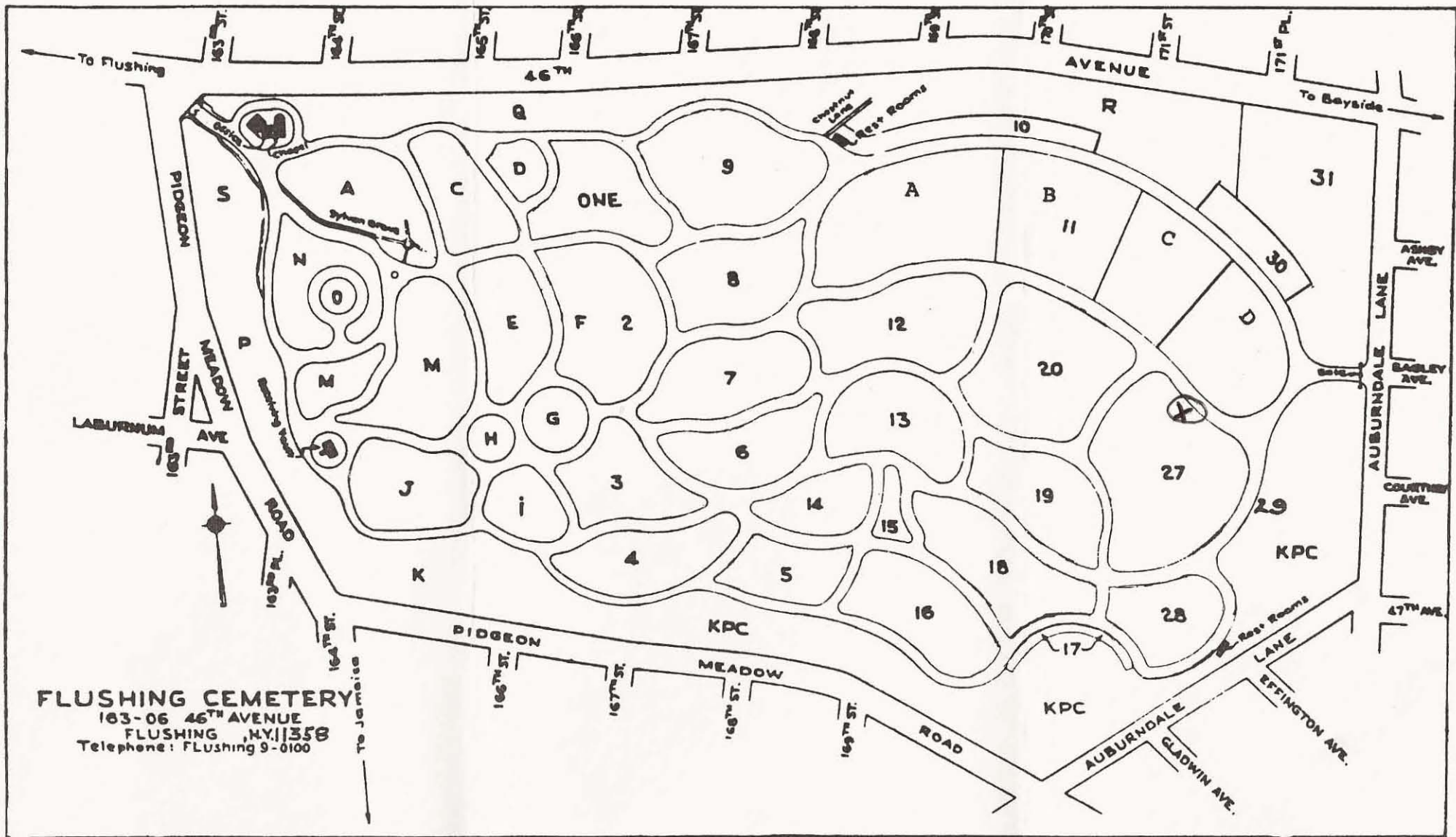
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Meet at the Office at 2:30 pm to join procession to gravesite
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Opening Prayer

Fr. John Farrell

God of our understanding, we ask your blessings on this gathering of friends and admirers of Daniel Carlsen. Bless our spirit and purpose today. Give us strength to follow the program that Danny fostered as pioneer and prophet. May we live as he lived – with vision, with courage, with nobility, and with humility. May Danny’s memory live on in our hearts. Although we never knew him, we benefit from his hope that there would be a day when all addicts could recover from addiction. Forgive us for yesterday and grant us courage for today and hope for tomorrow. *Amen.*

Psalm 23: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want;
he makes me to lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters,
he restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil,
my cup runs over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life;
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Amazing grace

Liz G.

Danny Carlsen: A Remembrance

Catherine .

The Dedication of the Grave

Fr. Farrell

Danny Carlsen: A Reflection

Daniel M.

The Serenity Prayer

Look to this day,
For it is life,
The very life of life.
In its brief course lie all
The realities and verities of existence,
The bliss of growth, the splendor of action,
The glory of power --
For yesterday is but a dream,
And tomorrow is only a vision,
But today, well lived,
Makes every yesterday a dream of happiness
And every tomorrow a vision of hope.
Look well, therefore, to this day.

The Third Step Prayer: God, take my will and my life. Guide me in my recovery. Show me how to live.

The Battle Hymn of the Republic

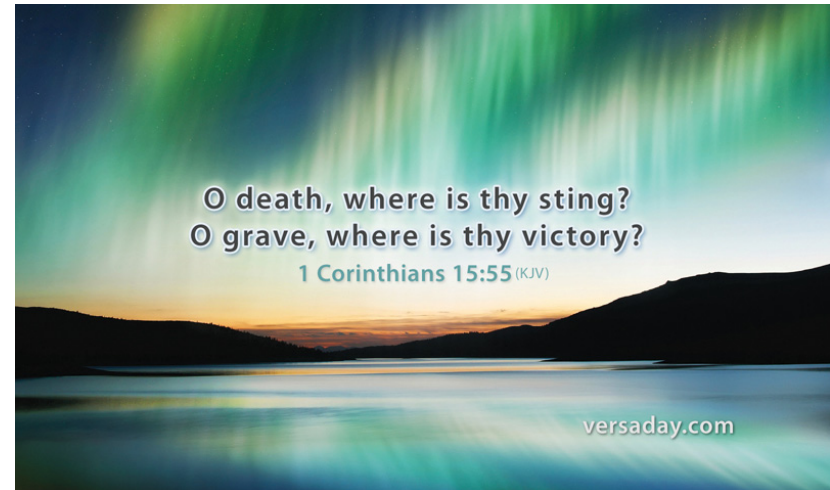
Liz G.

John Farrell is a retired priest in the Episcopal Church.

Catherine R. is a writer who has extensively researched the life and times of Daniel Carlsen.

Elizabeth G. is a mezzo-soprano with the Metroplotan Opera.

Daniel M. made this day and service possible. Thank you.



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JAMES W.
1824-1912
MARRIED MARY W. DAWSON
MAY 1845
JOHN W.
1845-1912

HARTER
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