



Daniel Hanscom

July 5, 2004

Judge Daniel Herbert Hanscom age 87 years.

In loving memory of Daniel, father of five, Grandfather of 13 and widower of Margaret Elizabeth Hanscom whom he married in 1943 and sadly lost in 2000. Betty and Dan were married for 57 years and he never recovered from her loss. He cared for her lovingly throughout her long struggle with Parkinson's disease and his devotion to her health and welfare never faltered. Daniel will be remembered as a devoted family man, respected lawyer and Administrative law Judge, Commander in the US Navy and for his energetic, optimistic and determined attitude.

Daniel was born on April 16, 1917 in Chicago Illinois. As a young boy he spent time on a farm in Michigan and then the family moved to Kalamazoo. Eventually his mother took the family to New York City where he spent much of his youth. He attended St. Regis Academy in Manhattan and then attended City College and finally won a scholarship to Northwestern University where he graduated both college and law school. Dan then joined the Navy as an officer and became a pilot. He loved flying and carried a passion for airplanes and flying for the rest of his life. He met and married Margaret Elizabeth Smith from Baldwin, Kansas and soon after began a tour of duty on the Independence aircraft carrier in the Pacific during WWII. In 1944, Barbara, the first of his five children was born. Dan continued on in the Navy after the war finished and Betty continued on having babies. By 1958 Debby, Michael, Connie and Stephanie were all born and the family was complete. By this time Dan had his legal career established. He retired from the military and began to work at the Federal Trade Commission. Dan was a highly successful anti-trust lawyer and he loved his work. Throughout the 1960s the family lived in Bethesda, Maryland. As the children grew up and went off to college Dan and Betty bought their 'dream-home' in Potomac Maryland where they lived for the next 30 years. At 60 years old Dan retired as the Chief Administrative Law Judge for the Federal Trade Commission, a position of which he was extremely proud. He had a spectacular legal career, was an excellent lawyer and was well respected amongst his colleagues. Although he had retired, Dan went on to do contract work with various Government agencies well into his 70s.

During his retirement he and Betty traveled extensively and were devoted grandparents. In her late fifties Betty, developed Parkinson's disease. Dan will be remembered by all for his tireless care and concern for Betty's health and welfare. He adored her and managed her health for 20 years. When she passed away he never recovered and his rapid decline in health can in part be attributed to the tremendous grief he has felt over the last few years.

Daniel H Hanscom was an incredible man, one with tremendous energy, drive and enthusiasm. He was a man of great integrity, honesty and loyalty. He will be sadly missed by all.

Mr. Hanscom is survived by his children Barbara, Debra, Michael, Constance and Stephanie Hanscom along with 13 grandchildren.

Military services with honors will be held January 10, 2005 at Arlington National Cemetery at 11:00 A.M. Interment will be held in the columbarium at Arlington National.

Arrangements by Fellows, Helfenbein and Newnam Funeral Home, P. A., 130 Speer Road, Chestertown, MD.