



Richard Anthony Baenen

July 23, 2005

Richard Anthony Baenen of St. Michaels, Maryland, longtime Washington, D.C., attorney, lobbyist, and advocate for Native American peoples, died on Saturday, July 23, 2005, at Memorial Hospital at Easton, at the age of 71, after a long illness.

Born in Jamestown, North Dakota, on June 8, 1934, he was the son of the late Arthur and Kathryn Schoeffer Baenen. A 1956 graduate of St. John's University in Collegeville, Minnesota, he received his law degree from the University of Michigan in 1959 and then served three years in the Judge Advocate General's Corps of the U.S. Army. He began his long career in private practice in Washington in 1962. He represented numerous Indian tribes and Eskimo groups but was best known for his work on behalf of the confederated Salish and Kootenai tribes of the Flathead reservation in Montana and the Inupiaq peoples of Alaska's northwest coast; his work for his Native American clients included federal litigation at all levels including the Supreme Court, administrative proceedings regarding natural resource use, Congressional relations, and business law. He played an important role in the development and implementation of the landmark Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1972 and recently completed a history, scheduled for publication later this summer, of the NANA Regional Corporation based in Kotzebue, his client for thirty years. During the 1990s, he had also served as Washington representative for governments in Africa. He moved to St.

Michaels in the year 2000.

He is survived by daughter Alison, of Washington, and son Michael, of Eliot, Maine; his sister, Jane Schneider, of Napoleon, North Dakota; brothers, Jerrold, of Jamestown, North Dakota, and Thomas, of Whidbey Island, Washington; and eleven nieces and nephews.

Services will be private.

Contributions in his memory may be made to the American Liver Foundation, 75 Maiden Lane, Suite 603, New York, NY 10038 or Talbot Hospice Foundation, 586 Cynwood Drive, Easton, Maryland 21601.

Arrangements are by Fellows, Helfenbein and Newnam Funeral Home, P. A., Easton, MD.

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