



Daniel "Dan" Thomas

April 13, 1934 - June 28, 2016

Obituary for Daniel "Dan" Thomas

Daniel "Dan" Thomas, 82, of Pawleys Island, South Carolina, passed away Monday June 28, 2016 at his home.

Daniel was born April 13, 1934 in Forty Fort, Pennsylvania to Edna and Daniel Thomas. Daniel graduated from Forty Fort High School in 1952. He went on to receive a BS degree in Education from Bloomsburg University, from which he was commissioned as an officer in the US Marine Corps. He retired from the USMC with the rank of Captain. He also did graduate work in mathematics at Villanova University, and completed a degree in Business Administration from the University of Pennsylvania Wharton Management Program.

Daniel had a long and successful career including the Burroughs Corporation Military Field Service Division, maintaining electronic equipment for the Strategic Air Ground Environment System and the Atlas Missile Guidance System. He began developing business systems upon completion of the Wharton Management Program, and worked for the University of Pennsylvania Hospital. Daniel had a professional article published in the Journal of Data Management in 1968.

In 1972, Dan moved to Harrisburg, PA to become facilities manager and replace the data service system used by PA Blue Shield. Daniel retired from PA Blue Shield as Senior Vice President of operations. During that time Daniel served as President of the West Shore School District Board of Directors.

Dan was an avid tennis player from the time he was young.

In 1998 Daniel and his wife Barbara moved to Pawleys Island to enjoy their retirement. Daniel faithfully served as a ruling elder in the PCA and was made an elder emeritus for the Surfside Presbyterian Church. He also spent some time working with Habitat for Humanity.

Daniel is survived by his wife, Barbara J. Thomas, his three children, Beverly Thomas, Daniel Thomas, and Janet Gulley, and six grandchildren, Elizabeth Thomas, Kayla Gulley, Noah Gulley, Daniel Thomas, McKenna Gulley, and Ayden Jane Gulley.

Memorial Services will be held at 1:30 PM Friday, July 1, 2016 at Surfside Presbyterian Church. Burial will be private.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association: 1105 48th Ave. N. Suite 109 Myrtle Beach, SC 29577.

Sign an online guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com/obituaries
Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of Daniel "Dan" Thomas please visit our Sympathy Store.

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Charitable donations may be made in Daniel "Dan"'s memory to the following organization:

Alzheimer's Association

<http://www.alzmass.org>

311 Arsenal St., Watertown, MA 02472Tel: 617 868 6718

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“ *Daniel "Dan" Thomas*

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