



Daniel "Dan" Thomas

April 13, 1934 - June 28, 2016

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.

Tribute Wall



“ Goldfinch Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Daniel "Dan" Thomas



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“ so thankful to know dan he was such a sweet man.i took care of dan at the lakes and I feel blessed to know him and his wife barb.always smiling when I walked in his room. I know ill see him again one day.special prayers go out to this precious family.love Margaret taylor.



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Semper Fi
Wayne Williams
United States Marine Corps



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