

## **Barranco & Sons, P.A. Severna Park Funeral Home**

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### **Norman Ansley**

(April 16, 1929 - October 23, 2011)

Norman Ansley, 82, died on October 23 in Arnold, MD after a long and courageous battle with Parkinson's Disease. He was born in Palo Alto, CA, the son of Homer Ansley, an artist of note in San Francisco during the early 20th century, and May Findley Ansley, who worked at the Hoover Institute at Stanford University during World War II.

Mr. Ansley graduated from San Jose State University with an A.B. Degree With Distinction and belonged to Tau Delta Phi, an honorary scholastic fraternity. He was also a graduate of the Keeler Polygraph Institute in Chicago. He did graduate work at Stanford University, The University of Maryland, and George Washington University. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1951, achieving the rank of Major, and retired from the Army Reserve in 1973.

After forty years of dedicated and distinguished service, he retired from the National Security Agency which he always held in great respect.

Mr. Ansley became a world-renown authority in research and use of the polygraph. He edited, authored and co-authored over 1,000 papers and 12 books related to psychophysiology and many works involving polygraph technique. He wrote Legal Admissibility of the Polygraph a subject which he advocated. His knowledge of polygraphy made him a most sought after expert, consulting with both the Senate and House of Representatives, the Office of Naval Research, the Committee on Armed Services, and several Presidential Intelligence Advisory Boards.

At intervals he lectured and taught courses at the University of Maryland Baltimore Campus, the Maryland Institute of Criminal Justice, and the Anne Arundel Community College where he established a program of courses in criminal justice.

He was a life-long member of the Maryland Polygraph Association and American Polygraph Association with many awards for his work as editor of the Polygraph Journal of the APA over the course of 30 years.

As an avid bibliophile and history buff, he donated over 10,000 books to the library at the Anne Arundel Community College. During summers in Vermont at his vacation home he studied the state's involvement in the War of 1812 writing The Brief Battle

at Fort Cassin, Vermont and Vergennes, Vermont and the War of 1812 which the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum is using as a guide for an archaeological dig at the site of the old shipyard in preparation for a bicentennial celebration of the war. He also enjoyed a good game of tennis, exciting sails on Lake Champlain and continued to be an enthusiastic philatelist throughout his life. He was a past president of the Rotary Club of Severna Park and a Paul Harris Fellow.

Survivors include his beloved wife of 54 years, Nancy Pearson Ansley; two children: Jennifer Ansley Stadnik (Thomas) Brooklyn, NY, Theodore Ansley (Debi S.) Bangkok, Thailand; six grandchildren: Magda, John and Anastasia Stadnik; Katherine, Theodore and Benjamin Ansley; a brother, Gordon Ansley (Bev) of Los Altos, CA; a niece, Paula Ansley Beatty, a nephew, Ronald Ansley, and several grand nieces and nephews.

The family wishes to express its sincere gratitude to Louisa at Riva Terrace and the Seasons Hospice Care givers for the kind and exceptional care they gave Mr. Ansley.

Family and friends may gather for greetings at the Barranco & Sons, P.A. Severna Park Funeral Home on Friday, October 28th , 495 Ritchie Highway, Severna Park, from 4 to 7 pm. A memorial service will take place at St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, 1601 Pleasant Plains Road, Annapolis, MD, on Saturday, October 29th, at 1 pm.

In lieu of flowers memorial gifts may be made to the American Parkinson's Disease Assoc., Inc., 135 Parkinson Ave., Staten Island, NY 10305, The Washington National Cathedral, 3101 Wisconsin Ave., NW, Washington, DC, 20016 or charity of choice.

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