

OBITUARY

Daniel M. DiCarlo Jr.

Daniel M. DiCarlo Jr. was a lucky curmudgeon of a guy. Dan was born to Rose Ciotto and Daniel M. DiCarlo Sr. on September 14, 1938 in New Castle, Pa. He leaves behind a fabulous legacy of practical jokes, lavish parties, a strong influence on local and national politics, and successful business adventures.

Daniel DiCarlo was an outgoing, straight-shooting type. Enthusiastic and excitable, he was a "doer" who lived in a world of action. Dan had an uncanny ability to perceive people's attitudes and motivations. He picked up on little cues, which go completely unnoticed by most others, such as facial expressions and stance. He was typically a couple of steps ahead of the person he was interacting with. He used this ability to get what he wanted out of a situation. These skills made him an aggravating opponent in golf, tennis, gambling, or even the silly mind teasers he loved to pull out at the bar.

Dan DiCarlo had a strong flair for drama and style. He was a fast-moving, fast-talking person who had an appreciation for the finer things in life. He was, of course, a gambler and a self-reported good gambler at that. He was very good at story telling and improvising and would typically make things up as he went along, rather than follow a plan. He loved to have fun and was a fun person to be around.

His life was lived with great dedication to success. After he graduated from New Castle High School, he attended Carnegie Mellon Technical Institute for one year until he was appointed to attend the United States Military Academy at West Point (1957-1961). After graduation and marrying his high school sweetheart, Janet Lewis, he began a military career, traveling to Monterey, California to attend the Defense Language Institute, followed by service in Texas, Missouri, and Germany. His military experience included service in Military Intelligence, working on classified assignments, he was a communications specialist and Airborne qualified. When he left his military career, he attained the status of Captain and was in his adult life nicknamed "Captain" by those who loved him the most.

In 1967, he and his West Point compatriot, Gil Hallenbeck, opened their first business in Hackettstown, NJ, a town they discovered because Gilman's wife Mary had attended Centenary College. Area Lighting Research Inc. grew to be one of the largest employers in Hackettstown, providing health insurance benefits and income to more than 200 local families. ALR manufactured and distributed photoelectric controls and electrical energy saving devices domestic and worldwide. Dan and Gil were most proud of their accomplishments winning bids to provide the coach lamps in Central Park in Manhattan, the square "globes" of Grant Park in Chicago, coach lamps on the streets of New Orleans, lights on the Free-

dom trail and in Faneul Hall in Boston, Lafayette Promenade in Washington, DC, and countless bridges and tunnels throughout the country. As late as two weeks ago, he proudly pointed out photo controls that came from ALR on bus stops in Manhattan.

Additionally, Dan DiCarlo's resume included an active stint with local and national politics, serving as campaign director for Congressman James Courter where in 1978 they successfully defeated a popular, female incumbent and won six straight terms in office. He served as the executive director for the Reagan/Bush Presidential Campaign in New Jersey, managing all facets of the 1984 re-election campaign. As a result of this success, he was appointed by President Reagan to serve on the Christopher Columbus Commission in 1992 to plan and execute the celebration surrounding the 500th anniversary. Throughout his life he served on boards of directors for Skylands Community Bank, West Point Association of Graduates, Hackettstown Planning Board of Adjustments, and the Panther Valley Golf and Country Club. For relaxation, Dan loved to watch the sunrise from his maple-tree shaded patio in Hackettstown or the deck of his residence on the bay in Sanibel Island, FL.

Dan-DiCarlo was well cared for at the Hackettstown Community Hospital, where he gave into his battle with lung cancer on the afternoon of Monday, June 5, 2006.

Survivors: He leaves a wonderful wife, Janet, whom he met in tenth grade and married in 1961; two children, Dana DiCarlo and her husband Scott Plank of Baltimore, and Daniel M. DiCarlo III and his wife Meredith who live on Lake Hopatcong, NJ. He had four grandchildren, Eve, Jesse, Campbell, and Aidan. He is also survived by his younger sister and her husband, Thomasine and Michael Ciampoli, and their children, Michael and Celeste. Tomi and Mike live in Beaver, Pa, with their daughter Celeste and her husband Bill Grosinski; his nephew, Michael Ciampoli Jr. lives in Hackettstown, NJ, with his wife Stephanie and their daughter Regina. He also leaves behind a cadre of fiercely loyal friends who loved him deeply.

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