



## Harlan Denis Hanson

July 9, 2021

Harlan Denis Hanson of Pennsville, N.J. passed away peacefully at his home on July 9, 2021 at the age of 86 years. Beloved husband of 61 years, to Shirley Anne Hanson (Deuser). Denis was the loving father of Harlan Denis Hanson Jr., Nathan Erick Hanson (Kara), and Ryan Albert Hanson (Natasja).

Denis is survived by two sisters, Carla DuBois (Allan) and Bonita Smith as well as his grandchildren (Harlan Denis Hanson III, Bryant Christopher Hanson, Kathryn Jeanette Chase, Joseph Paul Hanson, Christine Flynn Hanson, Lauren Nichole Hanson and Sasha Anne Hanson) and great grandchildren (Savannah R. Hanson, Bradford Chase, Gabriel Chase, Jackson Chase, Christian Chase, and two more little ones on their way).

Denis retired from United States Coast Guard after serving 28 years in active duty and as a longtime educator and administrator at the United States Coast Guard Academy. He then went on to build and start up the Nuclear Training Center in Salem, NJ, serving as its inaugural manager before his retirement.

Denis played Basketball at the United States Coast Guard Academy and enjoyed the outdoors, reading, playing cards, but most of all he was an advocate for lifelong learning. He received a Bachelor of Science degree from the United States Coast Guard Academy and Masters degrees from the Naval Post Graduate School and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Denis commenced his doctoral studies at Yale but was interrupted by active duty obligations which included multiple summer tours of commanding the Coast Guard tall ship, the "Eagle", and enjoyed taking classes at the University of Delaware in his retirement.

At the request of the family all services will be held privately. Interment in Salem County Veterans Cemetery.

# Comments

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“ Shirley is following this tribute.

**Shirley** - July 21 at 08:34 PM

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“ Swede was a classmate, teammate, and a fellow member of “Foye’s Boys” on the Academy’s PCTS. But most of all, he was a steadfast friend over the years. He will be missed by the Class of 1957. Our deepest sympathy to the Hanson family. Your grief and loss are shared by us. De Combs

**De** - July 18 at 10:54 AM

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“ Patriotic Carnation Arrangement (Silk Cemetery Flowers) was purchased for the family of Harlan Denis Hanson.



July 18 at 10:43 AM

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“ Denis was one of the finest and brightest cadet from the USCGA class of 1957. As of the last few years, I would look forward to receiving his daily emails which always had a warm sense of humor. He will be dearly missed. We extend our deepest sympathies to Shirley and his family. May his memory be eternal

**Rit & Eve Manthous** - July 18 at 09:33 AM

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“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Harlan Denis Hanson.



July 16 at 01:04 AM

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“ Denis was my manager when I worked at the Nuclear Training Center. He was greatly respected by all who worked there. He took his job very seriously and he and his great staff at the time was responsible for all the accolades the training center received by INPO and NRC. Since our training center was the first of its kind we were evaluated and under constant scrutiny. I was even visited as a clerk who ran the Xerox Room/Stationary Storeroom by a group of people who were taking notes on our facility. They were involved in another facility going to be built so they were getting ideas. Denis introduced me and my job as being the heartbeat of the training center. He made me feel special that day. I will never forget that. RIP, Denis.

**Linda Barber** - July 15 at 09:41 AM



“ He was a classmate, teammate, “one of Foye’s boys” on the Academy’s PCTS, but most of all, he was a steadfast friend over the years. He will be missed by the Class of 1957. Our sincerest sympathy to the Hanson family. De Combs

**T.D.Combs** - July 18 at 10:35 AM



“ I met Denis in 1952 as a fellow Freshman at Luther College. We connected once at the Academy in "55" Years later we discovered each other on e-mailing where we have maintained contact right up to last month. Distant friends (we did visit one time and he drove us around Philadelphia) he was a warm man who shared opinions and questions. He is missed!

**Bill Hanson** - July 19 at 12:15 PM

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“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Harlan Denis Hanson.



July 13 at 09:17 PM