

John Hanson Ridall (1926 - 2015) '50

Obituary



JOHN HANSON RIDALL

NOVEMBER 1, 2015

Ridall, John Hanson "Hank" a wonderful husband, loving father, grandfather and great grandfather passed away on November 1st, 2015. He was born in Pittsburgh, PA.

January 15th, 1926 to the late Edmund Wainwright Ridall and Anice Daniel Ridall. Growing up in Pittsburgh, he graduated from Shady Side Academy in 1944. While there, he excelled in

several sports holding a school basketball scoring record and receiving the Henry Harris award for outstanding ability, leadership and sportsmanship.

Hank served his country during the next 2 1/2 years in Europe, as a gunnery sergeant in the Army Air Corps. Returning from WW II, he entered Williams College in Williamstown, MA. Upon graduation, he entered the life insurance industry. As an early practitioner of estate planning and wealth conservation, he led a distinguished career.

February 16th, 1952, in Stamford, Conn., Hank married Coralie F. Jessup, better known as "Coe". Together they provided the strength and love that is the basis of their rich family traditions and values. He and Coe raised their family in Dayton, Ohio and for the last 34 years, until Coe's passing, called Sanibel Island, FL. their home.

His passions throughout his life never changed. His family, his love for his summer home in Canada and fishing. To those who knew him, he was a man of true character, a gentleman's gentleman.

Hank is survived by his three children and their spouses, seven grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. A family memorial service was held in the chapel at Northside United Methodist Church in Atlanta, GA. on Thursday, November 5th. Donations can be made to Covenant House, Georgia, 1559 Johnson Road NW, Atlanta, GA 30318.

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