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Remembering our brothers who have passed from this life.

Benjamin H. Hansel II ‘53

January 1, 1936 – May 20, 2018

May 20, 2018 Ben Hansel II, of Salem, passed away suddenly on Sunday May 20, 2018. His parents, Elzie Gouchenour and J. Seybert Hansel; a sister Virginia Bailey; and brother Dr. Jack Hansel preceded him.

Ben was born and raised in rural Highland County, Virginia. Ben attended the Augusta Military Academy; upon graduation, he then attended University of Virginia where he received a Bachelor's Degree. In 1957, he was called to serve proudly in the United States Army as First Lieutenant in the Artillery Division. After serving, he went to Law School and graduated from Washington and Lee University School of Law with a Juris Doctor Degree. He was admitted to practice before the Virginia Supreme Court and the U. S. District Court for Western District of Virginia. He was a 2nd generation Attorney following in his father's footsteps. Ben was also was a member of the Virginia State bar from 1962 to 2010. He retired after 45 years of service in the legal department with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Senior Regional Counsel in Virginia.

Ben was a High Degree Mason and Lifetime member of Highland Lodge No. 110 in Monterey, Virginia and a member of the Shriners in Roanoke. When he was not working, he enjoyed woodworking making projects for his family, as well he even built his own cabin in Highland County. A man who enjoyed the outdoors with his family.

Left to cherish his memory are his devoted wife of 23 years Doris Turvey Hansel; sons, Ben H. Hansel III and wife Rosemary of N.C. Jonathan N. Hansel and wife Beth of N.C.; stepchildren, Frances Lee Shively of Florida, Stephanie

J. Willoughby and husband Waid of Catawba; grandchildren, Rachael Hansel and T.J. Hansel; stepgranddaughter, Rachel S. Willoughby. Along with nieces, Janis Bailey and Sybil Hutchins; and a host of other relatives and friends.

A memorial service will be held 3 p.m. Thursday May 24, 2018 at Simpson Funeral Home with Pastor Tom McCracken officiating. Inurnment will be private. Family will receive friends at the funeral home before the service from 1 p.m. until service time.

At AMA, Ben was Second Year, Master Sgt. in “H-Q” Co., Varsity Basketball, Roller Rifles, Honor Roll.

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