



Donato Evangelista

September 10, 1932 - June 23, 2020

Donato Angelo Evangelista, 87, died June 23rd at his home in Wellington, Florida. Dan was born in Port Chester, New York in 1932, and spent his young life in Mamaroneck, NY.

In 1954, he graduated with a BS from the University of Rochester and went on to receive a JD from Cornell University in 1957. Dan spent his career in corporate law starting with Taft, Stettinius and Hollister, in Cincinnati, Ohio, then moving on to Dewey, Ballantine, Bushby, Palmer, and Wood in New York City. From there he joined IBM in 1961. After a long and successful career at IBM he retired as General Council in 1996.

Dan survived by his wife Mary whom he married in 1953; his children, Julia Mazurak, Lynn Evangelista, and Scott Evangelista; his younger brother Angelo; and his grandchildren Emily and Elise Mazurak, and Bill, Tom and Dan Evangelista.

Dan had a great love of the water starting with sail boats on the Atlantic Ocean. After retirement he spent summers in the Pacific Northwest navigating around and living on a boat he had built and named after his father-in-law, Edwin S. Dawson.

He will be remembered for the many people he helped through education or just with their everyday existence. He established scholarships at Cornell Law for students needing a helping hand and created the rare books library for the University in the name of his father-in-law. The administration offices in the law school were donated by him in the name of his parents. He literally spent a life time helping others.

As Dan was not fond of funerals, there will be no memorial or funeral service. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to the Cornell Law School. This can be done online at giving.cornell.edu or by sending a check to: Cornell University, Box 37334, Boone, IA 50037-0334.

Comments



“ Dan was a wonderful mentor, thoughtful and always ready with his sage advise. It was a pleasure to work with him!

David Cartenuto - September 18, 2020 at 11:33 AM



“ When I joined IBM in 1962, there were only about 45 lawyers in total and of course far fewer at CHQ. So while I never worked for Dan, I got to know him. He was a terrific guy. Always friendly, down to earth, and with lots of common sense. Joel Einhorn

Joel Einhorn - September 17, 2020 at 07:17 PM



“ I, and everyone in the IBM Law Department, greatly respected and admired Dan. His intellect was only exceeded by his kindness. It was an honor and a joy to work for Dan. I have very fond memories of my many meetings and conversations with him. We travelled together in Asia and Europe when he visited me there, during my IBM foreign assignments...and I treasure these memories. May God welcome him with open arms. - Nick DeRoma

Nick DeRoma - September 17, 2020 at 05:20 PM



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William Scott Evangelista - September 17, 2020 at 05:14 PM



“ Well the car wasn't supposed to get there:). Dan and Mary at their 80th, Edwin S Dawson, his boat, in Lake Union Seattle and Me with Mom and Dad

William Scott Evangelista - September 17, 2020 at 05:15 PM



“ I worked with Dan at IBM. He was a very bright, able and friendly person. It was a privilege to know him.
My sincerest sympathies to all of his family.

Larry Ungar

Larry Ungar - September 17, 2020 at 05:05 PM



“ Dan a person of many attributes. His kindness, his intellect and above all his caring for others. I was not aware of his passing until today. Yes a loving Giant. Dan many thanks for allowing me to have the privilege of working for you. Respectively Joe Rosetti

joe Rosetti - September 16, 2020 at 02:38 AM



“ MEMORY: Dan was a kind, gentle and generous man. He was a devoted brother to his youngest brother, Ben, who predeceased him in 2010. They NEVER missed their biweekly phone calls. Always wanted to know the "about's" of Ben's daughter and sons. Dan was very proud of his children and grandchildren. Our family will sorely miss him. He left us wonderful memories!

Barbara Evangelista - September 15, 2020 at 04:23 PM



“ We are saddened to learn about your family loss. Continue to rely on God and know that he hears your prayers, because he cares for you. Thinking of you all.

Evans family - August 17, 2020 at 04:51 AM