



## David H. Hall

July 20, 1928 - March 29, 2011

David Hulbert Hall, 82

Community leader and insurance executive

David H. Hall died March 29, 2011, in Neighborhood Hospice, West Chester, PA. Mr. Hall was most recently a resident of Bellingham Retirement Community in West Chester, PA. Born July 20, 1928, in Cambridge, Massachusetts, he was the son of the late David and Kathryn Hulbert Hall. His early years were spent in Wellesley, MA, where he attended school and enjoyed summer employment at Babson College, the Hunnewell Estate, and the Boston Rail yard.

Dave received his high school diploma from the University of Chicago, going on to earn his BA degree in geography from Harvard University, class of 1950. Following graduation from Harvard, Dave enlisted in the United States Air Force where he served until his honorable discharge. During his time in the Air Force, he completed a year of intensive Russian Language study at the Army Language School in Monterey, California, taught by a nephew of the last czar of Russia. He went on to earn his wings as a flight navigator in jet aircraft, eventually achieving the rank of 1st Lieutenant.

After his discharge from military service Dave worked for the John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company's Boston office where he met his future wife Janet Palmer Taylor. They were married in Roslindale, Massachusetts, in April 1957.

In 1961 Dave transferred to the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company where

he was hired as regional manager, opening a Mid-Atlantic Regional Group Sales office in Washington, DC. The office was relocated to Philadelphia in 1963. Dave ran operations out of the former Mutual Benefit Life Building at 1845 Walnut Street on Rittenhouse Square in Center City Philadelphia until 1985. He attained certification as a Chartered Life Underwriter (CLU) in 1967. After Dave's retirement from Mutual Benefit Life in 1985 he worked for the US Census Bureau, as well as various banks in the Main Line area.

From 1971 until 1979 Dave served as a Haverford Township (Delaware County) 5th Ward Commissioner where he served as Chairman of the Finance Committee and Vice Chairman of the Board of Commissioners. He also served as the Chairman of the Home Rule Charter Committee. One of his notable achievements was casting the deciding vote approving the establishment of the Haverford Township Skatium ice rink.

Committed to the community, Dave served as president of the Ardmore Manor Civic Association and was a member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Ardmore where he was active in the choir, taught Sunday school, and served as a member of the Vestry. Throughout the years Dave retained his affiliation with Harvard University, interviewing and encouraging prospective collegiate candidates. He gave generously to many worthy causes, including Harvard University, Haverford College, National Public Radio, Public Broadcasting Service, the Southern Poverty Law Center, and the United Way to name a few.

Dave was a voracious reader and collector. He donated a substantial number of books to the Haverford Township library, bequeathing the remainder of his library to his family. He was a devoted listener of classical music, attended performances by the Philadelphia Orchestra as a long-time season ticket holder and leaves a sizable collection of classical music recordings. Dave also collected stamps, coins, and maps.

Dave was an avid student of the political process. His interest was so great that even in his high school years at the University of Chicago, he could tell you how each county in the US voted in presidential election years. Dave

reveled in the fact that elections were held in his garage for many years in his home precinct in Ardmore.

Dave is survived by, his former wife Janet Taylor Hall of Newtown Square, PA, sons David Endicott Hall and his wife Heidi of Lewisburg, PA, Stephen Taylor Hall and his wife Lisa of Boulder, CO, and Jonathan Wycliffe Hall of Royersford, PA. Dave is also survived by, sister Nancy Hall Denio of St Petersburg, FL, and brother John Wheelock Hall of Post Mills, VT. He leaves five grandchildren: Tasha Hall and her husband Matt Lamparter, Lydia, and Agatha Hall, Tucker and Dylan van Luewen-Hall.

As Dave wished, he will be interred with his parents in Wellesley, MA, this July.

On Saturday, May 28, at 4:30pm, a memorial service honoring the life of David H. Hall will be held at St. Mary's Episcopal Church 36 Ardmore Ave., Ardmore, PA. We hope that you will be able to join our family at the service and afterward at the reception (held in the parish hall adjoining the church) for conversation and light refreshment.

Memorial contributions may be made in David Hulbert Hall's memory to one of the following:

- The Aloha Foundation (summer camp scholarship fund)
  - o 2968 Lake Morey Road, Fairlee, VT 05045
- Bucknell University or Susquehanna University Scholarship Funds, his granddaughters' Alma Maters.
  - o Bucknell University, Lewisburg, PA 17837
  - o Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove, PA 17870
- Neighborhood Hospice, West Chester, PA 19380

# Previous Events

## Service

MAY 28. 4:30 PM (ET)

St. Mary's Episcopal Church Ardmore  
36 Ardmore Avenue  
Ardmore, PA

# Tribute Wall



“ Dear Visitors:

*An obituary will be released this week. We haven't yet confirmed details on a local memorial service but will post the details here as soon as arrangements have been made. My mom is about to have a hip replacement and is in considerable pain. We'd like to schedule the service once the surgery has taken place and she can get around without too much pain.*

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