

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION OF JOHN A. F. HALL

John A. F. Hall, known as Jack to all of his friends, was born on July 5, 1929, the son of John A. F. Hall, Sr., a well known Dauphin County lawyer and former Mayor of the City of Harrisburg. Jack attended Washington & Lee University and was the co-editor with the famous author, Tom Wolfe, his classmate and lifelong friend of the Washington & Lee University. He attended Harvard Law School, graduating in 1954, in which year he married the love of his life, Diane Gray Hall, known to all as Danny, who preceded him in death. Jack served in the Army after the Korean War, stationed in La Rochelle, France from 1954 to 1956. For many years, he served as an Assistant District Attorney in Dauphin County, becoming the first assistant and later became an Assistant Attorney General under LeRoy S. Zimmerman and his successor, a position from which he retired.

Jack and Diane (known to all of her friends as Danny) had three daughters, Jenny, Becky and Mandy, and a number of grandchildren.

Unlike his father, Jack was not politically inclined, although he probably could have been elected District Attorney in Dauphin County if he were a politician. Rather, he chose to enjoy the art of living, spending time with his family, playing tennis, skiing, reading, and enjoying jazz music, as well as driving a convertible on a sunny day.

In addition to being a vigorous prosecutor (an activity that was somewhat contrary to his laid back nature), Jack was an excellent real estate lawyer, an expert title searcher in the days when you had to go through those heavy, old books. He knew how to live life and was a devoted father and husband. On our canoe trips to the wilderness of Ontario and Quebec with our daughters, Jack was the greatest camping cook I ever observed. The only problem was the carrying of beer upon which he insisted and the secret burying of trash which was a violation of

law. I threatened to report him to the Northwest Mounted Police. Jack had many friends and lived life on his own terms in an unselfish way. He was not interested in your politics, your affluence, or age. He was a friend to all.

Jack owned a boxer whom he named Satchmo after Louis Armstrong and there was some resemblance. When he would get behind on the tennis court, he would send out Satchmo to run on the court and distract his opponent. He was a very good skier, a little reckless, but nevertheless well respected. His daughters all became good skiers and his daughter, Becky, was on the Junior Olympics ski team. He was very modest and never bragged about his accomplishments except during his college years with the author Tom Wolfe where he took pride in bragging about the trouble they used to get into. He was a joy to be around, had a great sense of humor, and was kind to all. He was completely unselfish and a great friend to me.



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