



Daniel Goodman Horvitz

A devoted son, brother, husband, father, soldier, teacher and mentor, Dan died June 1 in Boca Raton, FL, at 87.

He was born in New Bedford, MA, graduated from the University of Massachusetts, where he met his beloved Shirley, and earned a Ph.D. in statistics at Iowa State University. He served in the U.S. Army on the Manhattan Project at Los Alamos, New Mexico, during WWII. Dan co-authored in 1952 the Horvitz-Thompson Estimator, a statistical tool that advanced survey research. He spent two years in Burma for the Ford Foundation and joined the Research Triangle Institute in 1962, rising to executive vice president in 1983. Dan taught at N.C. State and UNC-Chapel Hill. His work helped federal policymakers better understand issues of health care expenditures, drug abuse, and educational progress. Dan was a former vice president of the American Statistical Association and received the Distinguished Service Award of the National Institute of Statistical Sciences. He was a former trustee and president of the Blumenthal Jewish Home, now in Greensboro, and a former president of Temple Beth Or in Raleigh.

He is survived by three children, Gary of Richmond, CA, Paul of West Newton, MA, and Barbara of Delray Beach, FL; three grandchildren, Casey, Eva, and Zachary.

Funeral service will be held 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 3, 2008 at Temple Beth Or. Burial, Raleigh Hebrew Cemetery.