



John R. Gauntt

July 10, 1918 - July 28, 2012

John Richard Gauntt, 94, died on July 28, 2012 in Mount Holly. Born in Mount Holly on July 10, 1918, John was the son of Dr. Phillip LeClerc and Elizabeth (Collins) Gauntt. He was predeceased by his loving wife of 65 years Ruth Sabra (Reese) in 2008, as well as three brothers and three sisters.

John graduated from Rancocas Valley Regional High School in 1937 where he started a chess club and was active in swimming and tennis. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of Alabama in History and French. John served in the U.S. Army during World War II, spending two years in the Aleutian Islands as an artillery specialist. After the War he enrolled in the University of Pennsylvania Law School, graduating in 1950.

John is survived by his son Charles Robert and daughter-in-law Laura (Throckmorton) Gauntt of Mechanicsville, Virginia, grandchildren Katrina Lynn Gauntt and Garrett LeClerc Gauntt, his faithful dogs Sheri and Zepp, as well as many nieces and nephews.

John retired in 1978 from a distinguished legal career with the U.S. Department of Justice. He held positions in Seattle, Salt Lake City, San Francisco, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C. He was a member of President Nixon's Law Advisory Team, the Price Control Board and Counsel to Congress' Tax Forms Committee. Justice Thurgood Marshall recommended

John for admission to practice before the Supreme Court. He was also a top technical adviser at the IRS on wills, trusts and maritime law.

John was both a Mason and a member of the B.P.O.E. (Elks). He enjoyed reading, bowling, skiing and travel. He returned to his home town of Mount Holly in 2011 and was cared for by his niece Judy Gauntt until his death.

Funeral service and interment will be private.

Tribute Wall



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