



## John Franklin Hansler

February 21, 1928 - April 21, 2018

John passed away peacefully on April 21, 2018. He was born on February 21, 1928, the son of Robert and Lillian (Petersen) Hansler, in Tacoma, WA. He graduated with honors from Lincoln High School and then served in the Army in Japan from 1946-47. Upon return to Washington, he attended WSU and the University of Washington, ultimately receiving a Bachelor of Laws in 1952. He served as a law clerk to the Hon. Homer T. Bone, US Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit, from 1952-1954, and as Asst. WA State Attorney General from 1954-1956. He began private law practice in 1956 as a partner in Nordstrom, Dolack & Hansler in Tacoma and maintained an active law practice until 2016. He married the love of his life, Phyllis R. Sather of Tacoma in 1951, and together they raised five children: Cheryl Seelhoff of Gig Harbor; Robert Hansler (Kathy) of Tacoma; Deborah Bock (Mike) of Snohomish; Heidi Jacobsen (Paul) of Puyallup and Christopher Hansler (Lisa) of Graham. He leaves 23 grandchildren and 28 great grandchildren. John was very active in the community and devoted to the church. He loved sports and particularly the outdoors where he could often be found hiking on high mountain ridges. But until his final days, his consuming passions were his faith in God through his Lord, Jesus Christ, his devotion to his wife and family and to his church family locally, nationally and internationally. He was a humble, kind and unassuming man of highest integrity who prayed without ceasing for his loved ones, his country and the world. A memorial service will be held at his church, Celebration Center, 13603 86th Ave E, Puyallup, WA on Saturday, April 28 at 11:00 am.

# Cemetery

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**Mountain View Memorial Park**  
4100 Steilacoom Blvd. SW  
Lakewood, WA, 98499

# Events

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**APR**  
**28**

**Memorial Service**

11:00AM

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Celebration Center Puyallup

13603 86th Ave E, Puyallup, WA, US, 98373

# Comments

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“ Mr. Hansler,

Your passing came as shock to me and I am deeply saddened by this. The time that I spent working with you as your legal assistant was and is priceless. I still laugh at memories of everyday occurrences at the office. I have always admired your genius and one of a kind personality. I am so grateful that our paths crossed again. You will be truly missed.

Sincerely,

Lacina M. Lacy

Lacina M. Lacy - April 27, 2018 at 05:33 PM

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“ To each member of the so blessed Hansler family, it is with sadness and joy I write these words.

John always came into service with Phyllis greeting others and as he came to me with hand outstretched would say "Hello or good morning, Karen".

John was so much a part of my life and I am so filled with memories drawn from in days ahead. He was such a joy when our Prime Timers were active coming to Silver Lake for various gatherings including a Hymn Sing along. We each shared a story why we chose the hymn to where there was not a dry eye. We were all so touched.

We met, as our home group, at their home for a few years, with John leading us in many heartfelt sharing times of the how we applied Sunday's messages in our lives. We also prayed together and times sang a hymn or 2.

The Lord has blessed each of us with different memories of John to share with others in reflecting back on this great man.

He is now with His Lord and hearing "Well done good and faithful servant" and worshipping our Lord.

All my love,  
Karen Hasfjord

Karen Hasfjord - April 25, 2018 at 04:22 PM