

Herbert Joseph Legan

January 12, 1924 - January 13, 2022

Herbert Joseph Legan passed away one day after his 98th Birthday at Fairfax Hospital on January 13, 2022. He was surrounded by his family. He succumbed to his head injuries after a fall.

Herb was born in Maple Heights, OH. 1/12/24 the third in a family of 5 boys and 1 girl. He graduated

Maple Heights High School excelling in the sports he loved, baseball and football. Accepted at John

Carroll University (a Jesuit College) on a football scholarship as a pre-med student. World War II

interrupted his studies when the V12 program came to John Carroll. He was sent to Notre Dame, after

90 days commissioned as an officer (ensign), sent to Little Creek, VA training on an LST-1107 as the

navigator.

Navigated the ship through the Panama Canal, Hawaii, Guam, Marshall Islands, and Eniwetok joining

the fleet in Okinawa. This was in 1945 where they survived kamikaze attacks and the typhoon which

damaged the ship enough to send it back to Pearl Harbor for repairs. While in San Francisco he was

notified by telegram he was promoted to Captain of the Ship, he was 21 years

old!

After the ship was decommissioned in 1946, he was honorably discharged and sent home by train to Maple Heights. He continued his studies at John Carroll and graduated in 1947, went to Case Western Reserve Law School where he was on the boxing team, graduating after 2 years around the clock studies from a 4-year program. He passed the bar the first time, while waiting to hear the results he played professional baseball in New Bern, NC (The Bears) then returned home to Maple Heights and opened his own law firm in 1949.

He also worked for Travelers Insurance Company in Cleveland, OH, ran for and won as Councilman in Maple Heights. He found he was involved in too many areas and closed his law firm to concentrate on managing offices in Columbus and DC for Travelers Insurance.

Travelers/Citigroup asked him to stay on another year to work with the McKinsey Group studying the entire claim/legal operation for a more effective operation, which he did.

Finally in retirement he loved playing golf, cruising the seas with Dottie, was a devoted, loving husband, father and grandfather. His children and grandchildren brought him much joy! He and Dottie almost made it to their 70th Wedding Anniversary which would have been 5 months from now on June 28th, 2022.

His survivors include his wife Dottie, his youngest brother Tom (wife Arlene), Sister-in-Law Dorothy

Legan, Daughter Lynn (husband Mik), Daughter Karen (Randall), Son Mark (wife Vala), Son Brian.

Grandsons Jesse, Michael and Christian. Granddaughters Olivia and Sanna.

In lieu of flowers, if you wish, please donate in Herb's name to St. Jude's
Children's hospital

Condolences can be sent to: Dorothy Legan, 13305 Fieldstone Way,
Gainesville, VA 20155 or
dottieherb1003@comcast.net

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB **26**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Marks Church
9970 Vale Road
Vienna, VA 22181

Reception

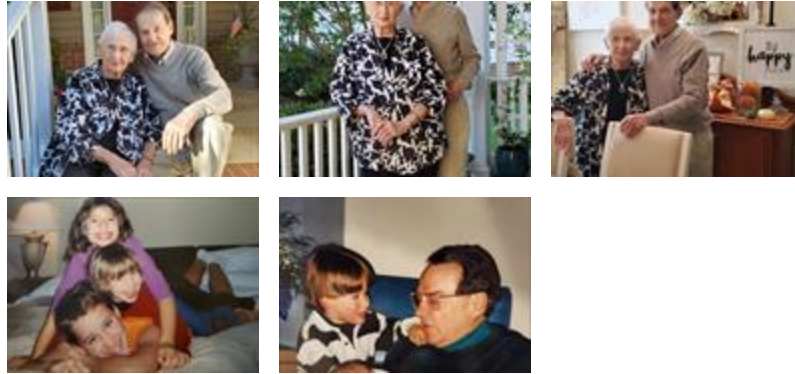
FEB **26**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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9970 Vale Road
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Tribute Wall

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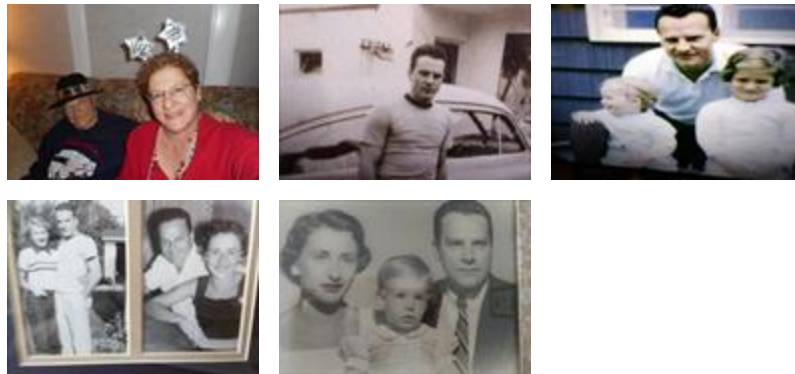
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Mom and Dad with grandson Jesse (Lynn's son)

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“ I worked for Herb at the Travelers Annandale Claim Department during the 70s and 80s; he and I published a newsletter in which I did the writing and he drew cartoons, a fun endeavor which was quite enjoyable. Herb was a popular and highly effective manager who created an excellent work environment. He accomplished much during his long and fruitful lifetime and will be truly missed.

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