

IN MEMORIAM

San Rafael Fire Commissioner Chairman

Charles "Chuck" Daniels, Jr.

San Rafael Fire Commissioner Chairman Chuck Daniels was involved with the Marin County Fire Service for over 60 years. Chuck served as the Chairman of the San Rafael Fire Commission from April 2, 1990 until December 28, 2010. He received his formal investigator training at Purdue University, and at one point handled all fire investigation activity in Marin. Having a keen eye for details and the inquisitive mind required of a fire investigator, Chuck was a true fire service professional.

Commissioner Daniels was first and foremost a wonderful family man. In addition, he was a successful businessman and strong community leader who truly enjoyed life and people.

In our experience, Chuck was indeed the "Real Deal" and a rare treasure of a human being. He had a servant's heart and was a humble giant...an honest to goodness gentleman among men. Chuck always maintained a warm smile and helpful hand and we truly loved seeing him at the firehouse, a place where he was always welcomed, appreciated and greatly respected. All of us are certainly better for knowing Chuck and are very appreciative of his time and unwavering advocacy.

Chuck's support of the San Rafael Fire Department will always be, without compare.

He will be dearly missed.



Synopsis of Chuck Daniel's Life History:

Charles I. "Chuck" Daniels, Jr., passed away Dec. 28, 2010. Born in San Francisco, but spent his life in Marin County. Loving husband of his lifelong partner, Carol Lund Daniels; loving father of Charles I. Daniels III (Chal), Peter Lund Daniels and Jonathan Daniels; father-in-law of Nani, Larissa and Marie Daniels. Loving grandfather of Christina, Chase, Taylor, Tovae and Cael Daniels, Ana and Peter Jake Daniels, and Kathryn Ann Daniels; brother of Marilyn Daniels Raymond; and godparent of Lisa Slattery and Lisa Ward.

Chuck's business career was spent in the beverage industry for more than 75 years. He served as president and CEO of the House of Daniels Inc., a sales and marketing firm handling wines, distilled spirits, beer and New Age beverages doing business as Golden Gate Distributing Company, Redwood Vintners, Blackpoint Marketing and Trellis Vineyards.

In 2005, the House of Daniels sold its last interest in the beverage business, at which time the warehouse facilities in Novato were transformed into Heirloom Storage. Chuck continued as chief executive officer of Heirloom Storage and Daniels Real Estate/Investments.

Chuck was a California director of the Wine and Spirits Wholesalers Association of America; past president of the California Beer Distributors Association; a past vice president of the Northern California Wine and Spirits Wholesaler Association; a past vice president, treasurer and member of the Executive Committee of the Robert Mondavi Winery. He was an owner of Trellis Vineyards, proud to produce 100 percent Sonoma County wines. He was a Supreme Knight of the California Knights of the Vine, and belonged to the Family Winemakers of California, the North Coast Growers Association, the Sonoma County Wineries Association and the Old Timers Wine Club of Northern California.

He was a founding member of the Generations Club of Marin, with his close friends Mario Ghilotti, Bill Murray and Ted Murray. He helped form the Tocaloma Temperance Society and the Marin Republican Council. He was past member and officer of the Marin Republican Central Committee.

He attended the University of Santa Clara, the College of Marin and Saint Anselm's High School. Chuck was always active in community service and public safety issues. He was a veteran of the Army Air Corps, serving in World War II. He was a member of the California Crime Commission during Gov. Reagan's term in office. He was active in the investigative field of the crime of arson for the district attorney's office, police, sheriff's office and fire department of Marin County. Recently, he served as chairman of the Fire Commission of the San Rafael Fire Department.

In youth work, he served on the Executive Committee and was vice president of youth activities-CYO of the Archdiocese of San Francisco. He served on the Executive Committee and as a past officer of the Marin Council of Boy Scouts. He was named "Marin County's Distinguished Citizen of the Year" by the Marin Council of Boy Scouts in 1997. He was active in many phases of work for St. Vincent's School for Boys and an active member of Dominican University's Leadership Forum (Presidents Council) Executive Committee. While in his position with Dominican University, he worked passionately for the renovation of the Edgehill Mansion and Chapel, believing that places of such historical value and worship must be preserved for generations to come.

He was a fourth-degree Knight of Columbus, a member of St. Raphael's Church; a member of the Rotary Club of San Rafael; a member of Elks Lodge 1108; a past member of the Marin County Peace Officers Association; a member of the Wilkins Post of the American Legion; a member of the Meadow Club of Fairfax for more than 50 years; and a past member of the Board of Directors of West America Bank.

He loved swimming as a sport and was a founding member of the Elks Lodge Dippers Club. He enjoyed seasonal sports and vacations at Lake Tahoe. As a youth, he spent summer vacations at the Tahoe Tavern, then at Homewood Resort, and finally, spent the last 52 years consecutively at the Meeks Bay Resort. His love for the beach and friends he made there was life-lasting. He was seasonal director of the North Lake Tahoe Historical Society. He also loved the high country of Yosemite and was a longtime supporter of the Yosemite Vintners Holiday Program.

His enjoyment, both in business and socially, was to know and visit with his wife, Carol, the finest restaurateurs and chefs of California, as well as other restaurateurs located in fine wine-growing regions around the world. He loved sharing the wines of the world with his family and friends.

San Rafael Fire Department

January 4, 2011

"This is the last alarm for

San Rafael Fire Commission Chairman Chuck Daniels.

Commissioner Daniels served the Marin Fire Service for over 60 years,

as both a Fire Investigator and Fire Commissioner.

We will never forget his dedicated service and support.

FD Dispatch (Comm Center) Clear."

Respectfully,
Christopher Gray, Fire Chief

