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Daniel Bailey Moulton, known as “Poppy” to his family, quietly passed in his sleep on November 7, 2020. He was born in Lewiston, Maine on November 27, 1930 to Maynard Webster Moulton and Bérthe Couture Moulton. Dan graduated from Edward Little High School (Auburn, Maine) where he played football and basketball. A Naval ROTC scholarship allowed him to go to college. Only familiar with names of two colleges (Bates and Harvard), Daniel decided to not attend the local school (Bates); hence, he received his Bachelor of Arts in Geology from Harvard. He always said that he survived Harvard because of his close-knit group of other “misfits”--Aram, Wally, and Chico.

Graduation, then marriage to Marjorie Ann Mahan were followed by active duty on the West Coast and being assigned to prisoner transport ships in the Korean War. Daniel was stationed at Mare Island (CA), Coronado (CA), and Oahu (HI). Finishing his active duty Daniel and his family moved to Marblehead and then Belmont, Massachusetts. He received his Master’s Degree in Mathematics from M.I.T. under the G.I. Bill. He worked with early computers, a skill which allowed him to move to California again and work for Standard Oil of California (Chevron) where he became a premier “trouble shooter”. Daniel took several business trips to Saudi Arabia, always making sure there were layovers in places such as Rome or London.

Retirement from the U.S. Navy occurred after 22 years of active and reserve duty. Daniel was honored to have attained the rank of Commander. Retirement from Chevron came later. Daniel’s time in retirement was spent playing and composing music, taking nature photos, learning about native plants, and reading everything and anything he could get his hands on. He always loved the outdoors, camping and backpacking with family. Daniel and Marjorie made several trips with their AirStream club. Some of the more memorable travels included Churchill in Manitoba, Canada in order to see polar bears, Alaska, the Kamchatka Peninsula in Russia, Australia, and New Zealand.



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Daniel is survived by Marjorie, his wife of 67 years; daughter Michal (Kee Chong); son David; grandchildren Bradford, Rachel (Jeff), Régine (Chris), Brendon; great grandchildren Wren and Olivia. He is preceded in death by a grandson, Daniel, and just recently joined in death by his sister, Geri or Geraldine. Peter, Dan's brother, lives in Maine.

Poppy will be sorely missed by his close, as well as extended, family and many friends made over the years. Fond memories of family vacations at Donner Lake, holiday/birthday celebrations, and numerous meals (with good wine) will continue to make us smile and be grateful that he was in our lives.

Interment of ashes at Skylawn Memorial Park and a private memorial will happen in the future when it is safe for family members to travel from Oregon and New York.



Paul Shankwiler posted:

Dan ("Mr. Moulton") was my first boss at Chevron. He was always kind and fair. Here's just one example. One day in 1984 he was headed to a meeting when he stuck his head in my cubicle, asking me to print out some information and bring it to him at the meeting. I did so. When I briefly entered the meeting to hand him the printout, I discovered that this was a very high-level group. Every manager in the department was there. Later, after the meeting had already ended, I realized that the info I had printed out was completely wrong. I was horrified at the thought that Dan might have announced to this group of powerful managers that I had messed up his simple request. "My career is doomed," I thought. Later, I asked someone who had been at the meeting what Dan had said when he realized that I have totally failed. I was prepared for the worst. The person replied, "Oh, Mr. Moulton just said that he hadn't been clear in his request to you and that he would have to get back to them later." It wasn't like Dan to lie, but what he told the other managers was complete nonsense. And he knew it. His request had been totally clear. I had simply screwed up. But rather than throw me under the bus, he put the blame on himself. That's how Dan was. Kind, humble, generous, and warm. A very fine man. I worked for Dan at the time that his son was working at Chevron. I never knew a father who was prouder of his son. Dan beamed every time we spoke of him. One final remembrance: Dan claimed that he was badly color blind, and for that reason his wife always selected his outfits for him. This was at a time when Chevron had a nearly monochrome culture. Everyone wore grey or dark blue. But not Dan! Thanks to his wife, he was the most colorfully, stylishly dressed man in the office. He was by far the hippest dresser in the company. Wow, I doubt Dan ever expected the word "hip" would appear in his obituary. But Dan was a man full of surprises. I am sure his family and friends miss him very much. Paul Shankwiler (Chevron 1983- 2018) Paul.shankwiler@sbcglobal.net

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