



Daniel Wojoski

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Daniel Wojoski, 89, died in his home in Gainesville, Florida on August 4, 2012 surrounded by family. He was quick-witted, lighthearted, and always ready with a joke and a smile. He carried his great sense of humor and kindness into his last days and will dearly be missed by family and friends.

He was born in New London, Connecticut on December 3, 1922, and graduated from Buckley High School. Dan was a WWII Navy veteran serving from 1941-1946 aboard the USS Craven, recipient of 9 battle stars in such historic battles as the battle of Villa Gulf; the destroyer was 50 miles out approaching Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941.

After the war, with his navy training in communications, it was an easy fit for an employment history that lasted 43 years with AT&T. He met his wife of 53 years, Rose Mary Sabino, raised his family and lived in the Washington, D.C. area for 50 years before moving to Gainesville in 1997; she preceded him in death in 2000.

He was noted for his life of devotion to family and service to others. He was a lifetime member, 4th degree, of the Knights of Columbus, an honored member of the Elks, as well as belonging to the American Legion and the Telephone Company's Pioneers of America. In retirement years, he served as an usher at Holy Faith Catholic Church, was a member of the Alert Club of Gainesville,

the Golden Gators, and the Swing and Sway Ballroom Dance Club. "Dan" was also well recognized as a dance instructor who taught adult education classes in Virginia as well as teaching ballroom and line dancing at Trinity Methodist Church and the Bolton Center.

Surviving him are three daughters, Joann Perkins-Brenner (Dr. Richard Brenner), Severna Park, Maryland; Shirley Koenig and Paula Backhaus (Peter Backhaus) both of Gainesville, Florida and a son Daniel Wojoski (Dr. Amy Donnelly) of Columbia, South Carolina. He was especially proud of his 10 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

Visitation will be Wednesday, August 8, at Forest Meadow Funeral Home, 725 NW 23rd Ave., from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Thursday, August 9th at Holy Faith Catholic Church, 700 NW 39th Rd. at 9:30 AM with Father John Phillips as celebrant. Burial with Military Honors will be at Forest Meadows Memorial Park Central, 4100 NW 39th Avenue following the Mass. A reception will be held following at the Senior Recreation Center, Northside Park after burial.