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DANIEL G. AMSTUTZ, ARLINGTON, VA

Daniel Gordon Amstutz departed from this earth on Monday, March 20, 2006, to meet his Savior. He was born November 8, 1932, in Cleveland, Ohio, to Gordon M. and Elizabeth Kiss Amstutz.

Pennsylvania was home during his early years and in 1946 the family moved to Columbus, Ohio, where Dan graduated from Columbus North High School and the Ohio State University. At OSU, Dan was president of the Student Senate and on the Student court, as well as being President of Chi Phi Fraternity. He was recognized for his service by all the honoraries, Sphinx being the last.

Dan's career spanned both the private sector and government, giving him wide familiarity with markets, international commerce and government programs facilitating economic development. He held positions with Cargill for many years. His last assignment with them was President and C.E.O. of Cargill Investor Services, which he founded. He was general partner of Goldman Sachs & Co. in New York, Executive Director of the International Grains Council in London, President and C.E.O. of the North American Export Grain Association in Washington, D.C., and until his death, he headed a consulting business based in Arlington, VA.

In the Federal government, Dan was Under Secretary of Agriculture for Commodity Programs and International Trade from 1983 to 1987 and then served as Ambassador and Chief Negotiator for Agriculture during the Uruguay Round General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) talks from 1987 to 1989. In April 2003, Dan led the U.S. Government's agriculture reconstruction efforts in Iraq. His tour ended in six months when it was time for the Iraqis to take charge.

Dan has been recognized by his Alma Mater for his untiring service to OSU as Trustee of the Alumni Association and in various fund raising endeavors. Throughout Dan's life, he has served family, friends and thousands of people unknown to him who have benefited medically and economically. His friends and colleagues the world over revered and loved him for his wisdom and ability to work out solutions that seemed impossible to others. He served because he wanted to help others.

Dan was predeceased by his father, Gordon M. Amstutz. He is survived by his mother, Elizabeth Amstutz of West Melbourne, FL; sister, Sue Birchfield (Jim) of Indian Harbour Beach, FL; niece, Linda Rafael of Omaha, NE; nephews, James (Butch) Birchfield (Vickie) of Kennesaw, GA, and the Rev. Daniel Birchfield (Jess) of Lubbock, TX; plus eight grand nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held locally at Buena Vida Estates, 2129 W. New Haven Avenue, Melbourne, FL, on Thursday, March 30th, at 2:30 p.m. and in Washington, D.C. at Metropolitan Memorial United Methodist Church, 3401 Nebraska Avenue on Saturday, April 22nd, at 11 a.m. The Reverend Daniel Birchfield will officiate at both services.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in his name can be made to: The Daniel G. Amstutz International Trade Scholarship Fund at The Ohio State University, Office of OSU Development, Gift Processing, 1480 W. Lane Avenue, Columbus, OHIO 43221-3938.

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