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**D**on Charles Uthus, a resident of Annapolis, MD for 30 years died of complications from Leukemia at the University of Maryland Medical Center in Baltimore, MD on October 23, 2017.

He was born on February 18, 1940 in Milwaukee, WI. He is survived by Bonita Uthus, his wife of 39 years, sons Charles Uthus of Arnold, MD, and Bruce Uthus of Darnestown, MD, a step-son Eric Rodine of New York City, a daughter Melinda Uthus of Carrboro, NC, a brother Douglas Uthus of Moneta, VA, and seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He graduated from St. Stephen's Episcopal School for Boys in Alexandria, VA in 1957; followed by a year of college preparatory in 1958. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from George Washington University in 1963 and his Degree of Juris Doctor from George Washington University Law School in 1967; Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity (President, 1966-67); and was admitted to practice as an Attorney at Law at the Bar of the District of Columbia on January 29, 1968, and later was admitted to the Iowa State Bar, and also the Maryland State Bar.

After graduating from George Washington University Law School, he worked for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in Washington, D.C. In 1971, he was recruited by the Governor of Iowa to fill the position of Chief Counsel of the Iowa State Commerce Commission, a position he held from 1971-1978, with offices in Des Moines.

In 1978 he was made a partner in the firm of Wheatley and Wolleson with offices in the Watergate Office Buildings in Washington, D.C. After that partnership ended in 1994 he continued as a solo practitioner in Annapolis, Maryland until his death.

Don was admitted as an Attorney and Counselor of the United States Court of Appeals in the District of Columbia in July 1969; was admitted to the Supreme Court of the State of Iowa in June 1972; and was admitted as Attorney and Counselor of the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit in June 1993.



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Don was a member of the Lions Club of Annapolis and also a member of Toastmasters International. He enjoyed playing golf; was interested in politics and was an avid reader, especially detective novels. He was a very loving husband, father, and grandfather.



## Tribute Wall

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**James "Gus" Howard** posted:

Don's passing has saddened me very much. He provided critical guidance and friendship to me at a tough time in my life when I left Hartford to come to Washington in 1978. He was a great lawyer and a great teacher and I have benefited much from my association with him. My deepest sympathy to his family.

November 7 at 5:49 AM



**Mike May** posted:

Don had a consequential, enduring impact me as a young lawyer. I regret not thanking him enough. Don embodied what was best in the legal profession. Condolences to Don's family. - Mike May

November 1 at 11:38 AM



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