

Demosthenes (Dan) Lecos

Dan Lecos was born in Butte, Montana in 1930-the third of four brothers. His mother died when the youngest was only a year old, and his father-a restaurant owner-raised his sons with the help of a housekeeper.

The family moved to Chicago when the oldest son was ready for college. Dan attended Amundsen H.S. and DePaul U., where he played varsity basketball and met Mary Anne Regan. They were married at Parris Island, S.C., where Dan served in the USMC, and the first of their seven children was born.

Upon completion of Dan's active duty, the family moved back to Chicago. He earned an M.B.A. at the U. of Chicago, while supporting his family through a variety of jobs-including running the flight kitchen for Continental Airlines.

The family moved to Northern Virginia when Dan went to work for McDonald's, a new fast food company. After increasing the franchise to more than 30 units in Maryland and Virginia (and introducing Willard Scott as Ronald McDonald), Dan and two of his brothers operated their own restaurants in the D.C./Baltimore suburbs. Dan's last job was as supervisor in the U.S. and Puerto Rico for Grecian Delight, a food company headquartered in Chicago.

Dan was active in the Lake Barcroft community-especially with the swim team, which involved his wife and their seven children. Mary Anne also served Fairfax County in the classroom, as a school board member, and as an administrator before leading the teacher education program at George Mason University.

Dan, an avid sports fan, died in 2000 on his way home from a Redskin's game.

