

## **SIDNEY MANUEL BARBANEL**

Mr. Sidney "Sid" Manuel Barbanel, passed away on Monday afternoon, September 8, 2008 at the McGraw Center in Jacksonville, Florida after a courageous battle with brain cancer. He was born in Savannah, Georgia on March 5, 1936, son of the late Leon and Ann Kramer Barbanel. Mr. Barbanel grew up in Charleston, SC and attended the U.S. Naval Academy, the College of Charleston and Oglethorpe University receiving a BS Degree in 1960.

In 1961 he married the love of his life Anne Matthias. During their 47 years of marriage, they had lived in numerous cities including, Atlanta, GA, Houston, TX, Minneapolis, MN and Pittsburgh, PA. In 1996 they settled on Amelia Island.

During his lifetime, he achieved many great accomplishments. He was an entrepreneur in the medical device industry. He was President and CEO of three publicly traded companies including Intermedics Pacemakers, Cardio-Pace Medical and Arrhythmia Research Technology. He pioneered the medical electronics business with the Peoples Republic of China and was responsible for the first medical electronics joint venture between a United States medical electronics company and the P.R.C. Government. For this and other achievements, he was nominated for the National Medal of Technology by Minnesota Governor Rudy Perpich and U.S. Senator Rudy Boschwitz in 1983. He has been the subject of many newspaper and magazine articles during his business career. One of his most praised and innovative achievements was founding and funding an inexpensive day care center for employees of Intermedics in the late 1970s. Mr. Barbanel was currently using his marketing expertise while working with his wife, Anne, in the Real Estate business.

He leaves behind his wife of 47 years, Anne Matthias Barbanel, Amelia Island, Florida, his daughters, Amy Barbanel, Charleston, South Carolina, Bonnie Gordon, West Palm Beach, Florida, his beloved grandchildren, Logan Gordon, Hailey Gordon and Alexander Kuffel Barbanel, his sisters Linda Weiss, Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, Diane Vickers (Stanley), White Plains, New York and his brother, Gary Barbanel, New York City.

Mr. Barbanel was laid to rest in Charleston, SC.

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