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## Obituary: Daniel Chapin

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conservation activist and president of the California Waterfowl Association, died at an assisted living community in Pie asanthHffl, Calif, on April 27,2008, of natural causes.

He was 81, a son of Inez Tiedeman Chapin and Boy Dileeman Chapin, born on November 14, 1926, in Grosse Pointe, Mich. He prepared for St. Paul's at Los Alamos School, Ot owl, New Mexico, and entered the Second Form in 1939.

In his Sixth Form year, he was the secretary of the Scientific Association, secretary of the Concordian Literary Society, and a member of the Rifle Club and the Library Association. He was a member of the Shattuck and SPS crews and the Delphian football and hodeey teams. He earned Second Testimonials in 1942 and 1943, was awarded the Problems of American Democracy Prize in 1944, and graduated cum laude.

He entered the Navy in November 1944 and served aboard the attade cargo ship U.S.S. Muliphen (AKA-61) in the Pacific after V-J Day. He was discharged as an Electronics Technician's Mate 2/c in July 1946.

Mr Chapin was a 1950 graduate of Yale, majoring in mechanical engineering. He worked for Dow Chemical Corporaou until 1963 and then bought Bessler Company, Emeryville, Calif., a manufacturer of commercial steam boilers, agriculture sprayers and equipment, and military aircraft parts. After 20 years he sold the company to pursue his interests in conservation.

His interest in hunting and fishing made him aware of the need to preserve the natural habitats of fish and waterfowl. In the mid-1970s he became the president of the California Waterfowl Association and dedicated himself full time to conservation and the political struggles involved in protecting the environment. He was also a national trustee of Ducks Unlimited. As a director of numerous national conservation organizations, he was involved with legislation to protect the migratory paths of waterfowl, to remove lead from shotgun ammunition, and to bring public attention to the damages sediment has on wetlands and waterways.

His wife, the former Wanda Rose Church, with whom he was married on June 17, 1950, died in 1999. He is survived by three daughters, Wendy Chapin Jardine, Anne Chapin-Shepler, and Lisa Chapin-Collins; and three sons, Spencer Q. Chapin, Clifford C. Chapin, and Thomas P. Chapin; nine grandchildren; nephews Christopher King Chapin '62, John Carsten Chapin, Jr '66, David Dwight Chapin '70; great-nieces Dana Tiedeman Chapin '98, Lucy Fraser Chapin '02; and a great-nephew Seth Kingsbury Chapin '02. His brother, John Carsten Chapin '38, died on August 15, 2008.

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