

## Frederick W. Anton III Memorial Fund

Born in Philadelphia in 1934, Mr. Anton lived in southeastern Pennsylvania all his life. He was a graduate of Haverford High School, Villanova University, and the Villanova School of Law. He was a veteran of the United States Marine Corps. For many years, Mr. Anton served as the Chairman of the Pennsylvania Manufacturers' Association (PMA), one of the original founders of Pennsylvania Free Enterprise Week. To this day, PMA continues as our primary PFEW program sponsor.



During his career at PMA starting in 1962, Mr. Anton continued the Association's long tradition of political action. Beginning in 1981, Mr. Anton hosted a bipartisan seminar and luncheon at the Metropolitan Club in New York City on the Saturday of The Pennsylvania Society's annual dinner. Pennsylvania governors, U.S. senators, and other leading political figures from both major parties attend the event each year, and that tradition will continue. For many years, Mr. Anton served as Chairman of the Federal Judicial Nominating Commission of Pennsylvania, having been appointed to that post by U.S. Senators Arlen Specter and Rick Santorum.

Speaker of the Pennsylvania House Mike Turzai, an Allegheny County Republican, said, "When Fred entered a room, everyone's attention turned to him. It is no coincidence that many of Pennsylvania's governors, U.S. senators, congressmen, and state legislative leaders have considered Fred a close friend and adviser. He was gracious to everyone who came to know him," Turzai said.

Mr. Anton was an original incorporator of the Foundation for Free Enterprise Education in 1980 and he was a true visionary and passionate supporter of Pennsylvania business and free enterprise. His energy, spirit, and connections were the backbone of PFEW's rapid growth to a statewide organization, and over the years he raised and contributed millions of dollars to PFEW. Mr. Anton's impact on PFEW is simply immeasurable.

Frederick W. Anton III passed on November 2, 2017. We will be forever grateful to him for his vision and for his unflinching commitment and dedication to PFEW's mission. His legacy will forever be celebrated in the annals of PFEW history. He will be missed by all who were fortunate enough to know him.