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William H. Daniels, Ex-Judge; Was U.S. Spy in World War II

BATON ROUGE, La., Jan. 25 (UPI) — Former Judge William Hawk Daniels, who served as a spy behind German lines in World War II, has died. He was 68 years old.

Mr. Daniels, a former city judge, died Saturday of cancer.

He spent 20 years in public office after working as a reporter for newspapers in Minden, Shreveport and Lake Charles, La. Near the end of his judicial career he was chastized by legal officials for reaching verdicts by flipping coins.

He resigned from the bench in 1977, citing illness. The retirement came just after he won an indefinite delay in a disciplinary hearing before the Louisiana Judiciary Commission.

Mr. Daniels described himself in a 1966 autobiographical sketch as an agent of the Office of Strategic Service in World War II, working as a spy in France.

He later served four years in the counterintelligence corps in Korea.

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