



Arthur P. Shankle, Jr.

Arthur Perry Shankle Jr., 63, who served in the State Department's Foreign Service for 37 years before retiring in October with the rank minister-counselor, died Nov. 27 1993.

Mr. Shankle, who had maintained a home in Bethesda since 1956, was born in Worcester, Mass. He was a graduate of Texas Christian University and had attended the National War College. He was an Air Force veteran.

His first post after joining the Foreign Service in 1956 was as an economics officer in Ecuador. Later assignments took him to Spain and Latin America. In 1968, while serving on the Chile desk at State, he traveled to Antarctica.

Mr. Shankle was the U.S. deputy chief of mission in the Bahamas from 1978 to 1981, then spent four years at the U.S. Embassy in Mexico City, where he was chief of the political section. In Washington, his posts had included director of the office of Mexican affairs and senior inspector in the office of the State Department inspector general. His last assignment was as director of the office of recruitment, examination and employment.

He was a past president of the American Foreign Service Association. He was a recipient of a Presidential Meritorious Service Award and the State Department's John J. Rogers Award.