

William (Dick) Hannah

Billionaire
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LOS ANGELES
 (UPI)—William Richard
 (Dick) Hannah, 60, long a
 spokesman for billionaire
 Howard Hughes' Summa
 Corp., died at his home
 Thursday. 15 JAN

Mr. Hannah underwent
 open-heart surgery last July
 15 and never returned to work
 as a vice president of Carl
 Byoir, the international public
 relations firm.

For the last two decades,
 Mr. Hannah's primary
 responsibility for Byoir was as
 spokesman for Hughes' in-
 terests. He was the only of-
 ficial contact for represen-
 tatives of the news media
 seeking answers to questions
 of Hughes' whereabouts and
 attitudes on various
 litigations.

More often than not, Mr.
 Hannah's answer was a "no
 comment" but he was un-
 failingly cheerful even when
 contacted during the middle of
 the night.

A native of Glendale, Calif.,
 Mr. Hannah was a writer and
 editor for the old Hollywood
 Citizen-News, the Los Angeles
 Examiner, and the Los
 Angeles Times before joining
 the public relations firm.
 During World War II, he was a
 combat correspondent with
 the U.S. Marine Corps.

Survivors include his wife,
 Vicki, and a sister.