

Stratton was born in Coral Gables, Florida, the son of Greek immigrants. He received his childhood education in Coral Gables and Miami Senior High School in 1950. He attended the University of Miami from 1950 to 1953 at which time he enlisted in the U.S. Army. His military service included tours of duty in Korea and Japan.

He was discharged from the military in 1956 and immediately enrolled at The George Washington University, Washington, DC where he completed his studies for a Bachelor's Degree in 1958, majoring in Management and minoring in Psychology. Post graduate studies include Industrial Psychology and Marketing at Perdue and Butler Universities.

Stratton worked 30 years for the Feral Government. He worked in Indianapolis, Indiana at the U.S. Army Enlisted Evaluation Center for almost 3 years researching and constructing personnel evaluation tests for the military. He worked in Miami for 10 years at the US Cuban Refugee Emergency Center as the Office Manager/Administrative. In 1971, he transferred to Atlanta to work in the Regional Office as the US Department of Health and Human Services, in Human Resources and later as the Regional Hispanic Employment Manager with responsibility for Hispanic Advocacy throughout this region. Stratton's last assignment was as the Administrative Officer of the Atlanta Regional/District Offices and the Regional Laboratory of the US Food and Drug Administration. He retired in January 1988.

During the first year in Atlanta, Stratton met Angel Ortiz, the founder of the Latin American Association. It was Angel's foresight and his realization of the need of an organization which could provide assistance to the Latino community. Stratton became involved when Angel was seeking federal funds to establish an office for the Association and worked with Angel in establishing such an office and operation. Stratton served as an extremely strong link in bringing the Hispanic and Non-Hispanic communities together in the metro area.

Stratton received numerous awards for his work in the Latino Community as well as in the Greek community. He is a Life Member of the LAA Board of Directors. He received the US Food and Drug Administration National Equal Opportunity Achievement; Chapter AHEPAN (Greek Organization) of the year. He held numerous elected positions in all organizations in which he participated. He was a member of the Georgia State Commission on Civil Rights; a member of the United Way of Metro Atlanta Board of Directors; co-founder of the Federal Hispanic Employment Manager's Council of Atlanta; Graduate of Leadership Atlanta, class of '89.

Stratton passed away in August 2023. He is survived by his wife of 50 years Maria Isabel, their three children, five grandchildren and a great grandson.