



## David Comstock Hazen

July 3, 1927 - April 27, 2019

David Comstock Hazen, 91, passed away on Saturday, April 27, 2019, at Talbot Hospice House in Easton, MD. Born on July 3, 1927, in Hastings-on-Hudson, NY, he was the son of William Gardner Hazen and Anna Ewing Hoover Hazen.

David moved with his family from Rye, NY, to Easton in 1937. He was a member of the first graduating class from the Country School (then known as The Calvert School). After graduating from the Choate School in 1944, he attended Princeton University where he earned his Bachelor's Degree in 1948 and his Master's Degree in 1949. Joining the faculty of the Princeton Aeronautical Engineering Department as an instructor, he was appointed to Professor in 1963. David retired as Professor Emeritus in 1982 after 33 years of teaching. Pursuing a second career, he served as the Executive Director of the Commission on Engineering and Technology at the National Research Council from 1980 -1985. In 1992, he came out of retirement to teach at Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, FL, serving as Chairman of the Aerospace Department and Dean of Graduate Studies. In 1995, he retired for the third, and final time.

During his tenure at Princeton, he served as the University's representative to the Kanpur Indo-American Program (1963-1972) and helped establish the Aeronautical Engineering Department at the Indian Institute of Technology/Kanpur (1964). As a result of his successful efforts in India, he

chaired Princeton's interests in Asia and was actively engaged in similar programs in the Middle East. He assisted in the development of the Engineering School at the University of Jordan. He served on the Boards of Trustees of Robert College of Istanbul, Turkey, the College of Petroleum and Minerals of Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, and the Sterling School in Vermont.

In 1977, David was awarded the Distinguished Civilian Service Award by the Navy for contributions made as Chairman of the Naval Research Advisory Committee and a Certificate of Commendation by the Marine Corps. He served the U.S. Navy in research and consultant capacities for over 40 years.

He married his neighbor and fellow Country School classmate, Mary Ann Shipherd, in 1948, and moved to Princeton, NJ, where they raised their three children (George, Thomas, and Anne). They lived there until 1982, when they moved to the Washington, DC, area for his position with the National Research Council. While still in DC, they built their retirement home, Doshaih (Dickerson's Old Sailor's Home and Ice House) on Trippe Creek across from their respective childhood homes. David and Mary Ann moved to Doshaih in Oxford when he retired from the National Research Council. In 2014, David and Mary Ann moved to Londonderry.

David was an avid reader and history buff, preferring biographies and histories over novels. As an amateur historian, he delighted in researching and writing three local histories: *The Holy Trinity Church, The First 150 Years (1851-2001)*, *A Talbot Treasure, The Chesapeake Bay Yacht Club (1885-2010)* and *The Londonderry Air (1989-2015)*. A member of the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Club he served as their Historian and Archivist for seven years. He served on the vestries of both Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Oxford and St. Paul's in Trappe. For many years, he enjoyed serving as a volunteer in both the Oxford Museum and the Oxford Library. He served on the Board of the Maritime Museum for 15 years.

David and Mary Ann were enthusiastic sailors, having spent their youths on the local creeks and Chesapeake Bay. With the purchase of a Dickerson 35' in 1969, they resumed their passion for sailing and spent many long weekends on the bay with family and friends. They were members of the Dickerson Association, and he had the honor of serving as Commodore five times.

David traveled extensively around the world for work and pleasure, including whirlwind tours of Europe and Asia while going to and coming from their year of residence in India (1963-1964). Other destinations included Bermuda, Alaska, Panama Canal, French Canal Barge trips, Northern Europe, the Caribbean, the intercoastal waterway, and Nova Scotia. When not traveling or sailing, he was an avid gardener, raising a large variety of fruits and vegetables.

David is survived by his wife of 70 years, Mary Ann Hazen; his son, George Hazen (Susan) of Annapolis, MD; daughter, Anne Brendel (Gary) of Murrysville, PA; grandchildren, Jennifer Driggs (Peter), Christian Hazen (Meghan), Joshua Hazen (Stephanie), Rebecca Brendel, and Peter Brendel; and great-grandchildren, Emma Driggs, Grace Driggs, Luke Hazen and Allison Hazen. He was preceded in death by son, Thomas Hazen, who died in 2014.

A memorial service will be held at The Church of the Holy Trinity in Oxford, MD, on Saturday, May 18, 2019, at 11:00 AM, followed by a reception in the Parish Hall.

In lieu of flowers, please send memorial contributions in Mr. Hazen's honor to the Naval Airship Association [www.naval-airships.org](http://www.naval-airships.org) or Delmarva Public Radio, P.O. Box 2596, Salisbury, MD, 21802.



# Tribute Wall



“ *David Comstock Hazen*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *David Comstock Hazen*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *David Comstock Hazen*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Mary. Ann, I just learned of your husband's death, and I want to offer my sympathy. The two of you had a wonderful life. I always admired you at Linden Hall for your academic and horseback riding accomplishments. I pray God will comfort you and help you in this new phase of life. My love. Lorrin Foster, class of '44*

**Lorrin Foster** - November 15, 2019 at 09:56 PM

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“ Prof. Hazen crossed my path several times, always for the better - first when I came to visit Princeton, and he sat me down for about 30 minutes and explained how swashplates let helicopters fly forwards (this to a HS senior that liked airplanes but only had taken physics); next as the fun Prof in AMS 331, when he talked about airplane design, and gave us advice during office hours on how to make our COD aircraft fly off a ship (not to mention AMS222, AMS4xx (aero structures), and supporting my independent work); and again as the guy that got me a summer job at both Boeing and then Grumman through his personal connections with folks at both places; as an outside advisor when we were examining how to better support the Long Track, during the phase when the administration was interested in selling the property it was on; as the recommender for me to get involved as an advisor in an Army study on future force assets; and then as the "guide" as I came down to interview at Embry Riddle following getting let go from Princeton after my 8 years there. He found humor in pretty much everything, so you always left from your contact with him with a smile. He will be missed, and is remembered fondly. -Bob McKillip

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**Bob McKillip** - May 03, 2019 at 02:58 PM