



Donald Doolittle

December 2, 1918 - November 10, 2009

Donald Beach Doolittle died on November 10, 2009. He was 90 years old.

Mr. Doolittle was born on December 2, 1918 to the late, Harley and Nina Beach Doolittle in Barneveld, NY. He attended Hobart College in Geneva, NY, and graduated from University of Michigan with an Aeronautical Engineer's degree. During WWII, he was instrumental in developing the "tailhook", which arrests airplanes on the flight deck of carriers. He joined All American Engineering in Wilmington, DE, and married Audrey Marcus in 1945. He was an avid sailor, owning a 41' Owens Cutter, and belonged to the Georgetown Racing Fleet, of which he was Commodore for two years. After his first wife's death, he married Betty Calvert Hahn in 1975. At the time he had retired as President of All American Engineering and was working on a lighter-than-air airship. He and Betty went to Tillamook, Oregon and his invention was built there in an enormous hanger left over from WWII. They resided in Bozman and spent many years traveling and enjoying their little house on the creek, later moving to Londonderry.

He is survived by his wife, Bettey; his son, Wesley and wife, Teri and their daughters, Heather and Mary Katherine; his son, William and his wife, Joanne and their sons, Harley and Jack; his stepson, Dave Hahn and wife, Sandra and their daughters, Marcie and Mandie and great grandchildren, Brooke and Tobey.

A service, officiated by Rev. Mark Nestlehutt, will be held on Wednesday November 18, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. at Christ Episcopal Church in St. Michaels.

Memorial donations may be made to the charity of one's choice.

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