



John Normington Eustis

June 2, 1924 - August 19, 2013

John Normington Eustis, 89, died on Monday, August 19, 2013, in Easton, MD. He was the son of the late, Truman William Eustis, Jr., and Marion Wood Eustis.

In his own words, John was an engineer and pilot who loved his wife, the former Jane Shaw, very much. They met in 1953 and, after 52 years of marriage, John lost Jane to Alzheimer's in 2005. He said it was a very great loss.

Although John was born in Canada, he was proud to be a United States citizen. He was raised in Michigan and, following his high school graduation, he voluntarily joined the U.S. Army in 1942. After four years of combat across Europe, he entered Cornell University. He graduated as an engineer in 1949 and began a long career in which he worked to improve gas turbines for aircraft and electricity generation. Early in his career, John worked for several jet engine manufacturers, and he conducted flight tests of early experimental jet engines and ran a test base for aviation equipment. In 1970, he and Jane moved to Europe where John continued turbine development. In Europe, they lived in several different countries and places and enjoyed the cultural opportunities and different living activities. They returned to United States in 1976 and John continued development work for the U.S. Government until he retired in 1983. John and Jane then returned to Jane's hometown of Easton,

MD.

John learned to fly in 1944 in Europe, and he enjoyed it very much. Not only did he work in the aviation industry throughout his career, he and Jane enjoyed flying for pleasure. John had a wide range of friends in the aviation community and was honored to receive the WRIGHT BROTHERS MASTER AVIATOR Award in June 1999. In Easton, John became involved in the development and operations of the local airport. After losing Jane, he returned to singing by joining a local barbershop group. Many years prior to that, John and his brother Richard, had enjoyed singing.

John is survived by his brothers, Richard Eustis of Lynchburg, VA, and T.W. (William) Eustis of Greenwich, CT, as well as a number of nephews and nieces.

In recognition of their contributions to the war effort in the Second World War, John and Jane will be buried together in Arlington National Cemetery.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, September 7, 2013, at 11 a.m. at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A., 200 S. Harrison St., Easton, MD. A reception will follow the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in John's memory to a charity of your choice.

Cemetery Details

Arlington National Cemetery

Arlington, VA

Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

Easton Location
200 South Harrison Street
Easton, MD 21601
(410) 822-3131
info@fhfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ *John Normington Eustis*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *John Normington Eustis*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *John Normington Eustis*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *I met John at the SugarBun Cafe a little over a year ago. He was an amazing man and I enjoyed his D-Day stories. Thankfully, my two sons were also able to meet him and hear his WW II experiences first-hand, a memory they will always have. - Charlie Magennis*

Charles Magennis - September 06, 2013 at 05:49 PM



“ *I only had the priviledge of knowing John over the past year. But he made his mark. He was a unique, entertaining and fascinating individual. He will be missed.*

Vivienne Ganter-Ritz - September 05, 2013 at 03:11 PM

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“ For 89 years he was my dear friend and brother. I will miss him with all my heart.

Richard Eustis

Richard W. Eustis - September 04, 2013 at 05:38 PM

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“ John lived life to the fullest He was always ready to serenade any Irish girl with his rendition of "Irish Eyes Are Smiling". We always looked forward to John's sharp wit when he came in every Thursday for his weekly SugarBun with extra ,extra icing John, you will be missed!

Susan Leonard and the Staff @SugarBuns Airport Cafe

susan leonard - August 25, 2013 at 09:04 AM

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“ I recently read about the death of your dear loved one. Although we are not acquainted please accept our condolences. 2 Corinthians 1:3 says: "Blessed be the God and Father of tender mercies and the God of comfort." That bible verse indicates that God can help his faithful servants to endure any problem or challenge that they may face. One way God does this is providing comfort through others such as family, friends and in this case even ones we may not be acquainted with personally.

Felicia - August 20, 2013 at 04:05 PM