



Robert B. Bergner

February 14, 1925 - July 15, 2016

Captain Robert Brewster Bergner, USN (ret.), formerly of Richmond, VA, died peacefully Friday, July 15, 2016, in Easton, MD, age 91.

Robert, "Bob," was born in Philadelphia, PA, on February 14, 1925 to Charles William Bergner and Amelia Wright Brooks Bergner. He graduated from Haverford High School in 1942. Bob received a full scholarship to Swarthmore College, which he interrupted after his freshman year to join the Naval Reserves in 1943 and attend flight school. He received his BA in Economics from American University, and earned a Masters in International Affairs from George Washington University. He also completed Naval War College.

He is survived by his daughter, Melinda B. Wrightson (Steve) of Easton, MD;; son, Brooks B. Bergner (Roxanna) of Parker, CO; four grandchildren, Kathryn B. Abbott (Chris) of New Orleans, LA, Caroline T. Wrightson (Kris) of Milford, PA, Diane A. Wrightson of London, England, and Emily W. Lee (Alex) of Brooklyn, NY; three great-grandchildren, Natalie B. Abbott, Laurel W. Abbott, and Remington T. Wrightson; his brother, Charles W. Bergner (Shirley) of Tilden, IL; one niece; and two nephews.

His wife of 66 years, Elinor (Dian) Hubbard Bergner; sister, Louise B. Cope; and a nephew predeceased him.

Bob was a retired Naval Aviator who served his country honorably for 26 years. He embodied the excellence, zeal, and attention to duty of the top pilots in the service. Bob was a highly respected and outstanding night and all-weather attack pilot as well as a superb administrator. He was a decorated combat veteran of the Korean War being awarded the Air Medal with two stars, the Navy Commendation Medal with the Combat V and the Korean Service Medal with three stars for extraordinary achievement in leadership, skill, and daring. He flew 36 successful combat night missions in the AD-6 Skyraider with CV-35. Bob was Commanding Officer of Attack Squadron 152 (VA-152) and Commanding Officer of the USS Yancey (AKA-93). During his career, he accumulated 4,325 flight hours with 589 carrier landings.

After his Naval service, Bob joined Equitable Life Assurance Company. When he retired after more than 30 successful years in the life insurance industry, he held the designations of Chartered Life Underwriter and Chartered Financial Consultant. He was the manager of the Virginia Beach/Norfolk office and, then, district manager of the Richmond, Virginia area.

Bob was a long-standing member of the Country Club of Virginia in Richmond, VA, and a frequent volunteer at and supporter of the Virginia Historical Society.

Bob and his wife, Dian, also supported the Virginia Museum of Fine Art, Maymont, and Louis Ginter Botanical Garden. Bob loved to read, especially history and biographies. He was an avid golfer, bridge player, and enjoyed landscaping. He treasured his family, friends, and neighbors.

Robert Bergner and his wife, Dian, will be interred at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Chestertown (Kent County), MD, where they were married in 1948. A private graveside service will be held in late September.

Cemetery Details

St. Pauls Cemetery (Kent County)

7600 Sandy Bottom Road
Chestertown, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Robert B. Bergner*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Robert B. Bergner*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Robert B. Bergner*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. Bergner. Melinda, I will keep you and your husband in prayer during this difficult time. I will miss his little smile when you would bring him up to the front desk and he would tell me what he ate for dinner. You have been a devoted and caring daughter and son in law and God will bless you for your dedication to your father. I am sure he knew how much you loved him. Be comforted in knowing that he is not in pain or suffering anymore and that you did all you could to make his last days on earth as peaceful and comforting as you could. I will also miss our talks that we had about the topic of the day. Stop by on some Friday night to say hello. Take care of yourself and enjoy your time with your family. Its your time now to rest. With love and sympathy.*



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Bayleigh Chase Receptionist*

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