



Robert Edward Petersen

February 25, 1923 - November 10, 2021

Robert Edward “Bob” Petersen died peacefully in his sleep on November 10, 2021, at Heron Point in Chestertown at the age of 98.

He was born in Moline, IL, to Robert P. Petersen and Elizabeth Peterson on February 24, 1923. Shortly thereafter, the family moved to Philadelphia, PA, where he grew up and graduated from Frankford High School in 1941. He enrolled in Penn State University and earned a B.S in Aeronautical Engineering in 1944. He entered the U.S. Army Air Force and served two years until November of 1946 when he was Honorably Discharged. He later returned to Penn State to complete an M.S in Aeronautical Engineering in 1948. He was a lifetime member of the American Legion Post No. 36 in Chestertown.

In his early career he worked nine years at the Franklin Institute in Philadelphia, PA. In January 1961, he moved on to employment at the RCA Space Center in Moorestown, NJ, where he worked on the Rendezvous Radar utilized in the Apollo Program. He was a Founder member of the National Air and Space Society and an avid supporter of the Udvar-Hazy Nation Air and Space Museum in Chantilly, VA, with a keen interest in motivating young people to aspire to careers in space exploration.

Bob was preceded in death by two sisters, Elinor Medici and Doris Kevra. He

is survived by his loving wife of almost 50 years, Evelyn L. Petersen, and a host of admiring nieces and nephews. A private service will be held on Saturday July 2, 2022, in Ambler, PA.

Tribute Wall



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