



Robert William Witter

July 27, 1929 - October 29, 2021

Captain Robert W. Witter, US Coast Guard retiree, passed away on October 29, 2021, in Chestertown, MD. He was 92 years old.

Bob, as he was known, was born in Dubuque, IA, on July 27, 1929, to Herbert and Irma Herzog Witter. He graduated from the US Coast Guard Academy in 1951 and from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1958 with Master's degrees in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering.

He had a 23-year career in the Coast Guard, serving on the icebreaker Mackinaw and cutters Tamaroa and Chautauqua. At Coast Guard headquarters, he led the prototype design, development, and at-sea crew evaluations of the 44-foot Motor Lifeboat. He was also the commanding officer of the Field Testing and Development Center in Curtis Bay, MD, and Base Portsmouth, VA, retiring as Chief of Ocean Engineering at Coast Guard Headquarters.

Following the Coast Guard, he was Vice President of Engineering for Trojan Yachts and was retained by the Underseas Division of Westinghouse Electric Corporation.

Captain Witter was a member of the American Society of Naval Engineers, the American Society for Safety at Sea, the American Yacht and Boat Council,

and the Naval Academy Boat Club. In retirement he enjoyed golfing, traveling, Chester River water testing, and especially being with his family.

He was predeceased by his parents and brother, Eugene.

He is survived by his wife of nearly 70 years, Janet; children Robert Y. Witter (Verena Volpini de Maestri), Jonathan K. Witter, Ph.D., and Sarah W. Campbell (Bruce); eight grandchildren, Lysle (Anah), Clayton and Greta Witter, Matthew, Rachel, and Andrew Campbell, Friedrich and Ferdinand Schludermann; and three great-grandchildren, Maeve, Isla, and Yates Witter.

Interment will be held at Arlington National Cemetery at a time to be announced.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be sent to the US Coast Guard Academy Alumni Association, Class of 1951, 47 Mohegan Ave, New London, CT 06320 or to the Heron Point Employee Appreciation Fund, 501 E Campus Ave, Chestertown, MD 21620.

Tribute Wall



“ *Robert William Witter*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Robert William Witter*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Robert William Witter*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Eternal rest grant unto your servant, Robert, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May this captain's soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

McGeady Family of Severna Park - January 19, 2022 at 08:47 PM