



Sherman DeMaris

December 2, 1919 - September 5, 2014

Sherman DeMaris, age 94, of 1535 Ruthsburg Road, Centreville, Maryland passed away peacefully at his home on Friday, September 5, 2014. He was born December 2, 1919 in Sharptown, New Jersey, the son of Preston Steward DeMaris and Ida Whitesell DeMaris. He graduated from Woodstown High School in June, 1937 and drove across the country with some friends. He then went to work briefly for the DuPont Corporation before enlisting in the U.S. Army Air Corps in December, 1941.

After boot camp, he trained as an aerial engineer on B-17 bomber aircraft in Illinois where he met Mary Eloise Hausser at a U.S.O. dance. He then transferred to the Boeing Aircraft Factory in Seattle, Washington for further training, and subsequently became an instructor in the 88th Bomb Group for oncoming classes of flight engineers. In 1944 he was specially selected to join the 12th Combat Cargo Group as a flight engineer in C-47 cargo aircraft. The 12th Combat Cargo Group flew to Assam in India via the Caribbean, South America, Ascension Island, and Africa in time to deliver supplies to American and British troops at the Battle of Imphal in Burma. Delivering supplies on the ground and by low-level air drops, and flying out wounded soldiers, the 12th Combat Cargo Group began flying over the hump in Burma to deliver supplies to allied units fighting in China. The exploits of the 12th were featured in the June 26, 1944 issue of Life Magazine. Accumulating hundreds of hours over enemy territory, Mr. DeMaris was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal. He rotated back to the states in April, 1945 and was honorably

discharged shortly thereafter. Sherman DeMaris married his wartime sweetheart, Mary Eloise Hausser, on February 2, 1946.

After the War, he worked on his father's farm in New Jersey, moved briefly to California, and then returned to New Jersey. The family moved to Chestertown, Maryland in 1959 and established a large dairy and cattle farm. The family moved to their present residence in Ruthsburg in 1965.

Around 1971 he went to work for Duffy Ford Tractor Machinery Company in Wye Mills, Maryland as the service manager, and later for Delmar Ford in Delmar, Maryland.

He was recently honored by the American Legion Post 18 in Centreville for 55 years of continuous membership. He was a member of the Distinguished Flying Cross Society, and the Hump Pilots Association.

He is survived by his wife of sixty-eight years, a son, Barry Preston DeMaris of Edgemere, Maryland, a sister, Marti Dunbar of West Newfield, Maine, grandsons Douglas Preston DeMaris of Hampstead, Maryland, and Corporal George Hay Kain, IV, USMC of San Diego, California. A great grandchild is expected next week. He was preceded in death by his sisters Helen Ayars, and Erva Hartrum, and a daughter, Linda Louise Kain.

Services will be held Centreville Methodist Church on Friday September 12, 2014 at 11AM with interment at a later date in the Maryland Veterans Eastern Shore Cemetery in Hurlock, Maryland. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to: Centreville United Methodist Church 608 Church Hill Road Centreville, MD 21617 or American Legion Post #18 2619 Centreville Road Centreville, MD 21617.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP **12.** 11:00 AM (ET)

Centreville Methodist Church
608 Church Hill Road
Centreville, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Sherman DeMaris* ”



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - September 09, 2014 at 02:26 PM



“ *Sherman DeMaris* ”

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Sherman DeMaris* ”

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Sherman DeMaris* ”

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *David & June Clark lit a candle in memory of Sherman DeMaris* ”



David & June Clark - September 09, 2014 at 04:30 PM

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George Hay Kain III - September 08, 2014 at 08:54 PM

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“ Penny Roesner lit a candle in memory of Sherman DeMaris



Penny Roesner - September 08, 2014 at 05:28 PM

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“ *Brenda Beaver lit a candle in memory of Sherman DeMaris*



Brenda Beaver - September 08, 2014 at 04:12 PM

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“ *Centreville United Methodist Women sent a virtual gift in memory of Sherman DeMaris*



Centreville United Methodist Women - September 08, 2014 at 01:04 PM

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Our prayers and sympathy to the family at this time. We have lost an awesome church member and he will be greatly missed. Prayers are with you. CUMW

Centreville United Methodist Women - September 08, 2014 at 01:05 PM

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“ *I couldn't have asked for a better father-in-law. Sherman was an inspiration in his personal life and in our shared family life. The circle of life continues as his first great grandchild, my first grandchild, is expected on the day of Sherman's memorial service. In the words of the ancient nautical blessing, I wish Sherman - my father-in-law and my friend - "Fair Winds and Following Seas." To one of the last members of America's greatest generation, I say, "Technical Sergeant Sherman DeMaris, I salute you." Godspeed. /s/ George Hay Kain III.*

George Hay Kain III - September 08, 2014 at 12:12 PM

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“ *Gene And Lynda Palmatary sent a virtual gift in memory of Sherman DeMaris*



Gene and Lynda Palmatary - September 08, 2014 at 11:10 AM

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*What a wonderful gentleman and church member that has left us to go his final resting place. Mr. DeMaris will be missed by many in the community. Our prayers and thoughts are with the family at this time. Blessings to all of you and remember the good times that you shared.
Gene and Lynda Palmatary*

Gene and Lynda Palmatary - September 08, 2014 at 11:11 AM