



Thomas Austin Collier, Jr.

September 4, 1920 - August 14, 2008

Thomas Austin Collier, Jr., of Oxford, MD, beloved husband for 64 years of Louisa Pitzonka Collier, died on August 14, 2008 at William Hill Health Care, Easton, MD, at the age of 87.

Born in Philadelphia, PA, he was the son of the late, Thomas Austin and Mabel McCrea Collier. Mr. Collier was a graduate Bristol High School and the University of Pennsylvania with a B.S. in mechanical engineering. Upon graduation, he served during World War II as a U.S. Navy Lieutenant on the U.S.S. Mission Bay, an air craft carrier in the Atlantic Fleet. After the war, he moved to Lancaster, PA where he owned a company which designed and sold dust control systems throughout the East Coast.

Upon retirement in 1982 he and his wife moved to the town of Oxford on the Eastern Shore of Maryland where they spent many wonderful years together. While in Oxford, he developed his life long interest of wood working. He particularly enjoyed crafting pieces of furniture and toys for his children and grandchildren. In addition to woodworking, Mr. Collier was an avid sailor, and in his younger years piloted his own airplane. He was an ardent baseball fan of the Philadelphia Athletics and was proud to have met Connie Mack and Babe Ruth. He was also a dedicated sponsor in the Big Brother program of Lancaster and was actively involved in many community activities in Oxford. He will be remembered most, however, for the love and devotion he had for

his family. His story telling, drawn from generations of Irish ancestors, captivated his 5 grandchildren.

In addition to his wife Louisa, Mr. Collier is survived by his son, Thomas Austin Collier III, M.D. of Chestertown, MD; his daughter, Ruth Collier Manning of Elkton, MD; a brother, Howard Collier of Avon Lake, OH; sister, Myrtle Lynahan of Dunwoody Village, PA; a grandson Russell Manning of Madison, WI; 4 granddaughters, Emily Manning of Madrid, Spain, Ann Collier of Denver, Colorado, Katherine Spencer of Cambridge, Massachusetts and Louisa Gehring of Yucca Valley, California; a great granddaughter, Robyn; and the family dog, Porkchop. He was preceded in death by a sister, Margaret Davit, and a brother, John Collier.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Arrangements are by Fellows, Helfenbein and Newnam Funeral Home, P. A. Easton, MD.

Tribute Wall



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