



William B. Macbeth

June 29, 2007

William Benson “Bill” Macbeth of Chestertown, MD died on Friday, June 29, 2007 at Heartfields Assisted Living in Easton, MD. He was 82.

Born May 3, 1925 in Baltimore, MD, he was the son of the late John Stuart and Annabelle Benson Macbeth. He attended schools in Ventnor, NJ, where he graduated with honors. In 1940, he earned Eagle Scout recognition from the Boy Scouts of America. Mr. Macbeth qualified for Naval Aviation training in 1943 and in 1944, under the G.I. bill, was able to pursue a pre-law degree at Duke University in Durham, NC.

Mr. Macbeth worked as an agent for The Travelers Insurance Company in Baltimore, MD until 1959 when he became an independent agent and partner with Robert Fleetwood in Chestertown, MD. He was a partner in a merger of agencies with Richard McCown and Brian B. Kane which grew into an agency named Fleetwood, Athey, Macbeth, and McCown where he specialized in commercial lines of insurance.

A resident of Chestertown, MD for 47 years, Mr. Macbeth served with the town council under the leadership of Mayor David Haacke. He was a Boy Scout troop leader, an Eastern Shore Football League referee, an Emmanuel Episcopal Church school instructor for teens, a Rotarian, a Lions Club member, and a member of the Mason’s Blue Lodge.

Mr. Macbeth was a supporter of programs to preserve the unique culture of the people raised on Maryland's Eastern Shore and programs to maintain the original integrity of the land and waterways. He was a supporter of many local programs to benefit the area youth and the elderly. He was a long time fan of the Baltimore Colts and the Baltimore Orioles. In his spare time he loved sailing on the Bay and river, swimming in the ocean, and gardening, especially cultivating roses.

Mr. Macbeth is survived by his wife, the former Joanne Clarke Johnson, who he married in 1948; a son, William Benson "Ben" Macbeth, Jr.; a daughter, Barbara Kay Macbeth; two brothers, Jack Macbeth and Bob Macbeth; and one sister Mary Jane Macbeth.

Memorial services will be held on Thursday, August 2, 2007 at 11:00 AM at Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Chestertown, MD. A luncheon will follow in the parish hall.

Memorial contributions in his memory may be made to the Eastern Shore Land Conservancy, PO Box 169, Queenstown, MD 21658, The Chester River Association, 100 North Cross St., Suite 1, Chestertown, MD 21620, or the Chester River Health Foundation, 100 Brown St., Chestertown, MD 21620.

Arrangements are by Fellows, Helfenbein and Newnam Funeral Home, P.A., Easton, MD 21601.

Tribute Wall



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