



Lowry Hale Farnham

July 25, 1924 - April 3, 2013

Lowry Hale Farnham, 88, of Basye, died April 3, 2013 at Woodstock, VA after a long illness. Lowry was born July 25, 1924 in Washington, D. C. to Ruth H. and Arthur B. Farnham, of Washington. Lowry was a grandson of Dr. Robert Farnham of Washington, nephew of Robert Farnham, construction Engineer for Washington D.C.'s Union Station, and great-grandson of Chief Scout for the Army of the Cumberland, Dr. Jonathan Davis Hale of Tennessee.

Lowry was predeceased by his children's mother, Marjorie S. Hughes, Rockville, MD, and his daughter Barbara R. Kort, Traverse City, MI. Lowry is survived by his brother Arthur C. Farnham (Rita), Sedona, AZ, daughter Elizabeth J. Forde (Greg), Mt. Jackson, sons William B. Farnham, (Sylvia), Basye, and Frederick H. Farnham, Fredericksburg, VA, 8 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren, 2 nephews and a niece.

Lowry graduated 1943 from Western High School, Washington, D. C. and was accepted to Naval Aviation Cadet training at UVA, Roanoke College and Williams College, MA, then Pensacola NAS. Lowry received his wings and an Ensign's commission late 1944. After discharge from active duty at the end of WWII, Lowry served as a Lieutenant with USNR Fighter Squadron VF-661 while earning his B. S. in Aeronautical Engineering at Catholic University, Washington, D. C. in 1949.

On June 24, 1950, in Washington, D. C., Lowry was married to Marjorie C. Schwanke of Kenosha, WI. He was called back to active duty July 1951 as Project Officer in the Navy's Bureau of Aeronautics Fighter Design Branch. Lowry's skills as a pilot, engineer and analyst helped the Navy develop better carrier-based aircraft during the Korean War, for which he received the National Defense Service Medal; in 1999, John Glenn described their work in his A Memoir. From 1959 - mid-1965, Lowry served as a Special Assistant to the Under Secretary of the Navy for aircraft Logistics; from 1988 - mid-1993 he served his country as computer security analyst for The Army Research Institute.

Lowry retired to Bryce Resort, Basye, VA in 1999. He was a life member of Kenwood Golf and Country Club of Bethesda, MD. He enjoyed attending P.G.A. tournaments, practicing his golf swing, watching pro football, collecting humor, political satire, listening to music, working with his computer, and hiking.

Interment with military honors at 12 noon on July 6, 2013 in Glenwood Cemetery, Washington, D.C.

Tribute Wall



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