



Benjamin Edward Storrs

April 26, 1918 - August 25, 2013

Benjamin Edward Storrs, the first child of Benjamin Huckins and Grace Hessel Storrs was born in Mechanicville, N.Y. on April 26, 1918, and died on August 25, 2013.

He graduated from an 8-grade school in Coleman Station, N.Y. in 1931, and from Roeliff Jansen High School in Hillsdale, NY in June 1935.

During the summers of 1933, 34 and 35 he worked at Camp Ferosdel, a camp for New York City children on a lake in West Copake, N.Y.

He worked as a clerk in the U.S. Post Office in Copake, N.Y. from Sept. 1935 until May 1937, when he joined the General Electric Co. in Schenectady, N.Y. as an apprentice machinist. He graduated on May 1, 1941 and became a toolmaker. He joined the Schenectady G.E Large Motor & Generator Dept. and the Aeronautics and Ordinance Dept. While in Schenectady he became President of the local chapter 20 of the American Society of Tool and Manufacturing Engineers and taught night school courses at Mt. Pleasant Technical High School.

In May of 1956 he joined GE's Carboloy Systems in Detroit, Michigan, a manufacturer of carbide cutting tools, becoming a chief Application and Service Engineer. He moved to Richfield, OH in 1960, and continued to visit

manufacturing companies throughout the 50 United States and seven countries in Europe. Ben also visited Algeria and Morocco in Africa, where he rode a camel.

He was a frequent speaker at ASTME meetings and wrote several articles for trade magazines.

He was a member of the Schenectady Light Opera Co. He was also a 2nd Lieutenant in the NEW YORK GUARD, Co. E., 2nd Regiment.

Ben retired on May 1, 1981 and since then has flown in hot air balloons and planes from a Ford Tri-motor to the supersonic Concord, and sailed on the QE2. He was given a ride in the Goodyear blimp in honor of his 90th birthday by his children.

He sang in church choirs for 76 years, including the Mentor United Methodist Church, where he is a member; and sang for many years in the local chapter of SEPSQUA, an international barbershop style singing organization.

His hobbies include working on his model railroad, water color painting, swimming and sailing at their camp on Galway Lake, Galway N.Y.

Survivors include his wife of 73 years, Winifred, who he married on August 24, 1940; daughter, Winifred Elaine (Roger) Peck, son, Benjamin N. (Carol) Storrs; daughter in law, Deborah Storrs; grandchildren, Duane, Michael, Melissa, Julianne, Ben, An, Alex and Amber; ten great-grandchildren; sister, Grace Simila of Gualala, CA and brother, John (Judy) Storrs of Albany, OR and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his son, Brian; sister, Marjorie Fessler and brothers, George and Robert Storrs.

A Memorial service will be held at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday September 14th, 2013 in the chapel at Mentor United Methodist Church, 8600 Mentor Ave., Mentor, Ohio 44060. A second service will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Saturday September 14th, 2013, at the Memory Gardens Chapel, 983 Waterviliet Shaker Rd., Albany, NY 12205. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Ruback's Grove Campers Association Inc., 882 Sacandaga Rd, Glenville, NY 12302-6032. Arrangements entrusted to Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave, Mentor, OH, 44060.

Online obituary at www.brunners.com