



## William Mead Stapler

November 13, 2009

Wantage - William Mead Stapler, age 89, passed away on Friday, November 13, 2009 at Belle Reve in Milford, Pennsylvania. Born in Wilmington, Delaware to the late William and Ethel Stapler, he had graduated from Butler High School and had lived in Riverdale before moving to Wantage in 1984. He graduated from Casey Jones School of Aeronautics and worked at Curtis Wright in West Caldwell as a propeller specialist. Mr. Stapler had served in the United States Army Air Corps. as a Sargent during World War II. After the war, he worked at Reaction Motors and Bendix before starting his own business, Ramapo Instrument Company and later Mead Instruments Corporation in Wantage until he sold the company in 1991. Mr. Stapler was a member of the North Jersey Highlands Historical Society and had served as President for many years. He had served as the Editor of the journal, The Highlander for 18 years, was a member of the Minisink Historical Society, a member of the Walpack Historical Society, a member of the New England Antiquities Research Association (NEARA), a member of the Orange County Chapter, New York State Archeological Association, serving as a trustee and also Treasurer, and was a member of the Instrument Society of America (ISA). Mr. Stapler was predeceased by his wife of 61 years, Mary R. Stapler on May 4, 2006. He is survived by his two sons, Peter Mead Stapler of Los Alamos, New Mexico and Thomas E. Stapler of North Kingstown, Rhode Island; his two grandchildren, Captain Sean Stapler, USAF who is currently stationed in Germany and Ryan Stapler of Newark, Delaware. Funeral services will be

held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, November 18, 2009 at the Pinkel Funeral Home, 31 Bank Street (Route 23), Sussex. Interment will follow at Pompton Reformed Church Cemetery, Hamburg Turnpike, Pompton Lakes. Friends may pay their respects to the family on Tuesday, November 17, 2009 from 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations may be made to Schoenstedt Humanitarian De-Mining Initiative, c/o Woodstown Friends Meeting, P.O. Box 13, Woodstown, NJ 08098. Online condolences may be offered to the family on [www.PinkelFuneralHome.net](http://www.PinkelFuneralHome.net)

# Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Tom (and Eileen),

*Your friends at JCDSRI are thinking of you and send their condolences. We wish you many sweet memories to feed upon in the days to come. Hearing about your Dad, I am sure that you will hear many wonderful stories from those who knew him perhaps in ways that you did not, and youâ€™ll be able to add these stories to complete the picture of the man that is your Dad. May these days celebrate his life and the life he gave you.*

*Fondly,  
Renee Rudnick  
Assistant Head of School  
JCDSRI*

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**Renee Rudnick** - May 14, 2015 at 08:20 AM

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“ *It is sad to know that the end has come for Mead. However, I am sure that he is very glad to be reunited once again with Mary and spared the limitations his earthly life put upon him toward the end. Am forever grateful that he shared his love of history with me.. and will cherish that memory forever.*

*My sincere condolences and prayers go out to you - Tom, and to the rest of the Stapler family members.*

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**Alicia B.** - May 14, 2015 at 08:20 AM

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“ Tom, Thank you for bringing Mead into my life. The apple doesn't fall far from the tree--the son is a gentleman, like his father. In just a year's time, Mead added so much to my life. I will truly miss him and the unconditional love he had for me and for us. Love to you and Mead and Mary, always.

*Eileen*

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**Eileen Ellis** - May 14, 2015 at 08:20 AM