



William H. Voorhis

April 13, 2010

Sussex -William H. Voorhis, Sr, age 97, passed away on Tuesday, April 13, 2010 at his residence in Sussex. Born in Fort Lee to the late Edward and Charlotte Voorhis, he moved to Sussex County in 1978. He had served in the United States Army Air Corps from 1942 to 1944 and was a civilian flight instructor, teaching Navy Pilots during World War II. Before his retirement in 2005, Mr. Voorhis was a civilian flight instructor for 63 years. During his tenure at the Sussex Airport, he was affectionately known as "Wild Bill." In 1996, he was inducted into the New Jersey Aviation Hall of Fame at Teterboro Airport, where several of his paintings are on display. He was predeceased by his wife, Effie on May 21, 1978, his brother, Ralph Voorhis, and his sister, Ruth Frank. Mr. Voorhis is survived by his son, William H. Voorhis, Jr. and his wife Elaine M. of Byram; his two sisters, Clara McDonald of Cliffside and Dorothy Sorrentino of Ft. Pierce, Florida; his two grandsons, Patrick L. and Michael C. Voorhis; and his three great grandchildren, Colin, Aidan, and Bridget. Friends may pay their respects to the family on Friday, April 16, 2010 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Pinkel Funeral Home, 31 Bank Street (Route 23), Sussex. Private cremation services will be held at the convenience of the family. Online condolences may be offered to the family at www.PinkelFuneralHome.net

Tribute Wall

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“ Years ago William taught me to fly at Teterboro NJ and continued to be a friend at Sussex Apt for many years. I extend my Sympathy to his family and Son William Jr.

Charles Moran - May 14, 2015 at 08:20 AM

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“ Chuck and I extend our condolences to Wild Bill's family. A wonderful pilot and human being has "gone West" and he will be missed. Bill was a beloved fixture at Sussex airport for many, many years and had forgotten more about flying than many of us will ever know. God speed, Bill.

Pat Holliday - May 14, 2015 at 08:20 AM

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“ It is really sad to hear that Wild Bill is gone, I really enjoyed talking with him and knowing somewhere at the airport Wild Bill was always around telling a good story to someone new, You will be missed greatly "Wild Bill", in loving memory always, Diane Castle

Diane Castle - May 14, 2015 at 08:20 AM