



David Finley Graham

November 2, 2007

Teacher - Aviator dies at 92

David Finley Graham, 92, of Petrolia, PA, died at 8am on Friday, November 2, 2007 of natural causes at his home.

He was born Monday, November 23, 1914 in Pittsburgh, PA, the son of the late David Finley Graham and the late Bertha Wietzke Graham.

Mr. Graham was a teacher at Moniteau High School from 1955-1967. He then taught at Butler County Community College until he retired at the age of 70.

A lifelong love of airplanes began when he was 10 years old. He was honored in 1996 by the FAA for 56 years in aviation. He was a licensed aircraft inspector for over 30 years.

During WWII, he was a chief mechanic at Mobile Air Depot, Brookley Field and was responsible for the safety of every war time airplane that went through. It was there that he met and married his wife of 63 years, Dorotha.

Surviving are his wife, Dorotha (Kirk) Graham; a daughter, Dorotha Graham Thurner of Butler; a granddaughter, Dori Thurner of Butler and 2 grandsons, Matthew & William Thurner of Butler; 5 great grandchildren, Zachary, Alex &

Olivia Staab and Grace & Finley Thurner all of Butler; a nephew, Don Graham of Chicago, IL; and a niece, Carol Hey of Butler.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Frank Graham, 2 sisters, Isabel Graham and Bertha Motznik and a great granddaughter, Hailey Marie Staab.

Friends will be received from 2-4 and 7-9, Monday, November 5, 2007 at the Young Funeral Home, Ltd., Butler, PA. Private services.

Interment in the Butler County Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Butler County Community College Scholarship Funds.