



John Wheeler

December 31, 1969 - September 5, 2012

Obituary of John Wheeler John W. Wheeler, 88, passed away on September 5th, in Ocala, Florida. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Margaret (nee Montgomery) of Ocala, two sons, Mark (Kathy) of Virginia Beach, VA, Craig (Liz) of Ocala, and five grandchildren: Dylan (wife Stephanie), Emory, Blake, Erin and Nicholas. John lived a full life, including enlisting in the Army Air Corps as an eighteen-year-old, eventually joining the Flying Tigers 74th Fighter Squadron, 23rd group, in Kweilin, China, under General Claire Chennault. Between 1942- 1945 John flew P40's and P51's and was shot down twice by ground fire. He attained the rank of 1st Lieutenant and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air medal, and the Purple Heart for his efforts. After serving in WWII John returned to Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, where in 1948 he received a degree in mechanical engineering. John was a fifty-two year resident of Barrington, RI, and was the former owner of Narragansett Concrete Company and John Wheeler Yachts. He was an avid sailor and waterman and owned and built classic wooden boats. Three years ago while in failing health, John and Margaret moved to Ocala, FL, where he lived the remainder of his life with his son and family. There will be a gathering Saturday, September 8th from 1pm until service time at 2pm, ROBERTS FUNERAL HOMES, DOWNTOWN CHAPEL, 606 SW 2ND AVE, OCALA, FL, 34471. Burial will be in Royalston, MA. In lieu of flowers please send donations to the Boys & Girls Clubs of America, www.bgca.org.

Tribute Wall



“ *John Wheeler*

June 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Craig, Liz and family Please accept my condolences for your loss.
Brin Hartigan*

Brian Hartigan - September 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *We did not know Mr.Wheeler,and we liked very much his history and
experience,we are sorry for his loss,and receive our
condolencies,God bless all,we love Luis E.& Zenaida Acevedo*

Luis & Zenaida Acevedo - September 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Craig, Liz, Mark & Kathy & Families, We are so sorry for your loss.
You are in our thoughts and prayers. David & Bobbi*

David & Bobbi Large - September 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *On behalf of our staff at Roberts Funeral Homes, I would like to
extend my condolences to the entire family during this difficult time.*

Todd McBride - September 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM