

William Grier Murray, Jr.

Age 86, of Newark, died Friday after a brief illness. Mr. Murray was born in Wilmington on November 26, 1925, to William Grier Murray and Maude Reynolds Murray. He graduated from Conrad High school in 1945. In 1947, upon completion of the U.S. Navy [<http://www.legacy.com/legacies/navy/?personid=149534962&affiliateID=2869>](http://www.legacy.com/legacies/navy/?personid=149534962&affiliateID=2869) 's World War II [<http://www.legacy.com/legacies/ww2/?personid=149534962&affiliateID=2869>](http://www.legacy.com/legacies/ww2/?personid=149534962&affiliateID=2869) V-5 fighter pilot training program, he was commissioned 2nd Lt USMC, aircraft carrier qualification and received his wings. In 1949 he married Grace Walker, also of Wilmington. In 1951 he was recalled to active duty during the Korean conflict and served in Europe with NATO forces.

Mr. Murray attended the University of Delaware where he played football and lacrosse. He graduated in 1950 with a degree in Entomology. He was a lifelong and passionate supporter of the university's athletic and agriculture departments. His numerous interests and hobbies included flying, photography, poetry, literature, sailing, hiking, bird watching, biking, canoeing, travel and history. He was a real estate broker and developer in Newark. He never retired.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Murray is preceded in death by his sisters Adeline, Nancy and Betty. His oldest son, William Grier Murray, III, USMC, died in 1982. Survivors include his beloved brother, Reynolds Murray, of Ocean View; children: Brooke Grube, Wendy and Mike Weinmann, Renn Murray, Beth and Paul Cooper, Lesley Neal ; six grandchildren: Gregory Grube, Joseph and Brooke Murray, Amy and Abigail Weinmann, Morgan and Dalton Cooper, Grace Neal; and two great-grandchildren: Foster Murray and Riley Egan.

Services will be held at 2 pm on Saturday March 26 at R.T. FOARD & JONES FUNERAL HOME, 122 West Main St., Newark, DE 19711. Friends and family may call at the funeral home beginning at 1 pm. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the Delaware Nature Society c/o the funeral home. To send condolences visit

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