



Randolph Dickenson Zelov

September 17, 1925 - February 13, 2008

Randolph D. Zelov in Memoriam

Randolph Dickinson Zelov, 82, of Bryn Mawr died February 13, 2008 in Delray Beach, Florida. He is survived by his wife Josephine Espy Frank of almost 58 years, and his three children Randolph Jr., Charenton Zelov Drake, and Peter Espy, and nine grandchildren. He graduated from Lower Merion HS in 1942. He attended the University of Pennsylvania until eligible age-wise for the United States Naval Academy of the Class of 1948. He attended submarine school in New London, CT where he met Josephine and married on November, 11, 1950. He later studied Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering and received degrees at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1956.

For 20 of his years in the USN, Randolph served in the submarine service involved with experimental sonar, underwater nuclear missile launch testing, and nuclear attack and POLARIS submarine design, construction and maintenance. Before retiring as a Commander in 1966 his last assignment was at the Navy's Bureau of Ships in Washington. D.C.

Randolph and his family then returned to the Main Line to help his father, Victor I. Zelov, in the family business, VIZ Manufacturing Company located in

Germantown. During this time he directed the engineering department, attended the Advanced Management Program at Harvard Business School in 1970, and became Vice President. In 1986 Randolph became president, continuing to closely work with his brother, Victor H., his son, Peter, and his nephew, Victor Scott until retiring in 1993. VIZ MFRG. provided meteorological instrumentation, contract electronics design and assembly, and plastic injection molding services for Fortune 500 companies around the country.

Randolph was a member of the National Honor Society, Sigma Xi (MIT Chapter), Tau Beta Pi (MIT), Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers, Boy Scouts of America, Rotary Club of Philadelphia, Sons of the Revolution, and the Mayflower Society. He was a member of Merion Cricket Club and Gulph Mills Golf Club.

Over the years Randolph was very active in each of his local Episcopal Churches serving in various capacities on the vestry, Sunday school staff and parochial committees, and stewardship campaign. He has attended the Church of the Redeemer for over 40 years.

His Memorial Service was held on Mon. Feb. 18, 11am in Church of the Redeemer, corner of Pennswood and New Gulph Roads, Bryn Mawr, PA. Burial will be private in the Churchyard. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in his memory to either the Salvation Army, 701 N. Broad St., Phila., PA 19123 or Episcopal Relief and Development, 815 2nd Ave., NY, NY 10017

Previous Events

Service

FEB 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

Church of The Redeemer
230 Pennswood Road
Bryn Mawr, PA