



G. Lee Skillman

August 11, 2006

G. Lee SKILLMAN, Age 79, an industrial relations specialist and avid flying buff, died Friday August 11th at Lakeland Regional Medical Center in Lakeland, Florida, of complications following cardiac arrest. Mr. Skillman was born in Hamilton, Ohio, the third child of Dorothy and R. Calvin Skillman, an executive at Champion Paper Co. His brother Robert died in combat in World War II. His sister Betty married Elbert Ledford and resides in the Hamilton area. After serving in the U.S. Navy at the end of WWII, Mr. Skillman worked as an industrial relations manager at National Lead, A.O. Smith and Dayton Steel Foundries before joining the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service in 1972. He retired after serving 19 years as a mediator, eventually settling in Lakeland. An aviation enthusiast since he was a boy, Mr. Skillman was an amateur pilot who built and flew his own single-engine airplane. In retirement, he served as a volunteer at Sun & Fun Fly-In in Lakeland, working on vintage aircraft restoration projects and assisting at the annual air show. Mr. Skillman is preceded in death by his first son, Douglas. In addition to his sister, Mr. Skillman is survived by two sons, Gilbert, of Norwich, Connecticut, Robert of St. Petersburg, a daughter, Shawn, of Reno, Nevada, and a grand-daughter, Steffanie, of Mesa, Arizona. A memorial service will be held 10:00 a.m. Saturday, August 19, 2006, at Rose Hill Burial Park, Hamilton. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Mr. Skillman's memory to the American Heart Association and the American Diabetes Association.

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“ *Kaye lit a candle in memory of G. Lee Skillman* ”



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