

Thomas William Fowler (FCAS 1955)

1920-2014

Thomas William Fowler, 93, a resident of Park Gables at Virginia Mennonite Retirement Community in Harrisonburg, Virginia passed away on April 7, 2014, at his home.

He was born in New York, New York, on October 1, 1920, and was a son of the late Thomas and Annie O'Neil Fowler.

He was raised in Bloomfield, New Jersey, graduated valedictorian of his high school, and was a member of Watsessing United Methodist Church.

He joined the Army Air Corps during WWII and as a U.S. Army Air Force Veteran, served as a navigator on both ferry and air transport commands.

Following his discharge from active duty, Lt. Col. Fowler (Ret.) served in the U.S. Air Force Reserves for many years. He graduated from the University of Iowa (BA) and Columbia University (MA, MS and EdD).

It was while attending school in Iowa that he first met Alice, a graduate student at the University, and fell in love. They were united in marriage on August 6, 1949.

Together they resided for many years in Ridgewood, New Jersey, where they raised their family and were members of Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church. He worked until retirement at Swiss Re Holding Corporation in New York where he served as vice president and actuary.

They relocated to Harrisonburg, Virginia, where he commuted to Baltimore, Maryland, as actuarial consultant with the F&D until his final retirement.

In 2000, they moved to Virginia Mennonite Retirement Community, where he enjoyed traveling with Alice, reading, walking, swimming and fellowship.

Fowler was preceded in death by his wife; son, David; and sister, Letitia Hile. Surviving are children, Thomas (Rosalie) Fowler, William Fowler, and Alice (Swarnjit) Deol; a grandson; sister, Ruth E. Fowler; and two nieces.