

Richard G. Bennett

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Bennett, Richard G.

Pittsford: Passed away December 2, 2015 at the age of 96. A WWII veteran, Richard served in the Air Force stationed in Guam, and achieved the rank of Major by the end of the war. Professionally, Richard was the owner and President of Stewart & Bennett General Contractors, a family company that built the First Federal Building and the Strasenburgh Planetarium, among many others.

Richard was a longtime member of the Country Club of Rochester, the Rochester Williams College Club, and The Quiet Birdmen (a secretive club composed of US male aviators/astronauts), and a former member of the Genesee Valley Club where he served on its board. Richard also served on the boards of The Harley School as its Chair, The Country Club of Rochester, Highland Hospital, the former Marine Midland Bank, and the former Rochester Community Savings Bank.

An adventurer at heart, and a pilot by passion, Richard and several stalwart friends embarked on many unusual missions, flying small twin-engine or pontoon planes to the Arctic, across the Atlantic, as well as across the US to Alaska where he was forced to make a (safe and successful!) emergency landing on the AICan highway. The stories we tell and the lives he touched as a beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and true friend, will keep him with us always.

Richard is predeceased by his son, James S. Bennett. He is survived by his wife of 74 years, Ruth Harris Bennett; children, Richard V. (Tricia) Bennett and Margaret B. Heminway; grandchildren, Jennifer B. Heminway, Andrew M. (Ryan) Heminway and Emily H. Heminway; great-grandchildren, Ella, Merritt and Julia; many nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life will be held Wednesday, December 9th, 1-3 PM at the Country Club of Rochester, 2935 East Ave. Private interment. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to The Harley School, 1981 Clover St., Rochester, NY 14618 or to a charity of your choice. To share a memory of Richard or send a condolence to the family visit www.anthonychapels.com.

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