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Herbert S. Meeker WILLIAMS TOWNSHIP Herbert Southmayd Meeker, 93, of Williams Township, PA, died on July 26, 2018, in the company of his family and devoted caretaker. Herbert was born in East Orange, NJ, on April 21, 1925. Without a high school diploma, he joined the United States Army Air Force in 1944. He served in the 8th Air Force, 398th Bomb Group, 600th Squadron, flying 30 missions as a navigator in a B-17 based out of Nuthamsptead, UK; on some of these missions he was the lead navigator. This was, without a doubt, a high point in his long life. Throughout his life, he continued to attend bomb group reunions until everyone else in his squadron had died. He was one of the last remaining B-17 navigators. At the end of the war, Herbert attended Williams College in North Adams, MA, on the GI Bill. He then went to law school, ultimately graduating from NYU Law in 1951. He was admitted to the bar in 1952, and started practicing law with Francis P. Upham, in the Chrysler Building. Walter P. Chrysler was Mr. Upham's primary client. Herbert quickly became his top associate, and eventually a partner in Upham & Meeker, which continued to grow, eventually becoming Baer, Marks, & Upham. At the peak of Meeker & Upham, the firm had multiple floors in the Chrysler Building. Herbert was devoted to his clients throughout his lifetime. In 1991, he moved out of New York City to Easton, PA, with his wife and three sons. He took up carpentry, gardening, and lovingly cared for his animals. He continued to work for a few choice clients, and set his sights on a trip to Nepal. As it turned out, Herbert was one of the oldest, at 78, to go on a trekking expedition with a peak elevation of 18,000 feet in Nepal. Herbert was the son of Adeline Medinger and John Harbeck Meeker. He was predeceased by John Harbeck Meeker II, Thomas George Meeker, and Barbra Southmayd Meeker. He is survived by his sons, Ean Golden, Samuel Southmayd Meeker, Henry Somerville Meeker, and Oliver Herbert Meeker; his former wife, Elizabeth Hornor Snelling; friend, Michelle Verentas; caretaker, John Alumasa; Labradoodle, Daisy; and numerous nieces and nephews. Services will be at the convenience of the family. Memorials may be made in Herbert's name to Dawne Dougherty, 398th Bomb Group, 951 S. 9th St., Harrisburg, OR 97446-9585. (As a 501c(3) organization, all donations are tax deductible.) O'Donnell Funeral Home 908 Hanover Ave. Allentown, PA 18109 (610) 432-8522

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