

OBITUARY BILL WAYNE

WILLIAM DEAN WAYNE, 84, passed away with his wife B J by his side on March 26, 2011. Bill was a graduate of the U S Merchant Marine Academy, Class of 1946B. He served as a Midshipman in the Battle of Leyte Gulf during World War II. After attending graduate school at Purdue University, he became a Naval Aviator. In 1953 he served as a Night Fighter Division Leader aboard the U S S Kearsarge. In 1955 Bill met his wife, Betty Jo (B J) Peters, a TWA stewardess,. LCDR Wayne left the Navy in 1956 to settle down with his new bride and entered the corporate world. They both worked for General Electric in Cincinnati. He later joined Aerojet General and eventually was V P of Nuclear Operations.

He was transferred to Frontier Airlines (another holding of General Tire) and after fourteen years retired in 1985 as Executive VP and COO. In 1985 the couple began retirement life in their second home in Tucson, and eventually built their dream home on Black Mountain in Carefree. Both Bill and B J enjoyed flying their private airplanes, and had an interest in classic cars. They traveled the world extensively and especially enjoyed cruises.

Bill is survived by his wife of 54 years, their daughter Vanessa and her husband Mark McClintock of Denver, Colorado and their son Gregory and wife Pat Wayne of Kayenta, Arizona, and five grandchildren. A private family celebration of life will be commemorated with a burial at sea.. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the USMMA,,Kings Point, NY 11024-1699, or to the Hospice of the Valley, Fund Development, 1510 E Flower St, Phoenix, AZ 85014.