



## Fred "Fritz" Furbee

February 2, 2012

Fred "Fritz" S. Furbee, of Grandview Heights formerly of Upper Arlington, died peacefully in his sleep at his home on February 2, 2012. He was born July 15, 1924 to Fred and Mary Furbee in Marietta, Ohio. Fritz attended Notre Dame University prior to enlisting in the Army Air Corp. He had a distinguished career as a pilot flying C-47's in the Central Burma India-Burma China offensive, "The Hump". As a Captain he received The Distinguished Flying Cross for rescuing 22 nuns from behind enemy lines and flying them to safety. Fritz was also proud of his Chinese wings he received as a tribute from the Flying Tigers. He returned home after the war to Marietta and married his WWII sweetheart Charlotte Nelson, and then completed his college education graduating from Ohio University. Fritz and Charlotte moved to Upper Arlington in 1956 and he founded his business, Furbee-Hall Architectural Sales in 1962 which he ran for 35 years. He enjoyed sailing a Thistle with his family on Sunday afternoon races at Leatherlips Yacht Club, watercolor painting, making mustard, visiting with friends over a cold beer at Johnnies and he had a passion for vintage aircraft. He is preceded in death by his parents and his brother Dick W. Furbee of Naples, Florida. He is survived by his daughters Mary Ann (Don) of Upper Arlington and Rebecca Ann; his former wife Charlotte N. Furbee of Marietta, his sister-in-law Sue Furbee of Naples, Florida and many nieces and nephews. Fritz was a staunch conservative, and a believer in free enterprise, the entrepreneurial spirit and the value of a great sense of humor. He was a good man who lived life very much on his own

terms. Fritz will be laid to rest later this week at Mound Cemetery in Marietta, Ohio at a private service. In lieu of flowers, friends may contribute to his favorite charity, The Salvation Army, 340 East Fulton St., Columbus, OH 43215. Please visit [www.rutherfordfuneralhome.com](http://www.rutherfordfuneralhome.com) to send on-line condolences.

# Tribute Wall



“ Fred "Fritz" Furbee

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ Mary Ann and Don, I am so sorry for the loss of your father. What a great guy he was. I am glad I got to know him. Marcia (Rifes)

marcia oberdier - February 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ What a man of passion - sailing, painting, and his daughters. That's what I remember about my days at Grenoble! My sincere sympathy to Mrs. Furbee, Mary Ann, and my Becky. Not a day goes by that I don't think of my dearest friend. "May the Lord watch between me and thee as we are absent one from the other."

Judy Schnoor Miller - February 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Charlotte, Mary Ann and Becky, It has been many years since our paths have crossed but I was sorry to read of your loss and send my deepest sympathy.

Genie Craven - February 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ I mourn the passing of Mr. Furbee, the father of my childhood friend, Becky.

Deborah Logan Berggren - February 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Mary Ann, Rebecca, and Charlotte, I'm sorry to hear of Fritz' passing. Those were good Sundays at LYC sailing our Thistles and gathering afterward on the porch. Ed will be sadden to hear about Fritz. Sally

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**Sally Gilson (Krause)** - February 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Our deepest condolences and our prayers to Charlotte and Mary Ann, to all of Fritz's family and to his many friends. He was a modest hero, great company at table, a man who deeply appreciated life and living it well and to the fullest. May he rest in peace, James Robison and Mary Ferraro Robison

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**James Robison and Mary Ferraro Robison** - February 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM