



Christopher "Chric" Lamb

February 1, 1923 - March 25, 2009

Christopher "Chric" Lamb, a retired envelope company executive and World War II Navy flier, died March 25 of kidney failure at the Blakehurst retirement community in Towson. He was 86. Mr. Lamb was born in Baltimore and raised in Roland Park. He was a 1941 graduate of Polytechnic Institute and began studying industrial engineering at Duke University. He left Duke, enlisted in the Navy and was commissioned an ensign. "With months of personal rehabilitation, he overcame an optometric condition and was selected for navel flight school," said his daughter, Caroline MacRae Lamb of Charlottesville, VA. "Graduating near the top of his class, he became a carrier-based fighter pilot." Assigned to the carrier USS Lexington in the Pacific, Mr. Lamb flew F4U Corsair fighters. After the war, he enrolled at the Johns Hopkins University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in engineering in 1949. Mr. Lamb worked for several years in Philadelphia for an engineering firm before going to work in the 1950s for the old Commercial Envelope Co. in Woodberry, which had been established in 1921. He began his career in sales and was eventually promoted to sales manager, general manager and president. The company, which later moved to Wilmarco Avenue in Southwest Baltimore, was purchased by another company and liquidated in the late 1970s. Mr. Lamb then joined the Baltimore-Warner Paper Co., where he established the company's envelope division. He retired in 1988. The former Edgevale Road resident, moved to Blakehurst in 2002, was an accomplished cabinetmaker. He also enjoyed music and art. His wife of 50

years, the former Rebekah Neave, died in 2002. He was a communicant of the Episcopal Church of the Redeemer. Also surviving are two sons, Christopher Lamb of Towson and James C. Lamb of Ruxton; a brother, George Lamb of Pennsylvania; two sisters, Rhinda Atkinson of Valley Forge, Pa., and Mary McCubbin of State College, Pa.; and three grandchildren.

Funeral Arrangements

A memorial service for Mr. Lamb will be held at 11 a.m. April 18 at St. David's Episcopal Church, 4700 Roland Avenue.