



Dale Vernon Ebersbacher

July 27, 1927 - March 31, 2019

Dale Vernon Ebersbacher passed away peacefully at home on Sunday, March 31, 2019, in North Fort Myers, Florida. He was 91 years of age.

He was born on July 27, 1927, in Youngstown, Ohio, and moved to Eagle Rock, California, where he attended Eagle Rock Junior and Senior High School. As the war escalated, he attended classes at Eagle Rock in the mornings and went to Glendale each afternoon where he worked in a factory supporting the war effort. Dale left high school early to join the U.S. Navy with the agreement that he could return after boot camp to graduate with his class in Summer 1945. He was stationed on the USS Tidewater until the end of WWII when his tour of duty ended.

When he returned to Eagle Rock after the war, he met and married Fran Cook in 1947. They were married for 65 remarkable years before she passed away in 2012.

Dale was fascinated by steam trains and airplanes since childhood. He got his private pilot's license with money he earned taking dares and being a creative entrepreneur from an early age. He loved flying and purchased an airplane as soon as he could save enough money. He also loved sailing and lived on a sailboat with Fran for 10 years traveling through the waterways of the United States.

Dale worked at Lockheed Aircraft Corporation before leaving to start Mechanical Engineering Company in Glendale, California. When he sold that company, he held several sales jobs before they moved to Colorado. He and Fran were partners in a home construction business there, and they owned a mobile home park in Texas. Together, they were partners with others in Lost Valley Ranch in Colorado and an RV Park in Michigan.

Dale was an accomplished mountaineer, having made first ascents in the Yukon and Canadian Rockies. Dale and Fran discovered the route into the east face of Mt. Whitney, which is well-known in climbing circles as the Ebersbacher Ledges.

Dale enjoyed snow skiing, tennis, golf, rock climbing and ping pong, and was also skilled in every area of construction. During their summers before retirement, Dale and Fran would quit their jobs in the Spring and were hired back at their jobs at the end of Summer. They traveled in all 50 of the United States visiting museums and historic places, and riding every steam train they could find. If he happened to be riding with the engineer, Dale took great pride in knowing all the right signals to blow at the appropriate locations and did so, with permission, of course. Flying in a Ford Tri-Motor was a special delight for him.

Dale was always active in various capacities in his church. He was a member of the Calvary Connection church in Cape Coral, and supported Billy Graham and his ministries, including The Navigators, for many years. He supported Hillsdale College, The Heritage Foundation and was a life member of the NRA.

In 2012, Dale's life was blessed when he married Barbara Dale Trebowski. They traveled around Florida, Georgia, Tennessee and New York, and

enjoyed attending each other's churches together. They were looking forward to a time when they could travel more extensively.

Dale is survived by his wife, Barbara Ebersbacher, daughter, Diana Ebersbacher, of Eugene, Oregon, his sister-in-law, Bonnie Ebersbacher of Bakersfield, nephews, Mark (Michele) Ebersbacher of Tehachapi, Paul (Beegie) Ebersbacher of Bakersfield, five great-nephews all in California, and niece, Georgiana Cook (Rob) Salyer of Grass Valley, California.

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