



## Richard W. Murdoch

May 7, 1915 - May 22, 2014

Richard W. "Mister" Murdoch, 99, of Irwin, died peacefully Thursday, May 22, 2014, in the home where he was born. Born May 7, 1915, "Mister" Murdoch was a son of the late Ralph C. and Rebecca Blanche (Good) Murdoch. A graduate of Norwin High School in 1933, he played varsity football and was in the school band and orchestra. After receiving a bachelor's degree from the University of Virginia in 1937, he decided to tour Europe, as job opportunities were scarce. Upon returning, he enrolled at the University of Pittsburgh in a master's program. He was teaching English at Augusta Military Academy when in 1941 he was drafted into the Army, attended and graduated from officer's candidate school as a second lieutenant. After training in California and Hawaii, he was sent to the South Pacific as an infantry platoon leader. In 1945, while training for the invasion of Japan, the war ended. After six months in Japan, he returned to Irwin and resumed studies at the University of Pittsburgh, receiving a Master of Letters in 1947. Always a hands-on person, he decided to become a homebuilding contractor, constructing many homes in Irwin and in Florida. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers, Ralph Good and Charles Warren Murdoch. He is survived by a niece, Carol M. Matregrano and her husband, Richard; grand-nephews; and special friends, Camille Marone and her daughter, Donis, Bob and Karen Fairgrieve and family, Jason Whelan and Chuck Weise. Friends and family will be received 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday at the WILLIAM SNYDER FUNERAL HOME INC., 521 Main St., Irwin, 724-863-1200. A graveside service and interment

will be held at 1:30 p.m. Sunday at the Union Cemetery. Special thanks is extended to Excelsa Hospice, the caregivers from Thorne Group and caregivers, Shirley and Cindy. Those wishing may make a contribution in Richard's name to Allegheny Valley School, 1996 Ewings Mill Road, Coraopolis, PA 15108

# Tribute Wall



“ *Richard W. Murdoch*

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October 07, 2023 at 10:37 AM



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August 23, 2022 at 04:00 PM



“ *Sorry to hear this, my mother was Marjorie Murdoch Bass, do Charles W. Murdoch. I recall meeting Dick about 30 years ago, he seemed like a very interesting gentleman. My Condolences.*

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**Chuck Bass** - June 21, 2014 at 12:00 AM