



Warren Doolittle,

July 24, 1921 - March 20, 2013

Dr. Warren Truman Doolittle Obituary

Dr. Warren T. Doolittle, age 91, passed away on Wednesday, March 20, 2013 at Prince William Hospital, Manassas, VA. He was born in Webster City, IA July 24, 1921, son of Ed and Rhoda Leone Doolittle. He is survived by his wife of 70 years, Jane Anne (Beddow) Doolittle, daughter Linda Bushar, son-in-law Thomas Bushar, son Randolph Doolittle, daughter-in-law LaRae Doolittle, son Steven Eric Doolittle and daughter-in-law Vicki Doolittle. He is also survived by three granddaughters, one grandson, two great granddaughters and two great grandsons.

Warren was a veteran of both WWII and the Korean War. Serving with distinction, he received the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters, the European Theater of Operations with 5 Bronze Stars and the Korean Service Medal. He was a navigator trained in radar both for navigation and bombing, completing 29 missions in Europe and 17 missions in Korea. His planes were shot down several times but the crews survived as a result of heroic actions. During and after his military service Warren earned degrees from three Universities – Iowa State, Duke and finishing with a PhD in Forestry from Yale.

His professional career with the US Forest Service was distinguished as well, serving as Director of Research for the Northeastern United States and retiring as Associate Deputy Chief for Research after 38 years of service. After retirement Warren remained active, serving as president of the Society of American Foresters in 1986 and fifteen years as president of the International Society of Tropical Foresters. In 1990 Warren received the Duke University Charles W. Ralston Award for Distinguished Alumni and in 2005 he received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from Yale University.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 A.M. Wednesday June 12, 2013 at the Memorial Chapel at Fort Myer followed by interment at Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors.. Arrangements are being made through Pierce Funeral Home, Manassas, VA, telephone (703)-257-6028. In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to

the International Society of Tropical Foresters, 5400 Grosvenor Lane, Bethesda, MD 20814, telephone (301)-530-4514, or to Wounded Warriors Project, online at <http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/>.

Tribute Wall

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“ It is with extreme pride and great honor that Warren touched my life, as he did with countless others while traveling the highway of life. I first had the privilege of meeting Warren through Forest Service social contacts after transferring into the Washington Office of the Forest Service in 1977.. When I retired in 1992, I immediately joined the local retirees group of Forest Service folks. Warren was already a member. Warren was on my calling list for the club's bimonthly meetings and without fail, he would always indicate his attendance. (I have always considered it an indication of a person's professional character to retain an active interest in one's chosen field, even though he/she is not currently in active service). During the period from April of 1965 until February of 1974, my Forest Service work took me to Asheville, NC. I still have memories from that experience of personnel at the Southeast Forest Experiment Station at the time expressing what a tremendous job Warren did there as Division Chief for Timber Management. Besides being the consummate professional forester that he was, he was always willing to share his knowledge with others. A truly remarkable person who conducted himself with grace and honor in every undertaking. Truly a titan among his peers and in every aspect of his life he represented the best of mankind.

Don Driscoll - August 30, 2013 at 01:47 PM

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“ Jane- we are so sorry to hear of Warren's passing. He was a good man. We are here if you need us.

Love, Joe & Joanne McElroy

Joe & Joanne McElroy - March 29, 2013 at 01:58 PM

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“ Warren's time, dedication and impact as President of the International Society of Tropical Foresters is one of many of his contributions to a better society. His service is appreciated and remembered. I'd like to know the time and date of his Funeral services and burial (timresch@gmail.com)

Tim Resch - March 29, 2013 at 01:58 PM