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Benjamin Maston Birchfield, 83, of Tallahassee, passed away on September 10, 2020. He was born December 15, 1936, in Mayo, FL. He was the son of William O. Birchfield, Sr., a pharmacist, and Mary Eva McCall Birchfield, an educator. Ben received a B.A. in Physics from Florida State University in 1959 and enjoyed a long civil service career at the Johnsville Naval Air Station near Philadelphia, PA, specializing in unmanned aircraft and other aeronautical defense projects. Ben held strong interests both in the sciences and the humanities. He was a lifelong student, reading in military and political history, automotive and aviation history and engineering, carpentry, and computer science. He was devoted to classical music and photography. He also enjoyed art, acquiring an occasional fine print. In early years he was an enthusiast for the outdoors and enjoyed hunting, fishing, swimming, boating, and camping. His retirement dream was to build a solar house in the mountains of North Carolina. Ben was agreeably social and maintained a circle of close friends over his lifetime.

In retirement Ben returned to Tallahassee where he especially enjoyed the friendship of the Helton family, including his niece Mary Anne, her husband Joe, and their children Jay and Sarah. Ben is also survived by two brothers, Hal F. B. Birchfield of Miami, FL, and James de Maris Birchfield of Lexington, KY, as well as niece Meg Birchfield of Azle, TX, and nephews Bill Birchfield of McLean, VA, and Frank Birchfield of Jacksonville, FL. He was predeceased by his brother W. O. Birchfield, Jr., of Jacksonville, FL. Service arrangements will be made at a later date.



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Cosette Lewis posted:

So sorry to learn of Ben's death. Ben and his brother Bill and their parents, Bill and Mary Eva, were an important part of my life growing up in Mayo. My dad, who was not easily impressed, thought Ben practically walked on water.

September 13 at 12:09 PM



Hal Birchfield September 18 at 10:50 AM

Thank you very much. It is heartbreaking that Ben is no longer with us in the physical form. However, he shall always be remembered with a smile and pride. Ben was a brilliant, loving, caring and most clever person. He will be greatly missed by us all! Thank you for thinking of the Birchfield family and of course Ben. peace, Hal Birchfield



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Benjamin by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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