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## Obituary

Howard Eliason Kirk, 87, of Frederick, passed from this life on Saturday, October 28, 2017 at Vindobona Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Braddock Heights near Frederick, Maryland. He was born on February 9, 1930 in Wilmington, Delaware to Samuel D. and Dorothy Eliason Kirk. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Gail Foster Kirk; sisters Joanne (David) Story and Susan (Raynor) Johnson; daughters Margaret Osborne and Christina (Mark) Pikas; grandchildren Caitlin Penix, and Sophia and Andrew Pikas; one great-grandchild Juliette Penix; and a number of nieces, nephews, and great nieces and nephews. After graduating high school in Newark, Delaware, Mr. Kirk attended Goldey-Beacom College in Wilmington, Delaware for accounting. He then joined the US Navy as an aviation electronics technician in one of the first strike aircraft squadrons modified to carry nuclear weapons. He was stationed in Alameda, California as well as in Port Lyautey, Morocco, and served during the Korean War. While in the Navy he took many opportunities to learn including completing a certificate program at UCLA. He enjoyed cross-country trips with his aunt, who was also in the Navy. After leaving the Navy, Mr. Kirk worked for Thiokol (Orbital ATK) in Elkton, Maryland for more than 30 years as an instrumentation engineer supporting the race to space. Mr. Kirk was a Master Mason 32nd degree of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry and member of Hiram Lodge No. 25 in Newark, Delaware. Mr. Kirk had a love for sports car rally racing in his Austin Healey. He was a licensed amateur radio operator, with call sign 'N3KNI'. He enjoyed connecting with other HAMs across the globe. He also loved woodworking, gardening, photography, and hiking and camping with his family across the North East. The family will receive friends from 1 to 2 pm on Friday, November 3rd at Stauffer Funeral Home, 1621 Opossumtown Pike, Frederick, MD 21702, with services beginning at 2pm. Visitation Stauffer Funeral Home 104 E Main



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StThurmont, MD 21788 Friday, November 3, 2017 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM ServiceStauffer  
Funeral Home104 E Main StThurmont, MD 21788 Friday, November 3, 2017 2:00  
PM - 3:00 PM BurialResthaven Memorial Gardens9501 Catocin Mtn HwyFrederick,  
MD 21701 Friday, November 3, 2017 2:45 PM - 3:45 PM

To send flowers to the family, please visit our floral store.



## Tribute Wall

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**AD** posted:

My deepest sympathy goes out to the family and friends of Mr Kirk. May you be sustained by the Bible's promise that soon our loving heavenly Father will resurrect our loved ones to a perfect world where no one will suffer sickness, pain or loss anymore. "And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away."- Revelation 21:3,4

November 2 at 8:00 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

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