



John Marshall Eggleston, Jr

John Marshall Eggleston, Jr. passed away on Monday, February 23, 2009 in Norfolk, Virginia. Jack was born in San Francisco, CA. June 26, 1926. His father was a career Navy officer from Norfolk, where Jack was raised and graduated from Oceana High School. Jack served in WWII in the USMC participating in the SuUSMC campaign at Okinawa in 1945.

Jack received his BS in Aeronautical Engineering VPI, 1949, MS degree in Aeronautical Engineering from University of Virginia in 1954, and MS degree in Engineering from Princeton University in 1958. In 1949 he joined the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics and was assigned to High Speed Flight Research center in Muroc, California from 1949 -1951. In 1951 he returned to the Langley Research Center as a research scientist in stability and control of aircraft and missiles. In 1958 when NACA became NASA, he became Assistant Chief of the Flight Mechanics Branch at Langley. In 1962 he transferred to the Space Task Group and moved to Houston where he helped to develop the Lunar Module concept for the Apollo program. In 1963 he became Assistant Chief of the Space Environment Division. In 1965 he was sent to MIT as a Sloan Fellow in Industrial Management. Returning to Houston in 1966 he was Deputy Chief, Lunar and Earth Sciences Division until 1971. In 1968 Jack was assigned as Staff Assistant to Director of the Manned Spacecraft Center serving as technical advisor to the Director, Deputy Director, and Associate Director of the Manned Space Craft. He completed his career at Johnson Space Center serving as assistant to the Director of Engineering and Development. In 1980 Jack retired as a Civil Servant with 30 years of service in NACA and NASA having substantially contributed to the success of the United States Space Program.

Jack spent the next 10 years working as a consultant with several NASA contractors, most notably Eagle Engineering. In 1988, he retired to his beloved Farm in Hanover County, Virginia where he had a very happy life riding around on his tractor, until moving to Harbors Edge Retirement Community in 2006.

In his free time, Jack was very active in the Boy Scouts of America, Sam Houston Area Council. He served as both a Troop Leader and Adult Leader Trainer, spending numerous weekends and holidays assisting at Camp Strake. He was also very active in the Space Center Rotary Club.

Jack is survived by his wife of 59 years, Phyllis Holland Eggleston, also of Norfolk, VA. He was preceded in death by his son Dr. John Marshall Eggleston, III. He leaves behind 3 children Mary Allen Wylie Stang of Seabrook, TX and husband David C. Stang; Rebecca Holland Eggleston of Wake, VA and husband David A. Turner; and Robert Allen Eggleston of Norfolk, VA and wife Jana Goloff Eggleston; and son-in-law Alan D. Wylie of Seabrook, TX. He also leaves 6 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

A private family service will be held on March 8, 2009, Fork Church, Ashland, Virginia. Jack will be buried with his beloved son John in the church cemetery.

As some of you may remember, Jack Eggleston was my former father in law and an active member of our club when he lived for years in Houston. He actually brought me into Space Center Rotary. I know that some of our club members are always asking about Jack, so I wanted you to be aware of his passing.

By Club member Alan Wylie  
Picture from April 21, 1986 Blastoff