



## Herbert L. Dudley

January 27, 1931 - August 28, 2019

Capt. Herbert L. Dudley, 88, of Edinburg, NY made his final flight West, to be with The Lord, on Wednesday, August 28. Herb passed peacefully at home after a very long illness. He was born January 27, 1931 in Schenectady, NY, the son of George William Dudley and Olive Mae Neverman. He attended Schenectady schools and graduated from Draper High School in 1949.

He was fascinated with planes and flying from early childhood. One day a small plane flew overhead and landed in a field down the road from his then home in Guilderland. He ran to investigate and ended hitching his first plane ride. His path was set, he had to fly. From that moment he would do anything required to advance his aviation career. His flight training was all at local airports, whenever he could earn enough money for an hour or two of flight training. That career that ranged from cargo flights to Europe to being stationed above the Arctic circle for 6 weeks at a time during the "50's Cold War, delivering supplies for the construction of the Distant Early Warning Line, Executive Flying for GE, then as the youngest pilot ever to fly for GE Flight Test, and finally as a captain for US Airways, retiring after 29 years there.

Herb was a member of the USAir Soaring Eagles, QB's, EAA602, and AOPA.

His devotion was to God, Family, Aviation and gardening.

He is survived by his loving wife of 65 years, Joan Koch Dudley, his son, David, and cousins, Roy Gilch & Robert Neverman.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Northampton United Methodist Church, PO Box 455, Broadalbin, NY 12025, Mountain Valley Hospice, 108 Steele Ave., Gloversville, NY 12078, or EAA Young Eagles Foundation.

Calling hours will be on Wednesday Sept. 4 from 4 to 6 pm at the Northville Funeral Service. The funeral will be at the Northville Funeral Service at noon on Thursday Sept.5

with burial at Robinson Cemetery, Edinburg, followed by a reception at the Edinburg Fire House.

# Cemetery

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## Robinson Cemetery

Edinburg, NY,

# Events

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**SEP 4** **Visitation** 04:00PM - 06:00PM

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Northville Funeral Service, Inc.

401 Bridge Street, Northville, NY, US, 12134

**SEP 5** **Funeral Service** 12:00PM

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# Comments

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“ Bill and I were very fortunate to have met Herb and his family over 25 years ago he became part of our family ever since...we could write a book about all of the adventure, parties and campfires we have shared.  
He will be truly missed Love you Herb

**Elayne Wade** - September 04, 2019 at 07:16 PM

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“ Herb loved the Edinburg airport, he flew out of there often, joined the gang there for fire ring fires, hot dogs and coffee and just loved sitting by the fire and looking at it. Herb was a very good friend to me and is missed terribly but we all know that he is in a better place now flying with new wings, may Got bless you.  
How are you doing now Herb?  
Bob Anderson

**Bob Anderson** - September 03, 2019 at 09:12 PM