



Jan H. Christie

October 4, 1917 - January 8, 2015

Jan Henning Christie, 97, passed away on Jan. 9, 2015. He was born in Norway in 1917. He learned to fly in 1935 in the de Havilland Gypsy Moth. Served in Norwegian airforce during WWII, and spent 5 years in England flying with the RAF in Mosquitos, Spitfires and Hurricanes. During his time in England, while Norway was occupied by Germany from 1940 - 1945, both his parents served in the Norwegian resistance. After the war Jan moved to Sweden and flew for Scandinavian Airlines for 30 years. He retired in 1976 as a Boeing 747 Captain and moved to the U.S. with his family. He was a member of the EAA, and war hero who lived his life frugally and with careful planning. He is survived by his wife Karin Christie, children Eva (Fred) Felix and Henning Christie, as well as grand children and great grand children in the U.S. as well as extended family and relatives in Norway and Sweden. Funeral services were held at Ascension Lutheran Church in Minocqua on Sunday January 11, 2015.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 11. 2:00 PM (CT)

Ascension Lutheran Church
7937 Hwy 51 S
Minocqua, WI

Tribute Wall

JB

“ Karin and family,
I am so sorry. God bless you with precious memories of Jan as a husband, father, and grandfather. I'm blessed to have known you both while you resided at Milestone.
Judy Bernhardt

Judith Bernhardt - January 13, 2015 at 09:58 AM

JR

I met Jan at Oshkosh one year and had a long talk as I am well read on the WW2 aviation. As usual, lifelong pilots are the best. Of course, I was drawn by the Percival and held by the thrill of spending time with someone who was part of the early days. I have kept the small page from his notebook he gave me with his address sticker and my notes. I have rediscovered it in my files many times. I kick myself that I did not follow up with our meeting just to say hello. I will keep that page and continue to rediscover it now and then and remember him.
Best,
Roger Rowell

J R Rowell - April 15, 2025 at 11:44 AM