

BROWN, LAWRENCE M., 86, of North Wildwood, passed away on Thursday, December 12, 2002, at home of natural causes. Mr. Brown was born in Media, PA on August 6, 1916 and attended Media Schools where he was valedictorian of his class in 1934. He graduated from the University of Pennsylvania and Temple Law School with a Juris Doctor Degree. He married the former Janet E. Wolfgang in 1942. Larry enlisted in the Army Air Force in December, 1943 and was trained to pilot the B-17 aircraft. As First Lieutenant in the 548th Bombardment Squadron; 385th Bombardment Group (H), he completed 35 bombardment missions over enemy occupied Europe as First Pilot. Meritorious achievement in aerial combat by Lt. Brown earned him five Oak Leaf Clusters to the Air Medal and the European Theatre Ribbon with five battle stars. Larry was honorably discharged in September 1945, when he was inducted into the Lucky Bastard Club of the 385th Group for flying 35 missions.

After the war, the Browns moved to York, PA and lived on a farmette and raised five children. Larry was president of the Methodist Men's Club at the Asbury United Methodist Church in York and was a district commissioner of the York Adams Council of the Boy Scouts. He worked for several corporations as an industrial relations and personnel manager. He served as Dean of York Junior College and taught middle school in the York City School System. After retirement, the Browns moved to North Wildwood. Mr. Brown was a member of the Air Force Association and first post commander of the V.F.W. Post 5941 in North Wildwood. He was a member of the Jersey Cape Chapter of TROA; the Cold Spring Presbyterian Church and the Men's Club. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Janet; and sons, Lawrence and his wife Mina, Robert and his wife Diana, and John and his wife, Darlene; one daughter, Elizabeth Maneval; eight grandchildren and one great grandchild. He was preceded in death by a son, James, who is interred in Arlington National Cemetery. Services will be held on Tuesday, December 17, 2002, at 11 a.m. at the Cold Spring Presbyterian Church, Seashore Road, Cold Spring, where friends may call at 10 a.m. Interment in the Church cemetery. Memorials may be made in his name to the Church. Condolences at www.radzieta.com.