Local sailor dies at 91

Capt. Eric Forsyth passed away peacefully on Aug. 22 at his home in Brookhaven following a short illness.

His family, including his daughter Becky Elizabeth, thanked Nancy Corwin, John Cuenin, Holly Allen, Dr. Annette Rosamond, and the staff at the Brookhaven Health Care Facility for their care during his final weeks.

He was often featured in the Long Island Advance for his long-distance sailing trips around the world, after he retired from the Brookhaven National Laboratory in 1985.

"He lived an amazing life of adventure," his daughter said.

Originally from Lancashire County in northern England, Capt. Forsyth was a former member of the British Royal Air Force, retired worker at Brookhaven National Laboratory, and an avid sailor. In addition, Forsyth was an author of three books, the first titled "An Inexplicable Aversion: My Fifty Years of Ocean Sailing."

Forsyth didn't want a service; instead, his family suggests having a happy hour toast in his honor.

Funeral Pre-Planning for Peace of Mind

Pictured is Eric Forsyth when he was a young fighter pilot in the British Royal Air Force. The second was doing what he loved, sailing.

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