



Eldon Scites

January 27, 1929 - December 21, 2014

Eldon Walton Scites was born January 27th, 1929 to Eldon Walton Sr. and Myrtle Bosley Scites. He was born in the coal- and gas-producing town of Hamlin, Lincoln County, West Virginia, just a few miles from where his earliest known ancestors settled after emigrating from Germany. He was a neighbor and childhood pal of aviation legend Chuck Yeager. This friendship influenced him to become an avid builder of model airplanes. He graduated from Hamlin High School in 1946, and sometime later moved to St. Louis, because he wanted “to build airplanes.”

Eldon secured employment with McDonnell Aircraft Company in 1952, first as a laborer, then apprentice and journeyman toolmaker, and later aircraft-tool designer. He did pioneering work in computer-aided design and manufacturing, and finished his career with McDonnell-Douglas in 1992, in the then-brand-new field of composites manufacturing.

Eldon is survived by his wife of 54 years, Eleanor Ada Hopkins. His son, Wayne Scites, lives in Huntsville, Alabama with his wife, Kim, and their children, Robert and Victoria. His daughter, Erin Hull, lives in Florissant with her husband, Jonathan, and their sons, Benjamin and Daniel. He is also survived by two sisters, Helen Taylor of Hamlin, West Virginia, and Penola

“Penny” Lord of Largo, Florida.

Eldon was a birdwatcher and photographer, doing his own film processing for many years. He took great interest in the activities of his children and grandchildren, attending them for as long as he was able. He understood the value of life-long learning, over the years attending classes in business, radio repair, industrial arts, and computer programming and graphics. He made sure that his children and grandchildren understood this, too.

Memorials may be made to the charity of your choice, or to Missouri’s World Bird Sanctuary (www.worldbirdsantuary.org)

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

DEC 30. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First Christian Church of Florissant
2890 Patterson Rd.
Florissant, MO

Memorial Service

DEC 30. 11:00 AM (CT)

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