

## The AMA History Project Presents: Biography of HARVEY LANDIS



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## Remembering a Modeler

It is with sadness that I report the passing of Harvey Landis. I first met Harvey while running for District II VP six years ago. He was cordial and went out of this way to schedule a club event that allowed me to meet with a number of members of his club.

Harvey was a gentle man whose family was everything to him. He was a full-scale and model aviation enthusiast, and helped his son Richard and grandson Dan Landis become accomplished pilots and modelers. Dan is the Thunder Tiger manager for Hobbico, a Pattern competitor and 3-D aerobatic pilot, and former UAV pilot for the military.

Harvey served with the US Army Air Corps, flying in B-29s out of Guam. He was one of our heroes and part of the greatest generation preserving freedom in the world. He was also a member of the Commemorative Air Force.

The last time I saw Harvey was at the 2012 Northeast Electric Aircraft Technology (NEAT) Fair. Although he was in failing health, he was enjoying model aviation with his family and all of us. Harvey Landis was a man we can aspire to be like, and his absence will be felt. My condolences to the Landis family.

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