



William M. Davenport, Ensign, USN

William Martin Davenport was born in Richmond, Virginia on May 4, 1920, son of Harry Burrus Davenport and Lutie Martin Davenport. He attended Gordonsville High School, Gordonsville, Virginia. He played baseball, basketball and track and was captain of all those teams.

He started flying in 1935 when I was 15 years old. Rebuilt an airplane (Fairchild 24) while in high school. Did a little bard storming. Taught flying at University of Virginia. and taught primary flight for U.S. Army at Riddle Aeronautical Institute, Carlstrom Field, Arcadia, FL. Taught U.S. Navy Primary at Grim Air Service, Staunton, VA. He enlisted in the U. S. Navy on December 7, 1942.

He was married to Mary Jane Derey of Boston, Massachusetts and Eastham, Virginia on March 3, 1942.