Glenn McKim
June 8, 2004
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Many of you may remember Glenn McKim as a very active member of Citizens United in the 90’s. Glenn became known to me for a number of outstanding things: his regular attendance at meetings, his interest in manning CU’s table at events, his propensity for clipping news articles on CU, his love of flying and aircraft (everyone must remember that “Hanger 7” jacket) and of course those huge mutton chops. Glenn was on the Laurel Lake Property Owner Association board for over 31 years. When he wasn’t taking part in defending Laurel Lake he was immersed in it partaking of his daily swim. Some of the months he swam the lake’s length did not seem humanly possible.

Glenn was so good-natured and I remember how sad everyone was when his health precluded him from being a regular meeting attendee. Glenn was born June 1918 and on June 8, 2004 he passed away. His life long interest in aviation was also his career. He served as a Naval aviator in WW II, Korea and Vietnam. He traveled the world on the USS Intrepid and USS Forrestal. Then he retired the Navy in 1973 and spent his time flying his Cessna 140 and inspected planes at Hanger 7. He held both a commercial and private pilot’s license. His wife Mabel, two daughters, a grandson and his sisters survived him. He had a real interest in being out of doors whether it be swimming Laurel Lake or flying over the landscapes of Southern NJ. He always shared his heartfelt observations with members. Glenn was truly just an all around “nice guy” and a real gentleman.

As I reflect on Glenn’s life and the small window of my meaningful exchanges with him I think about the fortitude and dedication those daily swims must have taken. Glenn had strength of character and he saw and appreciated that same tenacity in Citizens United. He understood the concept of banning together for a common cause. He was always one of the first to volunteer to represent CU at an event or to take aerial photographs of a forest in need of protecting. His life reminds me of the successes that CU has had by each of us giving of our individual gifts toward a common cause. It also reminds me of all the very fine people that Citizens United has allowed me to meet and enjoy. My hope is that many of you feel and share this same experience of camaraderie and accomplishment.

Newspaper Obituary, Daily Journal

GLENN MCKIM, 85
U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam

Glenn Royal McKim, 85, of Laurel Lake passed away Tuesday, June 8, 2004.

He was born June 19, 1918 in Mapleton Depot Pennsylvania, the son of Royal Williams McKim and Agnes Runk McKim. Glenn graduated from Bath (Ohio) High School where he was the center on the football team. He married Mabel Cooper in August 1939, and enlisted in the U.S. Navy in November 1942. Master Chief McKim served in World War II, Korea and Vietnam as a naval aviator. Throughout his naval career, he traveled the world in the air and on the seas including tours on the U.S.S. Intrepid and U.S.S. Forrestal. He retired from the Navy in September 1973 and spent his
retirement years flying his personal Cessna 140 and working from Hangar 7 as a private aircraft inspector. He carried both private and commercial pilot licenses. Glenn was a board member and very actively involved in the Laurel Lake Property Owners Association for more than 31 years.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Mabel Cooper McKim; daughters, Mai Marie McKim of Villas, and Cheryl Hamilton and husband Michael of Newark, Del.; he also is survived by his grandson Christian Royal McKim of San Francisco; and sisters, Theda Bail of South Dakota and Evelyn Fuhrman of Ohio. He was predeceased by a son, Charles Royal McKim.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday in the Rocap Shannon Memorial Funeral Home of Millville. Burial will follow in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery. Relatives and friends will be received from 10 to 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Written condolences can be sent to rocapshannon@aol.com.