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Obituary (from Stanford Alumni Magazine, September/October 2013):

Jean Mayers, of Fairfield, Calif., January 4, at 92. He served in the Navy during World War II, then earned his master's degree and worked at NACA (the precursor to NASA). In 1962 he joined the faculty of the department of aeronautics and astronautics at Stanford, where he was highly regarded as a teacher and mentor and was later professor emeritus. A renowned expert in aircraft structures and a pioneer of lightweight plastic honeycomb structural systems, he also taught in the Naval Reserves, from which he retired as a lieutenant commander. Survivors: his wife, Reva; and children, Eileen Mayers Pasztor, '67, and Laurence, '72.

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