

## Donald E. Keyhoe, 91, Exponent of U.F.O.'s

Donald Edward Keyhoe, a retired Marine Corps major who espoused the belief that there were unidentified flying objects from outer space, died of pneumonia and cardiac arrest Tuesday at the Life Care Center in New Market, Va. He was 91 years old and lived in Luray, Va.

In the 1920's, Mr. Keyhoe, a pilot with the Marine Corps, accompanied Charles A. Lindbergh in publicity flights across the United States after Lindbergh's solo flight across the Atlantic.

His interest in unidentified flying objects began in 1949 and he came to believe that they were from outer space.

He wrote several books about U.F.O.'s, including "Flying Saucers are Real" in 1950 and "Flying Saucers From Outer Space" in 1953.

He was a director of the National Committee on Aerial Phenomena, which sought to persuade the Air Force to investigate U.F.O. sightings. The organization later disbanded.

He is survived by his wife, the former Helen Gardner, of Luray; two daughters, Kathleen and Caroline, both of Hyattsville, Md.; a son, Joseph, of Bethesda, Md.; and a sister Katherine, of Asheville, N.C.