



Horace Brown

November 7, 2009

Horace Sherman Brown, 89, passed away peacefully Saturday, November 7th, surrounded by his family in Austin, Texas. He chose to move to Texas in 2009 to be closer to his children, grand children and great grandson. Horace was born in Corinth, Mississippi, one of 5 children born to Charles and Eula Brown. He attended Mississippi State University with a degree in science. He furthered his education receiving a Master's Degree in electrical engineering from Oklahoma State University, with additional studies at Harvard and MIT. He was a member of the United States Army, serving during World War II and being reactivated for the Korean War.

Horace was preceded in death by his wife of 47 years, Helen Kennedy Brown. They lived in many parts of the country before settling down in Hot Springs, Arkansas to raise their five children. Both were very active in their community.

Horace was an active member of United Methodist Church. He served on the Board of Trustees for the church, assisting in many various building endeavors. He served on the school board of Lakeside High School. He served a term as President of the Arkansas Professional Engineers Association, as well as the Hot Springs and Pine Bluff Chapters of Arkansas Society of Professional Engineers. He also served as President of the Hot Springs Fine Arts Council for one year. He was appointed to the State Board for the Hearing Impaired by Governor Mike Huckabee. He was involved with

Habitat for Humanity and volunteered at The Shepherd Center for many years. Horace was a life long Republican who ran for office in 2000. He also served as an officer for the Hot Springs Republican Party.

Horace had a love for bridge. He also enjoyed fishing, especially his numerous trips to Alaska to fish for salmon and halibut, which trips would not have been possible but for his loving long-time family friend, Rocky Tricoli. He shared his love of flowers by donating over 1500 amaryllis plants to Garvan Woodland Gardens - The University of Arkansas' Botanical Gardens in 2007.

He is survived by his five children: Sherlen Moore, Colleyville, Texas; Meg Thomas, Austin, Texas, Horace Sherman Brown, Jr., Oklahoma City, OK; Maureen and son-in-law John McGoldrick II, Pearland, Texas; and Edward Brown, Horn Lake, Mississippi. He is also survived by his four grandchildren, Gregory Thomas and daughter-in-law Isaura, Ossining, New York; Christopher Moore, Trophy Club, Texas; David Thomas and wife Jennifer, Pflugerville, Texas; and Maegan McGoldrick. Pearland, Texas. Horace was able to spend his last months getting to know his only great grandchild, Cooper Matthew Thomas, Pflugerville, Texas.

A viewing will be held at Hot Springs Funeral Home, 1017 Central Avenue, Hot Springs, Arkansas on Thursday, November 12th, from 4-6pm. A memorial service will be held in the chapel of the funeral home on Friday, November 13th, at 11am. In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be sent to the Garvan Woodlands Gardens, 550 Arkridge Road, P.O. Box 22240, Hot Springs National Park, AR 71913.