



Robert Greenley

January 22, 2011

Robert Dexter Greenley, 89, of Hot Springs died January 22, 2011. Born in Elgin, Iowa to Charles Walter and Florence Phifer Greenley, he attended Luther College at Decorah, Iowa, as an engineering student. After moving to Hot Springs, he married and began flight training. He took secondary and advanced training in Ardmore, Oklahoma, Houston and Fort Worth, Texas, and received his instructor's rating in 1942. Based at the No. 1 British Flight Training School in Terrell, Texas, he was the youngest flight instructor for fighter pilots for both the Royal Air Force and United States Army Air Corps. Following the war, he developed Greenley Food Products, a food distributorship, which he operated for 30 years. He retired at 57 to enjoy his family, friends, world travel and especially, time spent boating and water skiing on Lake Hamilton. He instilled a love of the water in his daughter and grandsons.

Throughout his life, he was adventurous, particularly in athletics, flying airplanes for sport and motorcycle racing. He welcomed new challenges and persevered to emerge victorious. This dedication to excellence was an underlying theme in all aspects of his life.

The family will remember him as a gentleman, a master of self-discipline and a model for success in life. His soft-spoken manner carried a message of strong values and an intuitive sense of humor. He exuded class.

He was predeceased by his parents and his wife of 59 years, Velma Hurst

Greenley. His survivors include a daughter Karen Greenley Lauck and son-in-law Chester Harris Lauck, Jr. of Hot Springs; grandsons Scott Greenley Lauck and Chester Harris Lauck III and wife Kerrie Liles Lauck, of Little Rock; granddaughters Nancy Lauck and Amanda Lauck Glickman and husband Jeff Glickman of Pensacola, Florida; great grandson Chester Harris Lauck IV of Little Rock; cousin Linda Greenley Hancock and husband Dr. E. J. Hancock of Salinas, California, sisters-in-law Norma Jean Austin of San Antonio, Texas and Mary Jean Hurst and several nieces and nephews.

His religious affiliation was with the Church of God.

A service in celebration of his life will be held at Hot Springs Funeral Home, Wednesday, at 1 P.M., with Reverend Charles Ridgeway officiating. Burial will follow at Greenwood Cemetery. Visitation will be Tuesday evening from 5 until 7 P.M. at the funeral home.

Pallbearers will be: Stan Cothren, Courtney Crouch, Rodney Hurst, Q. Byrum Hurst, Jr., Carl Ward and Chris Dunkel.

Honorary pallbearers are Dr. John Bond and Gen. Ray Robinson of Little Rock

The family expresses their sincere appreciation to the "angels" at Garrett Manor, Quapaw Care and Arkansas Hospice.

Memorials may be made to: Arkansas Parkinson's Disease Association, Arkansas Chapter APDA, P.O Box 22445, Hot Springs AR 71903 or the charity of your choice.

Tribute Wall

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“ To the family of Robert Greenley, from the staff and residents of Garrett Manor, we all loved Robert very much and it was our pleasure to care for him. He was a wonderful man. God bless you all during this time.

Tina McManus - January 25, 2011 at 05:21 PM

SL

“ Karen, We are so sorry to hear about your Father & will keep you & the family in our thoughts & prayers .Love & Hugs ,Sharon Moore LLoyd ,Carl & Jamie LLoyd

Sharon S. LLoyd - January 25, 2011 at 03:19 PM

BS

“ Heartfelt condolences , Karen. Special hug to you and yours. Always as close as the phone. Bill

Bill Stucker - January 25, 2011 at 02:55 PM

KC

“ Dear Karen & family,So very sorry to hear about your dad. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.God bless you all,Sincerely,Kathy & Harry

Kathy & Harry Childs - January 25, 2011 at 08:53 AM

JF

“ Karen: You are in my thoughts and prayers. I know you have many wonderful memories to cherish. P.E.O. Love, Jan

Jan Fisk - January 25, 2011 at 08:33 AM

RB

“ *Karen & Family, we were so sorry to hear of Bob's passing and wanted to extend our condolences for the loss of our very special friend and Eastview neighbor.*

Rick and Tonna Butzlaff - January 25, 2011 at 08:09 AM