

Frank Meyer Jr: 1920-2014

Former PSO Executive had the power to inspire

- The engineer held numerous industry positions

Rites set for Frank Meyer Jr., former AEP-PSO vice president

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LIFETIME CIRCUIT

Frank Meyer Jr.: In 1990, the Oklahoma City native helped organize the 41st International Science and Engineering Fair in Tulsa. Nearly four decades earlier as an Army captain with the 294th Field Artillery Observation Battalion, he was part of the Allies' push into Germany to defeat the Nazis.

Frank Meyer was well-known for being a bright guy — and not just because he worked in electricity.

But in May 1990, when 750 of the world's brightest young minds descended on Tulsa, even the former AEP-PSO executive had to feel a little out of his league.

An organizer and co-chairman of the 41st International Science and Engineering Fair — an event that brought high school science-fair winners from around the globe to town — Meyer enjoyed his role, which included two years of planning and preparation.

It would have been hard to find a better fit to head up the fair than Meyer. After all, not only was he a strong believer in the event's mission, he was also — for all those future scientists and engineers — a great example of just how far they might go.

Frank Jarvis Meyer Jr., a World War II veteran, former AEP-PSO vice president and member of the company's board of directors, died Nov. 1. He was 94.

A service is set for 1 p.m. Monday at First United Methodist Church. Moore's Southlawn is in charge of arrangements.

Meyer, who enjoyed a distinguished 36-year career with PSO, retired in 1985.

A native of Oklahoma City, where his father was a top executive with Oklahoma Gas & Electric, Meyer graduated from Classen High School and went on to earn a degree in electrical engineering from Purdue University.

Before he could launch his career, however, war called. As an Army captain with the 294th Field

Artillery Observation Battalion, Meyer would join in on the Allies' final push into Germany in 1945, participating in the Battles of the Ruhr and Berlin.

After his military service, in 1949, Meyer moved to Tulsa, beginning his career with then-Public Service Company of Oklahoma as a design engineer.

Rising ultimately to vice president, he oversaw the negotiation of power contracts and long-range planning, while also directing the company's research and development programs.

A registered professional engineer, Meyer was a life member of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, and both the Oklahoma and National Society of Professional Engineers.

He also held numerous committee positions with the Edison Electric Institute and the National Association of Business Economists; was a member of the American Nuclear Society; and served as a deputy director of the Department of Energy's Emergency Electric Power Administration.

His son, Steve Meyer of Tulsa, said he could not have admired his father more.

"He was the ideal father and friend. He was generous and gracious in every respect, and without question he was adored by everyone who knew him," Steve Meyer said.

Meyer was preceded in death by his wife, Virginia.

Survivors include three children, Stacey Brown, Mike Meyer and Steve Meyer; and six grandchildren.