

Family Obit

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Frank Jarvis Meyer Jr.

Ninety-four years ago, Frank Meyer's mother, Della, wrote: "On Saturday, October 23, 1920, was born a baby boy. His name was Frank Jarvis Meyer, Jr. He weighed about nine pounds and had the honor of being born on his mother's birthday. He had two sisters. Mildred, the oldest, loved holding him, and Margileth cried because she thought someone would take him away. He was ticklish, and laughed hard at his sisters' funny tricks. He liked playing on the porch, and loved to be outdoors. Although a 'wiggler' and hard to hold, he was a very good baby."

Unfortunately, a week before Christmas in 1923, Della became suddenly ill and died in her sleep just two days later. Frank was only three years old, but blessed with her love and the noble character instilled in him by his father, and later by his step-mother Ruby, he set an example for his own children and carried these traits with him throughout his life. Frank died on Saturday, November 1, 2014.

Frank attended Purdue University where he received a degree in electrical engineering and was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha. With America's participation in WWII imminent, he joined the ROTC, and at the age of 21, he married his college sweetheart, Virginia, "Ginny", a native of West Lafayette, Indiana. As Headquarters Commander of the 294th Field Artillery Observation Battalion, Captain Meyer fought in both the Battle of the Ruhr and Berlin, the last two bastions of Nazi Germany, and by the grace of God, the entire 460-man unit returned home unharmed.

Frank and Virginia moved to Tulsa in 1949 where Frank took a position at Public Service Company of Oklahoma, now AEP. He retired in 1985 as Vice-President of Corporate Planning and a member of PSO's Board of Directors.

Frank and Ginny loved fishing and boating. The two ultimately built a cabin on Grand Lake in NE Oklahoma, where for 39 years the family spent their weekends. The two also loved to travel. Besides dozens of national parks and monuments, their favorite destination was



Zihuatanejo, where until Ginny's passing in 1999, they traveled annually to fish and play with their friends.

Frank will always be remembered for his graciousness, his compassion for others, his warm spirit, and his big smile. Before going to war, he wrote to his newborn son, "You many never achieve great fame or wealth, but your life will be complete and happy if you can leave a little happiness for someone else."

Frank is preceded in death by: his wife of 57 years, Virginia; his two sisters, Mildred and Margileth. He is survived by: his daughter, Stacey Ann Brown of Houston, two sons, Michael Frank of Keystone Lake, Okla. and Stephen Patrick of Tulsa; and 6 grandchildren: Lauren, Patrick, and Michael of Texas and Stephanie, Ella, and Ray of Okla.

Under the direction of Moore's Southlawn in Tulsa, the funeral service will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, November 17, 2014 at First United Methodist Church. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Tulsa Area United Way.