



George Esson Fish

October 27, 1928 - July 25, 2014

George E. Fish The “Greatest Generation” lost another member with the recent passing of George Esson Fish on July 25th in Memphis, TN. George was born to Dr. Charles C. and Dora Fish in Miami, FL on October 27, 1928. He was raised in Tallahassee, FL, graduating from Leon High School and then studying postgraduate at the Bolles Military Academy. Following Bolles, George volunteered for the U.S. Army and went through infantry basic training at Fort Bragg, NC. He then signed up for duty in the All-American 82nd Airborne Division, earning his jump wings at Fort Benning, GA, and was selected to Honor Guard service for fallen World War II veterans returning from European Theatre operations. After an honorable discharge, George enrolled at the Missouri School of Mines on the G.I. bill where he was a member of the Kappa Alpha Order, graduating with a degree in geological engineering in 1952. Fresh out of college, George went to work for the Pure Oil Company as a geologist and in 1953 married the love of his life, Margaret Minor, of Ft. Worth, TX. They settled in Midland, TX to raise their family in 1962. The next year, George had the distinction of being the geologist in charge of the then-deepest producing gas well in the world in the Gomez field of Pecos County. He retired from Unocal in 1988 after 36 years of service. During retirement, George spent his days being a full-time grandfather, Sunday school teacher, as well as assisting others making the transition from this world to the next as a Hospice volunteer. He was preceded in death by his parents, his sister Margie McGarigle Licon and, his loving wife of 46 years Margaret. He is survived by his three children, Kym Fish-Voytovich and husband Tom of Houston, TX, Charles Kevin Fish of Fort Clark Springs, TX, and Kelly E. Fish and wife Kathy of Memphis TN; four grandchildren, Kelsey Voytovich of Houston, TX, Keely Voytovich of Oklahoma City, OK, Heather Fish of Abilene, TX, and Adele Fish of Memphis, TN; a step-granddaughter Kerry Jackson of Memphis, TN; two nieces Maureen Reynolds and Linda Wiley of Concord, CA. George will be laid to rest next to his wife Margaret with graveside services set for 1:00 PM, Saturday, August 2, at Floral Haven Cemetery, Broken Arrow, OK. Memorial donations in memory of George may be made to Saint Francis Hospice, 6600 South Yale Avenue, Suite 350 Tulsa, OK 74136, or the Wounded Warrior Project.

Comments



“ I have many fond memories of sitting in the Fish family living room visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Fish when I was a young teenager. The Fish family befriended me and gave me a place to hang out. In thinking back on those enjoyable times I just realized Mr. Fish paid me a huge honor by entrusting me with the responsibility of taking his two young sons Kevin and Kelly, on a weekend trip to Lake Brownwood in his old 50 something chevy. I remember it was one of my first times to BBQ. It was stringy tough jack rabbit, it was half cooked, soaked in lighter fluid, and tasted horrible. I can't imagine the things you must have told your Dad about how terrible I was at feeding you, but I look back on it now and I appreciate his willingness to trust me with your safety and I know it helped me grow in confidence on my journey to being a man. And I don't know if you remember it much, but, I had fun. Thank you Mr. Fish! RIP.

Rick Orr - August 02, 2014 at 04:58 PM



“ what a few days i have had of memories of mag and george. he was a very nice person. i remember when mag was in labor w/the purple toe nails i painted for her. george turned on the blk /white tv for me to watch davey crockett while they counted her labor pains. margie and dean spoiled you three kids rotten and george always said it was ok. it is zsa zsa spoiling them. since dotties memory is getting so bad i may be your only link to the past. take care my dears. kelly pls let me know your address as i have some items to mail you. much love and many blessings, lu-lu (carole anne horn)

carole horn - July 30, 2014 at 10:39 AM