



Hubert Carl Askew Sr.

January 27, 1913 - July 24, 2010

HUBERT CARL ASKEW, SR., 97, passed away peacefully in Houston, July 24, 2010, surrounded by family and caregivers. Hubert was born January 27, 1913 in Lawton, Oklahoma to Henry Alford Askew and Susan (Foster) Askew, moving to Chickasha, Oklahoma at an early age. He graduated from Chickasha High School where he played for the state championship football team, and attended the University of Oklahoma. He is survived by his loving wife of 73 years, Mary Eugenia (Philp) Askew. After their marriage in Beaumont they moved to Houston in 1937 where Hubert worked for Walgreens and later, Liggett Myers Tobacco Company. After serving in the Merchant Marine from 1944 to 1945, he returned to Houston to open the first Askew Drug Store which later grew into 10 locations. He sold off the retail business and developed Askew Wholesale and Tobacco Co. retiring from business in 1985. Hubert was a 50 year plus member of the Masonic Holland Lodge No. 1.

A lifelong sports fan, and eternal Sooner, Hubert was happiest in his retirement watching and remarking on football and baseball using his encyclopedic memory.

Never without his favorite cigar he was truly unique character and customary gentleman, and will be fondly remembered for his honesty, intelligence and anecdotes; and for a life enjoyed and well lived.

Other survivors include his son Dr. Hubert Carl Askew and daughter-in-law Rebecca Ann Askew of Houston, Texas and his daughter Mary Eugenia Askew of Baldwin City, Kansas; Granddaughter Nancy Ann Witmer, and husband Rich J. Witmer, granddaughter Susan Elizabeth Sanders, and husband Mark A. Sanders; Great-grandchildren Meghan E. Witmer, Rachel A. Witmer, Jack M. Witmer, Taylor E. Sanders, and Marshall A. Sanders, all of Houston.

Friends are cordially invited to attend a memorial service and reception at Three O'Clock in the afternoon of Tuesday, the 27th of July at D.M. Dettling Funeral Directors, 14094 Memorial Drive in Houston.

The family would like to thank devoted caregivers Robin, Joyce and Latoya as well as the nurses and doctors at Memorial Hermann for their dedicated service. In addition to customary remembrances, please consider a donation to Memorial Hermann Hospice. Please visit www.DettlingFuneral.com to leave online tributes.

Events

JUL **Service** 03:00PM

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Dettling Funeral Home

14094 Memorial Drive, Houston, TX, US, 77079

Comments



“ Hubert's father and my father, Joe were brothers. Hubert and Mary were faithful in their love of their extended family. I met them at my father's funeral in Dekialb and many more times. My father had six children and two wives. J.B. was near Hubert's age and grew up with Hubert. J.B. loved Hubert as did cousin, Marie. Once when JB came to visit me in Sharpstown, Hubert picked JB up to ride around Houston, Galveston, etc all day while Hubert took care of his business. That evening, JB said, "Hubert just drove without any distractions from other drivers. He never rushed, never got upset, never took his eyes off the road, drove the speed limit. Hubert could talk and joke without losing his train of thought. JB said, Hubert will never have a heart attack cause he has it together".

I called Marie about Hubert's death. She talked to them Christmas. I would talk to Hubert and Mary from time to time and visited in their home and saw Mary beautiful quilts.

The one common thread that ran thru the "Askew" males was humor. These guys were standing by my Dad's coffin laughing and joking, and I knew Daddy would have loved it. So Hubert is having a great time right now with them.

God be with Hubert's family, Helen Askew Smitley.

Helen Smitley - July 28, 2010 at 09:55 AM