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**M**r. Hal Milford Stewart died January, 13th 2004 at the age of 92. Hal was born in Stamps, AR February 15th, 1911 to James Roy Stewart and Mary Eleanor Perkins Stewart.

Hal lived in Stamps, Monett, Mo and then Muskogee OK where he graduated from Central High in 1929. Hal often told the story about him, at the age of 15, and his brother James Roy Stewart hiking up the Cog Rail to the top of Pikes Peak back before there was a trail. He worked his way through college at the University of Oklahoma where he joined and was an active member of the Kappa Alpha Order. In 1933 he graduated earning his bachelor's degree in Business Administration with a major in finance.

Hal joined the Army Finance Corp in 1942. The first time he tried to enlist he was under weight. He ate a bunch of bananas before he tried the second time. It turns out that this was a common way to gain a few pounds quickly. He rose quickly through the ranks and was recommended and then attended Officer Candidate School at Duke University. He was honorably discharge from active duty in 1947. He joined the Army Reserve in 1954 and served until his retirement at the rank Lieutenant Colonel in 1969.

He joined Creole Petroleum Corporation in 1947 and was stationed in Caracas, Venezuela. Creole was an affiliate of what is today Exxon Mobil. He was stationed in Venezuela until 1950 when he transferred to Saudi Arabia with the Arabian American Oil Company. While stationed in Saudi he traveled extensively throughout the Middle East, Egypt, and Europe. He left Saudi and transferred back to Creole in 1953. It's should be noted that he left a Bible with his houseboy which was considered contraband in Saudi.

Hal married Jane Frazier McKinnon on September 16th 1954 in Muskogee, Oklahoma they returned to Caracas, Venezuela where they lived and raised their family until his retirement from Creole in 1968.



Retiring in Fayetteville, Hal joined the Central United Methodist Church in 1968. He was known to frequent the post office, bank, brokerage office, and library. He spent most of his time playing golf and investing in the market. Hal's coup was investing in interest sensitive stock in the late 70's and then getting out one month before the crash of '87.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 46 years Jane Frazier McKinnon Stewart. He is survived by his daughter Joni Stewart Mayes, his son-in-law Charles Noble Mayes, his son James Robert Stewart, his daughter-in-law Andrea Lynn McConnell Stewart, his granddaughters, Jamie Michelle Mayes, Jenna Melody Mayes, Jodie Melissa Mayes, Wendy McConnell Stewart and Sarah Elizabeth Stewart, all of Fayetteville.

The family request that in lieu of flowers that donations be made in his honor to the Central United Methodist Church building fund and the Arkansas Methodist Children's Home.

Visitation will be Sunday, January 18, 2004 1:00 PM until 5:00 PM at Nelson Berna Funeral Home with the family present to greet friends from 2:00 PM until 4:00 PM. Services will be at Central United Methodist Church in Fayetteville on Monday, January 19, 2003 at 1pm with Rev. J. Anthony Holifield officiating . Following the service he will be buried with full military honors at the Fayetteville National Cemetery.

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## Tribute Wall

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NF

**Nancy Nash (Friend)** posted:

Dear JoniMay the greatness of our beloved fatherslive on in our children's character andsouls.May God's tender mercy surround you and comfort you and may the beautifulmemories of your Daddy sustain you always.

August 30 at 10:07 AM

TN

**Tom And Mary Sam Bethune (Niece)** posted:

He was a nice man, always polite to me.

August 30 at 10:07 AM

AN

**A.A. Rozell ( Former Next Door Neibor)** posted:

Hal and Jane were real good neibors,he will be a loss to the neiborhood

August 30 at 10:07 AM

RF

**Ron & Teri Johnson (Friends)** posted:

When I worked for Don Trumbo, I wasalways happy to see Hal darkenthe door. He was a happy stocktrader, always full of news anda good story or too.He'll be greatly missed.Ellen

August 30 at 10:07 AM



JD

**Joni Stewart-Mayes (Daughter)** posted:

From Joni'.My best memories of my dad are so many it is hard to choose. When I think of him when we were children, I think of my dad being the dad that took us to the pool to swim, took us to play on the swings, and in the summers brought us back to the states to go on interesting vacations. He took us to "dude-ranches", beaches, the mountains, the Grand Canyon, Disneyland, and the big cities. We spent many summer days in a cabin overlooking the river at Wahilla in Oklahoma. We went river rafting and everything. Believe me, these were not the vacations my mother planned, but she enjoyed them with us. He did the whole junior high experience of driving me and my friends to see out-of-town ballgames with us all piled in the station wagon. I remember his love of camping and when we first moved here, joining the Razorback Camping Club. When we moved back to the States, we had a brand new station wagon and pop-up tent camper waiting for us in Miami that he ordered BY MAIL!!! Little by little my mom had her say, and he progressed to the longer travel trailer and eventually to his "mini-home." We went everywhere in that motorhome, including one trip to the Orange Bowl in Miami to watch the Razorbacks beat Oklahoma (his alma mater), soundly! Since my dad retired so early at 58, we got to experience the fun part of his retirement and traveling with him. Other kids' dads were at work".ours was at home when we left and when we got home. I loved that when I went to the university here, my dad took classes at the same time and we would see each other in the halls in the College of Business building. We would hug in the hallways. I'm sure people wondered! He was auditing finance and investment classes for FUN! Can you imagine??? One of the best things about him personally that I try to follow with my own daughters was his philosophy of "don't cry over spilled milk." In other words, when one of us messed up, made a mistake, did something wrong".he never dwelled on it. It was already done. Where do we go from here, how do we not make the same mistake again? That was his "speech" to us. The best words I could use to describe him would be "loving and supportive." He was always there for me and took in Chuck and loved and treated him like a son and continued his same style of love and support with each of my girls. When my first daughter, Jamie was born, he was 72. He said, "I guess 72 is old enough to be a grandfather!" He was always young at heart. He always referred to other people his age as "those old fogies." He always was young to me. If you had troubles?.there was always "Dadda." I think we all thought he could always fix anything that was wrong and that he always had all the answers. I loved listening to him talk about his faith. His grandfather was a Methodist minister. His focus was on the resurrection and everlasting life. His travels took him to so many places that he had read about in the Bible, seeing other cultures and their religions. He saw first-hand the differences between Christian beliefs and those of other cultures. I have a set of rosary beads he gave me that were made from olives pits from trees in the Garden of Gethsemane. He said, "Can you imagine" these olive pits came from trees that are in the garden right where Jesus walked".?I loved my dad more than anything," he was always there for me with open arms and full of love and support".he was my example, my mentor...a perfect example of a Christian, a father, and a husband".someone to live up to".Joni

August 30 at 10:07 AM



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