



Earl William Eddins, Jr.

July 10, 1931 - July 21, 2020

Earl William Eddins, Jr., age 89, of Fayetteville passed from this life July 21, 2020 in Fayetteville, Arkansas. He was born, July 10, 1931, in Muskogee, Oklahoma to Earl and Katherine Fast Eddins.

Earl started his education in Muskogee, Oklahoma and then graduated with a BA from Oklahoma State University. After that, he served as a Lieutenant in the US Air Force. His passion then led him to pursue a new career in hospital administration and graduated with a master's from Washington University in St. Louis. His career took him to Little Rock, Arkansas; Scottsdale, Arizona; Jackson, Mississippi; and then ultimately completed at Washington Regional Medical Center (WRMC) in Fayetteville, Arkansas. He retired September 1991. His Christian values influenced the work he did throughout his career, the community, and his church. Earl was a lifelong member of Wauhillau Outing Club where he loved to entertain, fish and share quality time with friends and family.

Earl is survived by his wife, Phyllis; two sons, David Eddins and his wife Kim and Brad Eddins and his wife Elizabeth Foster; two granddaughters, Katherine Eddins and Elena Foster, and two brothers John Martin Eddins and Joe Turner Eddins. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Robert Fast Eddins.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, graveside services at Fayetteville National Cemetery, with United States Air Force Honors, will be limited to immediate family only. Arrangements are under the direction of Moore's Chapel.

To sign an online guestbook, visit www.mooresfuneralchapel.com.

In lieu of flowers, the family would like any memorials sent to the following: Washington Regional Medical Foundation, Earl W. Eddins Scholarship, P.O. Box 356, Fayetteville, Arkansas 72703. Online Giving: www.wregional.com/give

Cemetery

Fayetteville National Cemetery

700 Government Avenue

Fayetteville, AR,

Comments



“ Phyllis, David, and Brad, please know we all send our deepest condolences and heartfelt sympathy in the loss of Earl. What an amazing and great man. All of our family enjoyed him and we all have the best stories of laughter and wisdom from Earl. The world will be a little darker without his smile and compassion. Keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers these coming days. The Bob E. Hall Family
Bob, Coleen, Robin and Teddy

Robin C. Hall Guadagnini - Yesterday at 06:39 PM



“ David and Brad,
We had the pleasure and honor of being neighbors with your parents on Bonnie Lane as well as mutual members of Rolling Hills Baptist Church. Earl was always there for us as a friend and mentor. And was an inspiration for our entire family. His authenticity and kindness will be missed by generations. What a life well-lived and admired!
Please accept our deepest sympathy,
Brad and Sherri Fry

Sherri Fry - July 27 at 01:49 PM



“ Thank you so much Sherri!

David Eddins - July 27 at 11:06 PM



“ David and Brad, your mom and dad, both, will always be gems in our hearts. Going to Hog basketball games, piano and organ duets, serving together at RHBC, being neighbors and oh, so much laughter! Phyllis directed Carie Beth's wedding and our grandchildren still play with the wooden blockers Earl made for Drew over 35 years ago. We love, appreciate and value the time they took in mentoring and building a friendship with us....such gratitude in knowing them. We extend our deepest sympathies to your families. David and Ruth Rodgers

Ruth Rodgers - July 27 at 07:40 AM



“ Thank you Ruth! We love hearing about how mom and dad have affected others in a positive way.

David Eddins - July 27 at 11:08 PM



“ Phyllis, David, and Brad, Earl was an inspirational mentor to so many but in particular to me. An exemplary life lived well. Prayers for you all.

Rusty Jones - July 26 at 09:45 PM



“ Thank you Rusty! We love reading your kind thoughts about dad.

David Eddins - July 27 at 11:09 PM



“ There has never been a time in my life that I thought Earl Eddins was the most gracious and caring man. He seemed to have an interest in everyone including his days at Washington Regional when he checked on everyone. Our longtime friendship with the Eddins brings back many wonderful memories with our time in Fayetteville and going to Wauhillau. Earl always took such wonderful care of Phyllis and they seemed to be the perfect couple. My heart is sad at this time because I miss their love and friendship towards us. I send my love and sympathy to David and Brad who have also been a wonderful part of my life. Please accept my deepest sympathy and love to the Eddins boys.

Love, Diane Modisette.

Diane Modisette - July 25 at 06:59 PM



“ Thank you Diane! We love our visit yesterday!

David Eddins - July 26 at 07:27 AM



“ When Bill finished his training we wanted to come to Northwest Arkansas as my family and his were in the area. A general poling of some of the physicians was his specialty was not needed. We had the usual debt from years of school and did not have the resources to try to come to a community we were not wanted in. Earl ignored the opinion of others and took a chance on a young surgeon. With his support we were able to join our families and the wonderful community of Northwest Arkansas. He was always kind, supportive and a joy to be around. After leaving WRMC (which we were very disappointed in losing him as an administrator) we would run into him at Lowe's where he worked for a while and Bill thought what a great transition to finally have time to get involved in all those projects they never had time for. We are sorry for your loss but what wonderful memories you share with having had him in your lives.

William & Dawn Nowlin - July 25 at 06:33 PM



“ Thank you so much. We love reading these stories of how dad enriched others.

David Eddins - July 26 at 07:26 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Mr. Eddins was such a big part of my life at WOC. I've always had such respect for him and will miss him very much.

Rusty Bradley - July 25 at 02:18 PM



“ Thank you Rusty! We love hearing from all of you at Wauhillau.

David Eddins - July 26 at 07:28 AM



“ A great man, it was great to know Mr. Eddins from when I worked in the kitchen at WRMC and one of my duties was to keep the boardroom stock with supplies. Prayers for the family.
Jeff bartlett

Jeff Bartlett - July 24 at 10:29 PM



“ Jeff, I think I remember you. Didn't we go to Fay High School about the same time? I recall being with dad and getting lunch at the hospital and he stopped to talk with you. Thank you for support!

David Eddins - July 26 at 07:30 AM



“ Earl and Phyllis were vibrant members of our community. I am so sorry for your loss. He will be missed!

Ann Rosso - July 24 at 05:46 PM



“ Thank you Ann! That means so much to our family.

David Eddins - July 26 at 07:30 AM



“ Mr. Eddins was someone I respected so much. He was a lovely man and a good leader. I enjoyed being a part of WRMC under his leadership. Kay Humbard, Pharmacist

Kay Humbard - July 24 at 05:44 PM



“ Thank you Kay! We love reading these comments about what dad meant to others.

David Eddins - July 26 at 07:32 AM



“ May your family find solace and comfort with the shared memories of your father as we knew him as such a gracious and caring person. My parents were long-time members at Rolling Hills Baptist Church and valued the input of your parents at the church. I always enjoyed visiting the church over the years, especially as I was usually warmly greeted by them. While my brother, John Holcomb, was hospitalized with cancer in 1988, Earl's presence and expressed concerns for him were so appreciated by our family. He will long be remembered by many for his thoughtful actions and care.

Elizabeth Jo Heiliger - July 24 at 05:41 PM



“ Thank you. Your support and memories mean so much to us.

David Eddins - July 26 at 07:33 AM



“ He was a lovely man. I am thinking of you, Phyllis, this day and always. Carolyn



Carolyn Banks - July 24 at 01:42 PM



“ Thank you

Brad Eddins - July 24 at 09:15 PM



“ Thank you so much.

Brad Eddins - July 25 at 07:06 AM



“ Thank you Carolyn. We'll pass this along to mom.

David Eddins - July 26 at 07:34 AM



“ Dear David & Brad ... On the 10th I attempted to send your dad a birthday greeting, but evidently I did not have his correct phone number, as the text did not go. I was so disappointed. What great memories Bill and I have of our friendship with your folks. Too many to share all ... but one in particular being on the tennis court with them. Your dad was a good sport, as it wasn't his interest, but he joined your mom and the rest of us for Friday night tennis at Summerhill. A true gentleman and a great friend. It gives me comfort to know that your mom is in a good place where she is being well cared for, especially now. Bill joins me in sending our deepest sympathy and love to each of you and your families. Love and prayers ... Carole Martin

Carole Martin - July 24 at 01:08 PM



“ Thank you so much Carole. We talked about you all several times this week. We had a beautiful service today and dad is resting comfortably.

David Eddins - July 24 at 03:41 PM



“ Thank you

Brad Eddins - July 24 at 09:05 PM



“ Phyllis and children I am sorry for your loss. I knew Earl from our years in Rotary together. Earl was a kind, giving and caring man. He will be missed.

Kim Smith - July 24 at 09:42 AM



“ Thank you Kim!

David Eddins - July 24 at 03:42 PM



“ Thank you!

Brad Eddins - July 24 at 03:59 PM



“ I am saddened to learn of Earl's passing. I only saw him a few times, but he was always very gracious and kind to me. Please accept my condolences. The family will be in my prayers. Carole Ross

Carole Ross - July 23 at 03:52 PM



“ Thank you Carole. I've been thinking about you a lot lately. Hope you are doing well!

David Eddins - July 24 at 08:28 AM



“ Thank you!

Brad Eddins - July 24 at 04:00 PM



“ Earl helped me with the translon when my Mother had to leave her home and enter a nursing home. He was a great source and comfort to me. He will always be remembered by many for his sweet spirit and smile. Prayers of comfort and peace during this difficult time. Glenna Stidham

Glenna Stidham - July 23 at 02:46 PM



“ Thank you Glenna! Your support means a lot.

David Eddins - July 24 at 08:30 AM



“ I am going to miss this man and his smiling face at Wauhillau. He always had a cheerful word for me. Happily, I can still enjoy the company of this children and grandchild.
Rest in Peace, dear friend.

KATHERINE WINNIFORD - July 23 at 01:14 PM



“ Thank you Katie. Your support means a lot. Wauhillau was dad's favorite place.

David Eddins - July 24 at 08:31 AM



“ I have many memories of so many times with the Eddins family. I always felt that the boys were the closest things to brothers that I ever had. Kay was like a second Mom to me.
We haven't gotten to see each much as adults, but think of them often. My prayers are with all of the family. Love.

mary cole smith - July 23 at 12:07 PM



“ Such a wonderful family who Coleman and I enjoyed so very much, especially Eddie and Kay Webb. So many connections and memories that will never be forgotten. Prayers for all who knew Eddie, too.

Dorothy Fite - July 23 at 03:03 PM



“ Thank you Mary and Dorothy!

David Eddins - July 24 at 08:32 AM



“ Earl was always so kind and showed his Christian love to all I shall never forget Earl Eddins always a smile. My condolences goes out to the family.

Dortha Beard/Albright - July 23 at 11:47 AM



“ Thank you Dortha!

David Eddins - July 24 at 08:33 AM



“ Thank you!

Brad Eddins - July 24 at 03:58 PM



“ The Anderson family is very saddened by the loss of Eddie but Andy and I are so glad we were able to visit with him at Wauhillau just a couple of weeks ago. You have our prayers for comfort and for the remembrance of many wonderful memories with him.



Marty Anderson - July 23 at 11:41 AM



“ Thank you Marty! Dad had the most wonderful day that day. Thank you for being there!

David Eddins - July 24 at 08:34 AM



“ Thank you!

Brad Eddins - July 24 at 04:04 PM



“ Thank you, what great group!

Brad Eddins - July 24 at 09:20 PM