



Alfred Chatenever

May 1, 1916 - August 3, 2010

Having lived a full and unique life, Alfred Chatenever died August 3, 2010 at his home in Tulsa. He was 94. He was born May 1, 1916 in Brooklyn, N.Y. He earned degrees from City College of New York, Columbia University, and New York University, including a doctorate in Physical Chemistry. During World War II, he worked on the Manhattan Project, helping to develop the atomic bomb. While still in New York, he married Blanche Picker. The couple and their young son, Rick, moved to Norman in 1950 where Alfred took a position as a professor in Petroleum Engineering at the University of Oklahoma. He was a pioneering researcher in the development of new efficient methods for extracting oil and gas from the earth. In 1951, Blanche died giving birth to twins, Deborah and David. Alfred never remarried, raising the three children by himself. After working for three years (1957-1960) at the National Bureau of Standards in Washington, D.C., he moved his family to Tulsa where he held a position as a research executive for Sinclair Oil Co. Following his retirement, he had a long association with the University of Tulsa and continued to provide a wide range of consulting services to the Oil and Gas Industry. Until shortly before his death, he enjoyed an agile mind, good health, and an unrelenting curiosity spanning a wide variety of subjects from the arts and sciences to sociology, religion, and politics. Always a lover of ideas, he was a true renaissance man. In his later years, Alfred gravitated to a life of simple pleasures among which his greatest was his family. He is fondly remembered and deeply missed by his children, Rick, Debs, and David; daughters-in-law

Karen Chatenever and Mary Thieme; grandchildren, Lisa, Chloe, and Simon; and great-granddaughter Lili Skye Lavo. The family is planning a private memorial gathering but wishes to acknowledge the sentiments of all who knew and appreciated Alfred. Arrangements were entrusted to Daniel C. Schaudt of Schaudt's Glenpool Funeral Service & Cremation Care. Family and friends may view the obituary and send condolences to the family online at www.schaudtfuneralservice.com

Tribute Wall

CW

“ *Alfred Chatenever*

Cindy Biby-Wallace & Roy Wallace - May 29, 2013 at 05:23 PM

IC

“ *Dear Fred's Family,*

Our heartfelt condolences on the passing of Fred. May his spirit be with you always.

Love,

The Collins Family

Irma Collins - August 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PR

“ *Dear family of Mr. Chatenever, What a sweet tribute in the obituary. I'm so sorry for your loss and send wishes for comfort and peace. Mr. Chatenever had a very positive reputation as a great library customer. We will miss serving him. I read in the obit that he lost his wife while birthing twins. I am a twin and have always felt blessed to have a best friend and confidante in all of my growing up years and still now as an older adult. Blessings to all of you.*

Pamela Reagan - August 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Rick:

Sorry to read about your father. Please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Chris & Ann White

Chris & Ann White - August 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ *Fred was one of my father's oldest friends. My father, Bob Frossard, died in 2006 and Fred was one of the most faithful of his friends, visiting him often. I (now 57) remember Fred visiting my parents all during my life. He was the most interesting of raconteurs. He loved to argue - about anything! But he was so good at it!*

Laura Frossard - August 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM