



Verne L. Culbertson

July 15, 1920 - November 13, 2010

Verne L. Culbertson, 90, of Morrilton, Arkansas, formerly of Jackson, Mississippi, died on November 13, 2010. He was born July 15, 1920 in Guthrie Center, Iowa to Opal and Leroy Culbertson. His mother died of typhoid fever when he was only one year old and he was raised by his maternal grandparents, Pearl and Art Roberts.

Verne was a World War II veteran, serving in the Navy in the Pacific, and served in the same wing as Nathan Gordon, Congressional Medal of Honor winner from Morrilton. After the war, he graduated from Iowa State University and began a long career as a petroleum geologist. He first worked for Shell Oil but spent most of his career as an independent wild-catter. His proudest achievement was the discovery of an oil field under the Mississippi River at Giles Bend in 1973, which is still producing today. Verne was awarded an honorary lifetime membership in the Mississippi Geological Society in 1989. Verne was an accomplished golfer (winning numerous amateur tournaments), loved barbershop quartet music (singing in a chorus in his younger years), enjoyed travelling, dancing, and dining, and was blessed with many life-long friends.

He is survived by his soul-mate, Jeanne Caldwell of Jackson, Mississippi; one daughter, Jeannie Denniston of Morrilton, Arkansas; one son, Roger (Linda) Culbertson of Lake Worth, Florida; two granddaughters, Melissa Culbertson of Austin, Texas and Sara Denniston of Jonesboro, Arkansas; and three great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at a later date in Jackson, Mississippi. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to PGA Foundation, 100 Avenue of the Champions, Palm Beach Gardens, Florida 33418. Local arrangements are by Harris Funeral Home of Morrilton.

Tribute Wall



“ Verne L. Culbertson

January 30, 2023 at 02:08 AM



“ *When the oil business was at its height, we could always count on Verne to liven up our oil parties and meetings with his booming voice. In recent years, he regaled many of his world adventures that, I, as a travel agent, put in "Verne's File" which I use as reference. Please accept my sympathy along with many other Jacksonians for your loss. He was truly one of a kind.*

June 29, 2018 at 10:34 PM



“ *I knew Verne from working at the bank during the height of the oil business. Verne always came in, or where ever you saw him, with a big smile on his face. Of course, his voice always preceded him everywhere. Whether working or in retirement, Verne could always be seen on the streets of downtown Jackson, MS. He always had something good to say no mattter the situation. He was definitely a "ONE OF A KIND". He seemed to always enjoy life. My condolence to family and friends who loved him.*

November 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. I have many wonderful memories of Vern, he had a wonderful sense of humor and fast wit. I really learned a lot from him about the oil & gas industry and I will always be thankful to him.*

November 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Jeannie,
I am so sorry for your loss. I just wanted you to know that I was thinking about you and your family during this difficult time. Peace be with you.

November 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Don & I are thinking of you and your family at this time. You have our condolences and sympathy at this time. I have fond memories of Mr. Culbertson and always will.

Elizabeth

November 15, 2010 at 12:00 AM