

GEORGE THEODORE (TED) COLTRIN

1916-2008

CORPUS CHRISTI: George Theodore (Ted) Coltrin, father of Jeanie Dawn Brink and Mary Beth Garske of Corpus Christi and Sally Marie McElroy of Washington, D.C., died March 25, 2008 in Corpus Christi. He was 91 years old.

His wife of almost 65 years, Laura Frances, died December 25th, 2003.

Ted was known to family and friends as a storyteller, writer, athlete, entrepreneur, salesman, inquiring mind, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, husband, uncle, friend and dedicated family-man.

He was born in Terre Haute, Ind. on October 31st, 1916, but after a devastating fire, his family moved while Ted was still a young boy~driving the whole way over two months in a Model T Ford~to Huntington Park, California. There, he lettered in track

during high school and was awarded an athletic scholarship to BYU. He attended college briefly and later became a self-taught steel contractor. As such, he designed and drew plans for buildings, then priced and supervised their construction. He also co-founded and owned steel pre-fabricating companies in California and Arizona and was a field-supervisor throughout the western U.S. for the Butler Building Company. He finished out his career in Dallas before retiring to Runaway Bay, Texas, where he indulged his love of golf, founded a local newspaper The Pulse of Runaway Bay, wrote articles and columns for the nearby Bridgeport Index, and served on the Runaway Bay City Council.

As young parents, Ted and Frances took every opportunity to travel throughout the western U.S. with their daughters. And in retirement, the couple traveled the world together, playing golf nearly everywhere they went. In their later years, they moved to Corpus Christi to be close to family. In addition to his three daughters, Ted is survived by four grandchildren, Lisa Bachelor (Claude Elliott) of New Braunfels, Texas; Carrie Dawn Garske-Shank (Rob) of Dubai, UAE; James Theodore McElroy (Peyton) of Palo Alto, California; and Thomas Francis McElroy (Sara) of Seattle, Washington and four great-grandchildren, Emily Bachelor, Paul and Mary Shank and John Reed McElroy and beloved nieces and nephews and their families.

A memorial service was held on Monday, March 31, 2008, at 11:30 a.m. at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 3151 Reid Drive, Corpus Christi, Tx.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent in Mr. Coltrin's honor to St. Luke's United Methodist Church.

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