



Ernest Steven Dupuy, Jr.

June 4, 1926 - April 7, 2010

In Memory of Ernest Steven Dupuy, Jr. Ernie Dupuy was born the son of Ernest Sr. and Belle Dupuy on Friday, June 4, 1926 in New Orleans, Louisiana. Ernie's mother moved him and his grandmother to Ventura, California, where she took a job as a bookkeeper for a citrus rancher. Ernie grew up in the country and learned how to shoot a rifle. He was so good he could shoot a pheasant on the wing with a .22 caliber rifle. This was during the depression and he was able to make a contribution to the table. Ernie graduated from high school in 1944 and joined the Army Air Force to learn to fly. While in the military he became ill and almost died. He was discharged in 1945 before completing flight training. After the war with his interest in flying and high technology he began his career in engineering. In the early sixties he went to work for Hughes Aircraft Space Systems division, where he was involved in the very beginning of the space program. In 1973 Ernie left Hughes and moved to Roseburg, Oregon where he married Betty Miller in 1976. Ernie returned to Hughes in El Segundo, California 1982, where he remained until his retirement in 1988. After his retirement, Ernie and Betty moved to Salem, Oregon where he occupied himself with hobbies, travel, and family. A highlight of their retirement was a trip to the Holy Lands. One of his hobbies was his life long appreciation of target shooting and he joined Four Corners Rod and Gun Club, where he was active in club activities. Because of his lifelong interest in aeronautics, Ernie also worked as a volunteer at the Evergreen Aviation and Space Museum. Ernie's wife Betty passed away in

January of 2003 and Ernie joined her on April 7, 2010, at the age of eighty-three. Ernie is survived by his oldest son, Rick Dupuy; three grandchildren; his stepson, Rick Miller; his stepdaughter, Linda Fickes. His youngest son Gary preceded him in death December of 2003. His Funeral Service with military honors will be Saturday, April 17, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. in Attrell's Newberg Funeral Chapel, with Pastor Mark Hanke officiating. A private Committal Service will be held in Gibbs Cemetery. Online condolences may be made at www.attrells.com Copy to: Statesman Journal/Oregonian Form/ Roseburg News Review/Ours/Web/jh

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“ I was sorry to hear him passing on, I always hoped someday I would get to sit down and talk to my grandpa and find out more about the family. But it seems like we all drifted far apart. I never had a close relationship with him. But I always wondered how he was doing. Sorry for the loss to all that where close.

Gary D Dupuy 2nd - April 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ It was my pleasure to get to know Ernie a few years ago as I prepared his annual tax return. He told me many enjoyable stories and I missed seeing him this year. Ernie was not just a client, but a friend that I will remember fondly. My sympathies to his family.

Sharon Hill - April 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Dupuy Family: It was my pleasure to serve with Ernie on the board of the Four Corners Rod & Gun Club during the early to mid-1990's. Ernie was a man of principle. At times, this brought him into conflict with some of the other board members. His responses to these folks were always well reasoned and often generally more kind than the conversations that had emanated from the other parties. He was a good man and I will miss him. Like my father, he was a member of the "Greatest Generation" and their loss diminishes us all. Thank your for the opportunity to share with you in this moment of remembrance. Bill Dyke

Bill Dyke - April 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ Our wonderful neighbor, Ernie, will certainly be missed in the neighborhood. He always had a smile and usually some joke or whitty saying. Our special condolences to each of you. Shed no tears he would say, for I have passed, To claim a perfect life at last. I'll be with Betty and friends who have gone ahead of me. Help finish what I've left undone. Yes, I'll be waiting at the gate. No, don't be sad, you come I'll be waiting at the gate. You certainly supported our good friend & we thank you for that.

Jim & Beverly Kay, Neighbors - April 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM