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A memorial service for Colonel Francis Thor Hanson, 88, of Longview will be 10 AM Saturday, May 14, 2005, at the Chapel of Rader Funeral Home, with Pastor Wade Duck officiating. A full military service will be held at the graveside in Madison, WI. In July. Col. Hanson passed away peacefully at a local nursing center on May 9, 2005.

Col. Hanson was born in Camp Douglas, Wisconsin to Thor and Sadie Hanson on March 20, 1917. He moved to his home of Madison, WI at the age of 10 where he later raised his own family. He enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1937 and played a primary role in establishing the Wisconsin Air National Guard in 1938. He served in the Pacific Theater throughout the US involvement in World War II. There he met his beloved wife, Frances, an army nurse, and they were married in Brisbane, Australia, on April 4, 1944. He served in Europe during the Korean conflict and then returned to Madison to become Chief of Supply for the Wisconsin Air National Guard, a position he held until his retirement in 1977 after 40 years of service to his country. Following the death of his wife in 1994, he moved to Longview, Texas to be near his children and grandchildren.

Colonel Hanson is survived by a son, Dr. Thomas Hanson, of Beaverton, Oregon; son-in-law and daughter, Robert and Mary Bohn, of White Oak, Texas; step grandsons and their wives: Jeff and Laurie Bohn and Robby and Courtni Bohn, all of Shreveport, LA; step granddaughter, Angela Bohn of Dallas, and 2 grandsons: Aaron Bohn of Galveston, and Joey Bohn of White Oak, TX.

In lieu of flowers, the family request that memorials be made to White Oak Baptist Church, Heartsway Hospice, or the American Kidney Fund.

?The family wishes to extend a heartfelt thank you to the staff of the Eastman Estates for 7 years of tender loving care. You went above and beyond for him and he truly loved his home there. Also



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a special thanks to the wonderful caregivers at the Clairmont and Heartsway Hospice for all your loving care in his final days.?



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Anonymous posted:

Dear Mary and Robert, We were privileged to know and enjoy the Colonel while he was at Eastman Estates. He was a precious person and a dear friend to everyone there, including our mother, Blanche Woodall. Our prayers are with you and the family. God's peace be with you. Glenda and Gary Johnson##imported-begin##Gary and Glenda Johnson##imported-end##

May 17 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Mary Bohn & Family: I have fond memories of both of your parents and times spent at the cottages at Poynette. Best regards to you, your family and to Tom.##imported-begin##Don Koch##imported-end##

May 15 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Mary, Florence and I thank God that your father lived near you during these last years. Our memories of him are only fond. His intersections with my family and me, though infrequent in my adult years, were always a blessing. We look forward to seeing you again in July. Your cousin, David##imported-begin##Dave Hanson##imported-end##

May 13 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Thoughts & prayers are with this dear Ones family. I am grateful for his Serving our Country and the blessings he was to all he touched. I believe I was privileged to remember his birthday at Eastman Estates. God bless.##imported-begin##Millie Harper##imported-end##

May 13 at 7:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Francis by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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