



William K. Zucker, Jr.

June 26, 1922 - January 19, 2009

Colonel William K. Zucker, Jr., USA (Ret), 86, of Searcy, Arkansas, passed away Monday, January 19, 2009, following a brief illness. Mr. Zucker was born in Rochester, New York on June 26, 1922. He was raised in Mount Vernon, New York. He was a graduate of The Stony Brook School, Lehigh University (Bachelor of Arts), Rutgers University (Master of Business Administration), and the United States Army Command and General Staff College. While at Lehigh, he was a member of the varsity basketball team.

During World War II, he was assigned to Fort Knox, Kentucky. There, he met a southern girl from Arkansas who became his best friend and the love of his life. Bill married Joyce Roberts in Mt. Vernon, New York, on December 30, 1946. They were blessed with two daughters, Cheryl and Melanie.

During his extensive military career, he served as battalion commander of the United States Army 311th Regiment, 78th (Lightning) Division. This was the same battalion his father commanded during World War I. Bill received a Bronze Star for injuries suffered in the European Theater of Operations during World War II. He retired from the United States Army Reserves in 1982.

His business career spanned 37 years with The Prudential Insurance Company of America. He retired in 1984. He and Joyce moved to Searcy, Arkansas in 1986 to enjoy their retirement.

Bill was preceded in death by his wife, Joyce, and their daughter, Melanie Zucker. He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law Cheryl and Carl Maltese, who reside in Nashville, Tennessee, and by his brother Robert D. Zucker, of Pebble Beach, California.

The memorial service will be Thursday, January 23, 2008, at 10:00 A.M. at Powell Funeral Home in Searcy, Pastor Wes Keith, presiding. Interment will be in the Zucker family plot in Valhalla, New York. www.powellfuneralhome.net