



John Hale Echols

September 9, 1923 - July 24, 2011

John Hale Echols, a North West Airline retiree and resident of Kenner, LA since 1971, died Sunday, July 24, 2011 at age 88. Funeral services will be held at 2 pm Thursday, July 28 at Memory Chapel Funeral Home in Laurel, with burial to follow in Union Line Cemetery in Jones County. Rev. Jim Taylor will officiate. Mr. Echols was born September 9, 1923 in Birmingham, AL, son of the late Dr. and Mrs. William Graham Echols, Sr., of the University of Alabama, attended Tuscaloosa High School and University of Alabama, and was a member of PI KAPPA ALPHA and PI-TAU-CHI fraternities. He was also a veteran of World War II where he served as a Radio Intercept Operator with the 5th Air-Corps in the Pacific. He received the Philippine Liberation Ribbon and Asiatic Pacific Ribbon in Leyte, Luzon and Okinawa. He was a member of Mun-Holland United Methodist Church. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, William Graham Echols, Jr. Survivors include his wife of 57 years, Berniece Jefcoat Echols; daughters, Nancy Carolyn Echols De-Lerno of Metairie, LA and Elizabeth Ann Echols Van-Burkleo of Lakeville, MN; four grandchildren; and one sister, Mary Lillie Blackmarr of Birmingham, AL. Pallbearers will be Zack De-Lerno, Jessie De-Lerno, Johnny Holmburg, Donnie Powell, Wesley Powell and Doug Jefcoat. Honorary pallbearers will be Roger Boone and Mike Boone. In lieu of flowers, the family request memorial contributions to the charity of your choice. Visitation will be held from 12 noon until service time on Thursday, July 28 at Memory Chapel of Laurel which is in charge of the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Ms. Bernice, Nancy and Besty, I just learned of Mr. John's passing, Mr. Chuck Tippitt sent an email, I will be calling my dad to let him know. Please know Mr. John will be in my prayers and I will be praying for you all. I am so very sorry to hear this news and please let me know if there is anything I can do for you and your family, cindy.moran@marriott.com, I have such wonderful memories of your daddy and your home. God Bless, Cindy Dailey Moran

Cindy Dailey Moran - August 21, 2011 at 06:20 PM

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“ So sorry to read about Mr. Echols' passing. I remember him and Mrs. Echols so well from when I lived in Driftwood Park with my parents. I remember seeing him coming home on Lisa Av. in his blue VW Rabbit. May his family take comfort in knowing that he is at heavenly rest.
Gayle Gulliver Buhler

Gayle Gulliver Buhler - July 26, 2011 at 02:56 PM

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“ Betsy,
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.

Carol Ford - July 26, 2011 at 09:20 AM