

PARSONS

Dr. Frank Leslie Parsons Jr. passed away on January 27, 2009 at age 91 while living in Prescott, Arizona. Frank was born in Clay, Kentucky on May 9, 1917 to Dr. Frank Parsons Sr. and Sarah Jane Parsons



and moved to El Paso, Texas at the age of 2 where he lived until moving in 1988. Frank was a prominent dentist in El Paso for 44 years, following in the footsteps of his father who was also a dentist in El Paso. Frank was known to his patients as "Painless Parsons" and retired from dentistry in 1987 after a very successful career. After what Frank referred to as "a hell of a ride," he lived a life of adventure, traveling the world and doing things that most people would never even consider. His motto was always to live life to its fullest - which he did, every single day of his life.

After graduating from Austin High School in El Paso, TX, Frank attended the University of Texas El Paso, later transferring to the University of Texas (Austin). Upon graduating with his B.S. degree, he was accepted into and completed Baylor School of Dentistry in Dallas, TX, receiving his Doctor of Dental Surgery. He served in the U.S. Army as both a Dental Oral Surgeon and Dental Officer, serving in 4 campaigns during World War II and was recipient of the Asiatic Pacific Theater Ribbon with Two Bronze Service Stars, World War II Victory Medal and Philippine Liberation Ribbon and later served in the U.S. Air Force Reserves. Frank's dental career was nothing short of exceptional. While spending his 44-year dental career in El Paso, TX, he had many accomplishments, including serving as the first president of the Academy of General Dentistry of the Southwest and longtime membership and past president of the El Paso Dental Study Club. Frank also became a dental consultant in crown and bridge for both the Dental Corporation at William Beaumont Army Hospital and the Dental School of the University of California and later a dental consultant in fluoride research with Schellenger Research Laboratory for the University of Texas, El Paso and board member of the first national meeting of Preventative Dentistry in Chicago. He also periodically donated his dental services in small villages in Mexico. Always striving for perfection in everything he did, Frank was willing to "try everything at least once" and came close to achieving that goal in his 91 years. Frank was an accomplished artist having been mentored by prestigious artists Peter Hurd and Howard "Lincoln" Fox. He

attended the University of Texas (El Paso) Fine Arts Department, Art School of New York, studying under Frederick Taube, and El Paso Art Academy studying under Robert Hedley. His paintings have been shown in studios throughout the United States and abroad. Frank loved to express himself and his love of nature through his art, his favorite and best-known medium being egg tempura. Aside from painting, sculpting and woodcarving, Frank was an avid car racer, participating with the Sports Car Club of America, and enjoyed Formula Sports Car racing and continued racing until he reached the age of 67. Frank was a licensed pilot of single engine fixed wing planes, hot air balloons, and gliders. Always an adventurer, Frank loved life and nature to the fullest and enjoyed a variety of other hobbies, including model railroading, kayaking, sail boat racing, hunting, fishing, birding, photography, and traveling the world. Frank was a member of the El Paso Kiwanis Club and "Los Viejos" and later involved with the local Prescott Chapter of the Audubon Society, devoting time to wildlife habitat improvement. An excellent athlete, Frank participated in baseball, swimming, diving, and golf, having received a golf scholarship while attending the University of Texas. Believing in living a healthy and fulfilling life, he continued to workout two hours a day until age 88, when he was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. Even then, his optimistic, happy nature remained. Frank is survived by his loving wife of 23 years, Helen Nestor Parsons of Prescott, AZ; daughters, Judy Keys and husband Duffy Keys of Rancho Santa Fe, CA, Bequi Livingston and husband Ron Livingston of Albuquerque, NM, and Pamela Parsons of Taos, NM. Dr. Mike Parsons (deceased) was Frank's son; he passed away in 2000, while a prestigious dentist in Santa Maria, CA. Stepdaughters include Shivaun Nestor of San Francisco, CA and Amy Nestor of Qatar. Grandchildren include Jennifer Deisher, Amity Livingston, Parker Livingston and Scott Womack; his great-grandchildren are Brady and Blake Smith of Littleton, CO. Frank's remains will be cremated and dispersed per his wishes by the family. A 'Celebration of Life' will take place on March 21, 2009 from 2:00-4:00pm at Las Fuentes Retirement Community, 1035 Scott Drive, in Prescott, AZ. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to: Adult Care Services, 844 Sunset Ave., Prescott, Arizona, 86305, in memory of "Dr. Frank Parsons". This facility provided exceptional care to Frank and support to the family throughout the past year.

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