



## Hugh Brower Hartley

February 11, 1924 - May 4, 2015

Hugh Brower Hartley, 91, passed away peacefully with family by his side on May 4, 2015 at 12:38 am in Jackson, Mississippi from heart related complications. Hugh is a native of Covich County born February 11, 1924 to Beulah and George Hugh Hartley. He grew up on the family farm which is just down the road from where he resided for the past 25 years in Hazlehurst, Mississippi. Claiming he was 18, Hugh entered the United States Navy at age 16 where he began his pilots training followed by studying aircraft mechanics at the Spartan School of Avionics in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Thus began his exciting and adventurous career taking him from the swamps of Louisiana to the Bush of Alaska. He piloted aircraft from the tiny Piper Cub among the sugar cane fields and bayous of the South to flying Boeing 747's for Wien Air Alaska until 1984 when he retired at the age of 60.

Hugh and Edith Hartley pioneered, with close friends, a unique and first of its kind business. Eagle Enterprises grew from a garage to a large warehouse facility and was an FFA and Coast Guard approved safety and survival service and equipment corporation. Hugh and Edith retired from Eagle Enterprises at age 65.

Hugh Hartley is survived by Edith his wife of 71 years and their six children: Valis Hartley of Vancouver, WA; Stephanie (Thomas) Inguagiato of New Orleans, LA; Richard Hartley of Anchorage, AK; Constance Ettinger of Keizer,

OR; Van (Donna) Hartley of Anchorage, AK; and Katie Sue Young of Eugene, OR. He is also survived by 14 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren as well as his sister Katherine Taylor and her two daughters, Ruby and Kathy.

He was a member of the following clubs and organizations: Antique Vehicle Club of Mississippi, USS Curtis AV-4 Assn. and the Wien Pilots Alumni Association.

Funeral services will be held at the Stringer Family Funeral Home on Friday May 8th. Visiting hours are from 9:00 am to 11:00 am and the service will be at 11:00. He will be buried in the Old Providence Cemetery in Hazlehurst, MS.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the New Providence Baptist Church (The Old Cemetery Fund) or to Bethel Baptist Church (Missions Fund)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Hugh Brower Hartley*

January 28, 2023 at 04:45 PM



“ *Scott and Nadine purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Hugh Brower Hartley.*



Scott and Nadine - May 07, 2015 at 04:19 PM



“ *Cindy F. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Hugh Brower Hartley.*



Cindy F. - May 07, 2015 at 10:19 AM



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Charlie Robertson - May 06, 2015 at 08:00 AM

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“*Hugh Hartley, my good friend Van’s father passed away, from heart failure, at the hospital in Jackson, Mississippi last night. Hugh had been living on the family farm near there and had been sick for the past few weeks.*

*For those of you who did not know Hugh he was a unique man. Hugh was an enlisted navy pilot in WWII and after his military he flew pipeline patrol in Louisiana and Mississippi etc.*

*Hugh took the Chief Pilot and Manager for PennAir (Peninsula Airlines in King Salmon) in 1967 when it was a small bush operation with approx. six small aircraft, ( one Cub, four Cessna’s 180’s, 206’s, the largest being a Twin Beech and Grumman Widgeon in those days. He hired me when I was assigned (USAF) there in 1968 and I worked for him for that year doing fueling and maintenance. That was when I got my pilot license.*

*PennAir absorbed/merged with the Tibbets Air out of NakNek Alaska in approx. and 1970 and Hugh was hired as a pilot for Wien Alaska flying the 737 jet and the Grumman Goose (Katmai Queen) out of the Katmai area and the camps owned by Wien Airlines. He retired from that position.*

*Hugh and Edith started Eagle Enterprises in Anchorage and later sold that business and retired again.*

*Following the USAF I moved my family back to Alaska and the Hartley’s have always been my family.*

*I talked to Hugh last month and he sounded good so I planned to visit him this summer.*

*Van’s parents were like another set of parents to me.*

*Hugh was a big part of what I am today, I will miss him.*

*Charlie Robertson*

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**Charlie Robertson** - May 06, 2015 at 07:54 AM

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**Charlie Robertson** - May 06, 2015 at 07:44 AM

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*HUGH HARTLEY'S FARM*

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**Charlie Robertson** - May 06, 2015 at 08:01 AM