



In Memory of Glenn Alvin Brown

February 6, 1924 - February 22, 2015

Obituary

Glenn Alvin Brown, family man, WWII veteran, one of California's pioneering geologists, world traveler, and avid UCLA athletics fan passes away in his home on February 22, 2015. He was 91. Glenn led an admirably productive personal and professional life in which he graduated from Beverly Hills High School (1942) and into the chaos of World War II (a turret gunner on twin-engine Martin PBM-5 submarine-patrol flying boats stationed at Coco Solo, Panama), emerged as a G.I. Bill college freshman (UCLA, 1951) and spent the remainder of his life in consistent promotion of ethical professional practice in and about his home town of Los Angeles.

Glenn chose the geological practice of practical groundwater geology, and in doing so, his life never wanted for public-service dedication, whereby his record for judicious and responsible activities led him to come to occupy a chair of great respect amongst his colleagues and those who sought his advice and participation. He early became involved in the search for, protection of southern California ground water and his undivided attention led to greater, and greater responsible involvement in the always-present California concern for its environmental protection of the resource, while maximizing its use as the essential natural resource. The countries of Argentina, Guatemala, India, Mauritius, Puerto Rico, Somalia, Spain, and Turkey sought out his expertise for assistance with their developing water resource needs.

Glenn's opportunities were matched by his own dedication and reliability, as a public servant (California Department of Water Resources, then as an owner, then partner in two prominent consultancies, and in special assignments with the Metropolitan Water District and the City of Burbank.)

Glenn always "delivered" and was a fine practitioner-example for his younger colleagues and always accessible in that role. In this realm, Glenn was the living historian of the history and means of groundwater protection in the region.

His wife, Martha Louise Brown, survives him children Carol Chapman, Wendy Day-Brown, grandchildren Marissa Chapman, Kia Chapman, and Tyler Day Dykhuizen. He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Mignonne Brown, Hillary Chapman, his granddaughter and most recently his son, Glenn Brown, Jr.

A Memorial Service held at the Pierce Brothers Valhalla March 1, 2015 at 4pm, 10621 Victory Blvd. North Hollywood, CA 91606

Donations in Glenn's memory can be made to:
Wooden Athletic Fund
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