



Greer, Alfred Edgar

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Alfred Edgar Greer, 93, died peacefully June 25, 2022, in Irving, after succumbing to congestive heart failure.

He was born June 3, 1929 to Fred Thomas and Mabel Willie (Houston) Greer. Alfred was a loving husband, father, "Pop" to his grandsons and friend to many. He will be greatly missed.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Carl T. Greer; and his grandson, Geoffrey Thomas Greer. Left to cherish his memory and carry on his legacy are, his wife of 69 years, Jessie Elaine Calloway Greer; son, Gerry David Greer and wife, Peggy; daughter, Cheryl Lynn Greer; grandson, Garrett David Greer and husband, Danny Tolli; many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Alfred graduated from Decatur High School in 1947 and then attended Decatur Baptist College [DBC] where he graduated in 1949. He was a member of the DBC basketball team, serving as captain his last year. He enrolled in North Texas State

College, now University of North Texas, in the fall of 1949 and graduated in early January 1951, with a degree in Public School Administration. He completed his master's degree at University of North Texas in August 1954 and earned additional graduate hours from Texas Tech University and the University of North Texas.

Alfred worked in the field of education for 36 years. His first job was as elementary principal/teacher at Era ISD, Era. After 2 years he was promoted to Era High School principal. The following year he and Elaine moved to Rockwall ISD, where he assumed the role of high school principal. In the summer of 1955 at the age of 26, he was selected Superintendent of Schools, at Ponder ISD. During his career, he spent 25 years as Superintendent of Schools in five districts, serving the last 13 years at Bridgeport ISD. His last 6 years prior to retiring, were at Irving ISD in Irving, where he retired as Assistant Superintendent for Business and Support Services in June 1986.

Alfred was a member of many state and national administrator/ teacher organizations. He was a member of Plymouth Park United Methodist Church for 41 years; a member of Irving Masonic Lodge #1218; Hella Shrine of Garland, and served his country as a member of the Texas National Guard for 13 years reaching the rank of 1st Lieutenant. He was a faithful member of the Irving Great Days of Service for many years, an organization sponsored by Irving churches, to work on homes needing repair, for those who needed assistance.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, July 9 at 1 p.m. at Plymouth Park United Methodist Church located at 1615 Airport Freeway, Irving. The interment of Alfred's ashes will be at Oak Lawn Cemetery in Decatur at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be made to the Scottish Rite Hospital for Children by clicking "Donate Now" at www.ScottishRiteForChildren.org/donate and look for the Memorial Section.