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Fred Greaves

1937 – 2019

Frederick William Greaves, Jr., well-liked and respected among the engineering community, entered into rest Thursday, December 19, 2019 at York Hospital in PA. He was 82.



**Frederick William Greaves, Jr.
August 1, 1937 – December 19, 2019**

Mr. Greaves was born August 1, 1937 in Plainfield, New Jersey to Frederick William and Hazel (Huyler) Greaves, Sr.

He graduated in 1955 from Elkton High School, Elkton, VA, and served in the United States Army from 1955-1961 involved in the testing of nuclear bombs chasing “clouds” over the Nevada desert.

He came to York PA in 1959 and worked for WSBA Radio and TV in the engineering department. He transferred to Akron, Ohio as Chief Engineer for WHLO Radio in 1961 until 1977. He then returned to York and worked in the home office of Susquehanna Radio as assistant Director of Engineering under Charles Morgan. He was promoted in 2000 as Director of Engineering until 2004 when he retired.

In learning of Fred's death, so many of the Susquehanna Radio engineers who worked for and with him reached out to his widow and told her how much they respected and liked him. A quote from Norman Philips, who replaced Fred when he retired: "I don't think Fred knew how much he was liked and respected. He was a great teacher especially on AM DA's and was the one we would call with a question as he would usually know the answer. I tried to emulate his philosophy that no question was too stupid when I moved into management"

Fred had a dry sense of humor. At the NAB in 1980 when BE came out with their new FM transmitter Fred said to the salesman “It's pretty but where do you put the cart in it?”

Fred was a Dallas Cowboys fan and an Ohio State football and basketball fan. He also liked to watch or go see the Baltimore Orioles. He loved Country Music especially anything by Roger Miller and Tom T. Hall.

He delivered Meals on Wheels for the Red Lion Senior Center/Golden Connections for 12 years and was presented awards for most hours volunteered. He enjoyed this and all the people he met.

He was the husband of Thelma (Gutt) Greaves for 59 years. In addition, he is survived by children Kathleen (Bill) Orris, Theresa Greaves, Debra (David) Bruner, and Bryan Greaves, seven grandchildren, one great-grandson.

In lieu of flowers, Fred had requested that donations be sent to his favorite charity: Disabled American Veterans, P.O. Box #14301, Cincinnati, OH 45250-0301.

Our sincere thanks go to Norman Philips for this remembrance of Fred Greaves.

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