

~ In Memorium ~



Hank Edmond Ecroyd

Hank Edmond Ecroyd passed away on Thursday, September 27, 2018, at the age of 63. Hank was born on February 12, 1955 in Bad Kreuznach, Germany. Because of his father's military career, Hank grew up in many locations finally settling with his family in the Belton, Texas area. He graduated from Killeen

High School in 1974 and was a star-member of their championship water polo team. In 1977, he graduated from Texas A&M University with a B.S. degree in geophysics. He initially became employed as a petroleum exploration geophysicist with Tenneco Oil and later, in 1980, with Forest Oil in Lafayette, LA. In 1991, Hank moved to Mandeville, LA and furthered his geophysical career at Century Offshore, Murphy Oil and Chieftain International in the greater New Orleans area. In August 2001, he formed Beacon Exploration, LLC, an independent consulting and prospect generation firm, with his business partner and long-time geological associate, Al Baker.

During his 41-year, talented career, Hank was responsible for multiple, commercial discoveries of oil and gas in the U.S. Gulf region. His uncanny ability to interpret abstract scientific data and develop it into drillable prospects was a rare and commendable feat. Hank was a member of many professional societies, including the Society of Exploration Geophysicists, the Society of Independent Professional Earth Scientists and the New Orleans Geological Society.

Hank's true legacy is the tremendous influence and economic impact he had on the Honduran family of his wife, Maria. Through his generosity, Hank was instrumental with her in establishing a large, commercial coffee plantation that employs many of her family members. It also provides jobs and incomes for many others from the village of Choloma located in the mountains within the State of Santa Barbara, Honduras. The livelihoods of many Hondurans are because of Hank's vision for the future and his successful efforts to achieve his dreams for all.

Hank is survived by his loving wife Maria Tecero Ecroyd, his daughter Emma Yvonne Ecroyd Tyler, his step-son Jose' Mendoza and step-daughter Ligia M. Mendoza, his mother, Roseland Francois Jackson Ecroyd and his sister, Abbess Thecla (formerly Sherry Ecroyd). He was preceded in death by his father, U.S. Army Sargent Major Henry Edmond Ecroyd. Hank had three grandchildren, Maria Jose' Pascua, Gracia Maria Pascua and Jose' Amiliar Pascua. Hank will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Memorial composed by Al Baker.



Phil Johnson

Phil, a graduate of Penn State, hired on with Pan American Petroleum in 1962, starting in their Corpus Christi office and finished his master's thesis in Geophysics in 1966. He was transferred to the Houston office in summer of 1964 and

then to their Tulsa General office to work on a special project in July of 1967.

I met Phil in 1968 when I also was transferred to Tulsa to work on that same special project. In fact, he and I shared a very large office together and became best friends then. I worked in Tulsa for 10 years before I felt the need to get back to the region to do more "hands-on" exploration-type of work, so I transferred to New Orleans in 1978. To my great fortune, Phil followed by coming down to New Orleans in Dec of 1981.

Phil continued with PanAm (which became AMOCO) until his retirement in June 1995. He did some consulting with BP and others and was an independent consultant until recently. Phil was an expert in velocity determinations from seismic data, integration of seismic with well control and imaging enhancements. He has always enjoyed sharing his knowledge with others and had even set up a blog in recent years. Phil passed away on Monday, October 1, 2018.

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