



**Dr. Paul Brann Lingenfelter (1907-2009)**

Dr. Paul Brann Lingenfelter, 102, passed away on February 6, 2009 at the Ranchwood Nursing Home, Yukon, Oklahoma. Born on January 18, 1907, to Thomas Jefferson Lingenfelter and Etta Ethelene Brann in Clinton, Oklahoma. Paul and his brother, Fred, learned early about hard work at his father's grocery store, Lingenfelter Brothers Grocery Store, on Main Street in Clinton. Paul graduated from Central High School in Oklahoma City, graduated from University of Oklahoma and University of Oklahoma Medical School. He also did post-graduate work at UCLA and Brown University. After his hospital internship in San Francisco, he went abroad, attending the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin and taking more post-graduate courses in Vienna, Austria. A lover of aviation, Paul flew on China Clipper's first Trans-Pacific flight as Pan America's resident physician in the Pacific. Moving back to the states, Paul resumed his medical career in 1937 at the Eastern Oklahoma TB Sanatorium in Talihina, Oklahoma before transferring to the Western Oklahoma TB Sanatorium back in his hometown of Clinton. In 1938, Paul began building a private practice in Clinton, sharing a building with Dr. Curtis B. Cunningham and Dr. James Rymer. During that time, he volunteered to serve with the 21<sup>st</sup> Evacuation Hospital during World War II in New Guinea, Guadalcanal and Bougainville. After 40 years, Paul was honored as one of Clinton's outstanding medical professionals. From his first marriage in 1947 to Martha Jane Baker of Talihina, Oklahoma, Paul became a proud father to Martha Jane Lingenfelter, Paul Brann Lingenfelter, Jr., Mary Ayn (Lingenfelter) Tullier and stepson, Forrest Baker Wood. His love of flying and medicine inspired all of his children to become pilots and have careers in the medical field. They all logged many miles with Paul in his Beechcraft Bonanza and Geronimo Twin Apache. On May 11, 1973, Paul married Jeanne Ann Padburg and became stepfather to Richard and Jack. Paul and Jeanne enjoyed dancing and trips to all 48 states in their motor home. An innovator, Paul owned the Lin Manufacturing Company in Clinton, developing lincelite for use in floatation in Sooner Craft boats. He also owned Royal Micho, which manufactured coolers for the Coca Cola Company. Not one to remain idle, Paul raised cows, pigs, exotic birds and rabbits. After his retirement in 1977, Paul learned to be a silver smith and rock hound. He was a lifelong member of the First Presbyterian Church, Clinton, Oklahoma and a member of the Phi Chi Medical fraternity. He is survived by wife, Jeanne Lingenfelter, Yukon, Oklahoma; son, Paul Brann Lingenfelter, Jr., Talihina, Oklahoma; daughter, Mary Ayn Tullier and son-in-law, Eli, Talihina, Oklahoma; stepsons, Richard Padburg and daughter-in-law Jane, Embudo, New Mexico, Jack Padburg, New York, New York; grandchildren Carey Brann Lingenfelter, Sherry Ayn Lingenfelter, Ayn Michelle Alder, Colin Neider, Jenny Neider, Jesse Padburg and wife, Michelle, Chris Padburg and wife, Liliana; great grandchildren, Minh Cao, Anh Cao, Jordyn Springer, Carla Springer, Denim Padburg, Maddow Padburg; nieces, Edna Darlene Fielding, Lanelle Lingenfelter Garrison. He was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Martha Jane Lingenfelter; brother, Fred Lingenfelter. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, February 14, at 2:00 pm at Chapel Hill Funeral Home with Rev. Carol Waters officiating. Burial will follow. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the OU Research Foundation.

- Mary Ayn Lingenfelter Tullier