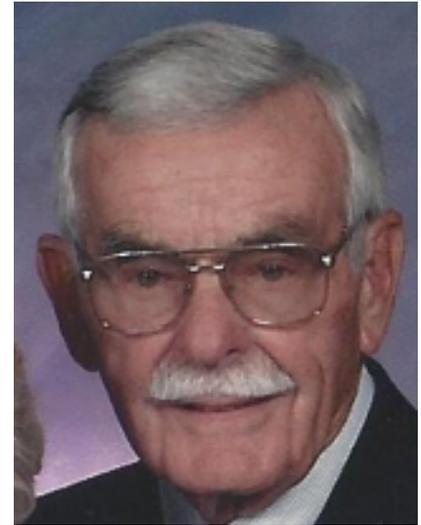


G.R. WHITNEY



To G.R. Whitney, the thrill of skiing and patrolling mountain trails was an extension of a life, already filled with adventure. Before returning home to the hills of Central Pennsylvania from the war torn Pacific, G.R. had distinguished himself as a young World War II combat air crewman. His missions as a flight engineer in Flying Fortress and Liberator bombers lead to an active role in the Wounded Warriors Project in Central Pennsylvania.

G.R.'s passion was his work with the Roundtop Mountain Ski Patrol. In the late sixties, he was tapped to lead a Roundtop patrol had had been newly merged with the Harrisburg Area Patrol. But his eye was caught by the many facets of Pennsylvania skiing. That expanded interest, enriched the sport beyond measure.



G.R. became one of the original founders of the Ski Roundtop Race Club which progressed to enjoy a statewide reputation for its competitive edge. Hall of Famer Harry Griffith recalled working with Whitney on all aspects of state run races among Pennsylvania Junior Racing Clubs. G.R. made time to serve on the board of the Pennsylvania Area Racing Association, organized to promote the excitement of downhill racing from the Poconos to the Alleghenies.

And time was something that was scarce in Whitney's world. He had also taken on a coaching role with Pennsylvania Special Olympics Alpine Skiing and the Wounded Warrior Project. G.R. even tried his hand at retailing as he established the Mountainside Ski and Sports Shop.

G.R. lived a large, active life, doing the things that gave him the most pleasure while raising two sons with his wife of 68 years, Wanda Lee. He left us in April of 2015 at the age of 94. Because of his many contributions to Pennsylvania Skiing over a long and fruitful life, Gardner R. Whitney has earned a place in the Pennsylvania Snow Sports Museum Hall of Fame - Class of 2017.

