DR. JOHN WATSON HATLEY, 58, of Little Rock, died Tuesday, Feb. 10, 1998. He was born in Little Rock to the late William Thomas and Mary Katherine Gay Hatley. He was a graduate of Little Rock Central High School where he was elected the friendliest of his class. He attended Vanderbilt University and was a graduate of Washington University Dental School in St. Louis. After two years of service as a Captain in the U.S. Air Force, he returned to Little Rock to join Dr. Charles T. Roberts, who turned out to be his future father-in-law, in his dental practice. He was in private practice for 30 years and currently was in practice with his son, Dr. John W. Hatley, Jr. He held membership in numerous dental associations.

Dr. Hatley was a devoted and loving husband and father. He was a skilled and avid duck hunter, and was Arkansas State Duck Calling Champion in 1977. Dr. Hatley was extremely active in Second Presbyterian Church where he served as an Elder and Deacon.

He is survived by his wife, Ann Roberts Hatley; a son, Dr. John Watson Hatley, Jr. and his wife Dr. Neyla Hatley of Little Rock; a daughter, Anna Leigh Hatley Phillips and her husband, Dr. William Phillips of Lubbock, Texas; a brother, Dr. W.T. Hatley and his wife Jean of California; Uncle and aunt, Carl and Olga Frick and cousin, Dr. and Mrs. Ellery Gay and his mother-in-law, Mrs. Charles Roberts all of Little Rock.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at Second Presbyterian Church. Memorials may be made to the Second Presbyterian Church or the Pulaski County Humane Society. Arrangements are by Ruebel Funeral Home.