DeWitt C. Greer, professor emeritus of civil engineering, died on November 17, 1986. He was 84. He was buried in the Texas State Cemetery.

Professor Greer was born on July 27, 1902, in Shreveport, Louisiana. He received a bachelor's degree from Texas A&M University in 1923.

Professor Greer served as the chief administrator for the Texas Department of Transportation for 27 years. He oversaw the $4.5 billion post World War II expansion of the state's highway system. The project was considered the most ambitious roadway construction effort undertaken in the world at the time. Under his administration, more than 50,000 miles were added to the existing 26,000 miles of highways and more than 40,000 miles of farm roads were constructed.

Professor Greer joined the faculty of The University of Texas at Austin in 1968 and taught until 1972. He was honored for his many achievements by professional engineering associations and the state. Scholarships and grants were established in his name at both TAMU and UT Austin.

Professor Greer was a member of the Texas Highways and Public Transportation Commission for twelve years. In 1969 Governor Preston Smith appointed him chairman of the commission. The state highway department headquarters was named after him when he retired from state service in 1981.

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The General Faculty

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