



Eugene Hutchinson

April 4, 1923 - February 1, 2020

NEW HARTFORD/NAPLES, FL – Eugene Hutchinson, 96, passed away on Saturday, February 1, 2020 at the Masonic Care Community.

Eugene was born on April 4, 1923, in Philadelphia, PA, the son of William and Anna (Waris) Hutchinson, immigrants from Austro-Hungary. He grew up in Brooklyn and graduated from Bushwick High School in 1940. Like many of his contemporaries of the “Greatest Generation”, he enlisted in the military during WWII, joining the Army Air Corps where he achieved the rank of First Lieutenant. He completed 53 missions over Europe as a B-24 combat navigator. Gene was awarded the Purple Heart, Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal with Oak Leaf clusters.

After the war, he attended Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 1946 and graduated with a degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1949. Gene worked as an engineering consultant in the Aerospace industry within many Fortune 500 companies including General Electric, IBM, and United Technologies.

On May 21, 1966, Gene married Yvonne Doris Chanatry in St. Basil Greek Melkite Catholic Church, a blessed union of 53 years. He was an exemplary husband, father, son, brother, and uncle.

Eugene and Yvonne traveled extensively throughout Europe, Asia, Africa, China, and Russia. Gene especially enjoyed his Nile River and Greek Island cruises. He continued traveling domestically including three extended cross-country road trips covering all 50 states.

In his youth, he spent most Saturdays, along with his older sisters, at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. As a result, as he later traveled the world, he sought out monuments of human achievement whether they were museums, churches, architectural or structural masterpieces. Gene always looked forward to returning to New York City to visit and see what changes had been made to his city. He loved “Americana” including state and county

fairs. Gene was very patriotic and rarely missed a parade.

Gene read at least three newspapers a day and passionately followed the financial markets and his investments. His interests varied from reading the comics to classical literature to following professional sports. He enjoyed classical music, symphonies and opera and also remained current with popular musical trends. Gene's entertainment interests ranged from slapstick movies to Broadway presentations.

He was undaunted by any task, from doing his and other's taxes, to simple auto repairs and home improvements, including personally designing and constructing an extension to his home. Gene was a brilliant conversationalist who was always generous with his time, knowledge, and resources.

He is survived by his soulmate and loving wife, Yvonne Doris Hutchinson, New Hartford; beloved children, Bart, VA, Douglas, WA, Luke (Kerry), UT; delightful grandchildren, Sam, Katie and Ruby and sister, Olga Byrne, FL. Gene also leaves cherished members of the Chanatry, Hallak, Byrne and Kowack families. He was predeceased by his sister, Jean Kowack.

Funeral services will be Friday at 10 a.m. at St. Basil Greek Melkite Catholic Church, 901 Sherman Dr., Utica, where the Divine Liturgy will be celebrated. The family will receive guests following the Mass. Interment will be in Calvary Cemetery, Utica.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances in Gene's name may be made to St. Basil Greek Melkite Church. Envelopes will be available at the Mass.

The Hutchinson family would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to the entire staff of Masonic Care Community, especially the Windham Household.

"Good night, sweet prince, and flights of angels sing thee to thy rest!" Hamlet

Cemetery

Calvary Cemetery

2407 Oneida Street
Utica, NY, 13501

Events

FEB 7 **Divine Liturgy of the Departed** 10:00AM

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St. Basil Melkite Catholic Church
901 Sherman Drive, Utica, NY, US, 13501

FEB 7 **Receiving Line**

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Comments



“ Dear Yvonne and Hutchinson family,

Minton and I send our condolences on the passing of Gene. As winter residents of La Maison, we were neighbors who enjoyed, as he did, the many amenities of La Maison. We admired him as he got up before us all to swim a few laps in the pool. I don't think Gene ever missed a board meeting when he was in residence, and he had lots of suggestions to the committee I chaired, Law and Documents, on how to make things better. We miss him.

Sincerely yours,
Maureen and Minton Goldman

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