



## Eugene Hillary Domienik

November 17, 1923 - August 10, 2022

Eugene Hillary Domienik, born November 17th, 1923. The third child of 6 children born to Agata and Anthony Domienik and raised by his maternal grandparents Stanislaw and Elizabeth Draganski. He is survived by his wife Judith, of 35 years, his sister Dorothy Oda and numerous Nieces and Nephews.

Gene has had a long life with many adventures. Seeking education and knowledge has been one of his driving forces throughout. When he joined the Navy, he sought training in machine and mechanical engineering. Upon entering the workforce after the War, he continued this with special training courses, regular engineering classes at Lawrence Technical Institute, and finally at the University of Detroit where he got his bachelor's degree at the age of 54 with additional classes toward a master's degree.

He started his life in the Navy before the outbreak of our involvement in World War II. His first assignment was the carrier Yorktown at the Norfolk base. His first trip out to sea, the boat suffered damage due to heavy storms and the ship went back to Norfolk for repairs. When Dec. 7th came, they went sea, heading to the Panama Canal and then the Pacific. The Yorktown and Lexington went to and stopped the Japanese in the battle of the Coral Sea and then the Yorktown was sunk at the battle for Midway Island. Gene then transferred to the Battleship West Virginia. He served through numerous

battles through Iwo Jima and Okinawa and finally went to the signing of the surrender of the Japanese.

Following the War, he started working for tool and die shops and other machine shops, then going to Masey Ferguson, where he stayed until they closed. During this time had several inventions, patented by Masey Ferguson and used from Europe to Japan. While there he worked on the design of farm tractors, lawn tractors and snow mobiles. After Masey Ferguson he worked for a contract agency doing drafting for General Motors.

During this time Gene remained a bachelor, staying home taking care of his Grandmother who had raised him. He dated many women during this time. Just before his retirement he met his perfect match in Judy, they have been married 35 years.

Upon retirement he bought a 10-acre farm and farmed for 10 years. He then decided he and Judy decided they needed someplace warmer. They then moved here to Venice Florida for the next 25 years. You would think this was the end of his adventures: but no, Gene started writing 4 books of his and his older brother's adventures during the War.

During his life he was always a devout Catholic. He traveled the world in his younger years skiing and breaking bones in Europe and the Northeast United States. I have many personal recollections I could add to this, they all would build on a history of life well lived!!

I cannot imagine having a fuller life, a more rewarding life or one that could have set a better example for his Family, Friends or God!

Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated on Thursday August 25, 2022, at 11:00 AM at Epiphany Cathedral. Burial will be at 2:00 PM on Thursday at

Sarasota National Cemetery.

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