



Waldemar Eugene (Gene) Erickson, Jr.

October 13, 1925 - June 9, 2017

Waldemar Eugene (Gene) Erickson, Jr., 91, of Venice, Florida, formerly of Ho-Ho-Kus, New Jersey, passed away on Friday, June 9, 2017. He died at home surrounded by loved ones.

Gene was born in Chicago, Illinois on October 13, 1925 to Waldemar and Mina Erickson.

He was raised in Park Ridge, Illinois and graduated from Maine Township High School.

He attended the University of Illinois where he ran varsity track and graduated in 1947 with a Bachelor's Degree in Commerce.

While working as an auditor in Mexico for American Smelting and Refining Company (ASARCO), Gene met and married his lovely wife of 62 years, Winifred Stevens, in Guadalajara, Mexico. The family resided in Chatham, New Jersey and Wellesley, Massachusetts before settling in Ho-Ho-Kus, New Jersey for the next 30 years.

Gene worked in Manhattan and traveled extensively around the world for W.R. Grace and Company and later throughout South America as Comptroller for Southern Peru Copper Company from 1979 until his retirement in 1992.

An avid tennis player, Gene also enjoyed golf and the rich friendships that developed during his retirement years in Venice. Gene and his wife's travels included international Elderhostel tours and exploring much of the US. Fluent in Spanish, he had volunteered in Venice teaching English as a Second Language.

Gene was preceded in death by his son Steven Waldemar Erickson.

He is survived by his loving wife Winifred May, his daughters Elaine (Dan) Bradley of Hingham, Massachusetts; Catherine Erickson of Huddleston, Virginia; Virginia (Tim) Ebben of Katy, Texas; his sister Phyllis Morton of Garland, Texas; his grandchildren Ryan, Caroline, Molly, Tucker, Timothy, Rebecca, Isabel, Henry and Lucy; his great-grandchildren Maeve, Gwenyth, Abigail and Benjamin; and his nephews and nieces.

A private memorial for family and a celebration of his life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorial donations be sent in Gene's name to Tidewell Hospice, 5955 Rand Blvd., Sarasota, Fl. 34238, at Tidewell.org or call 941-552-7597.