



Mr. Eugene M. Hayes

January 5, 1936 - March 22, 2018

Eugene M. Hayes was born January 5, 1936 in Dorchester, Ma. (part of Boston) to Eugene J. and Mary L Hayes. Died March 22, 2018 in Alpharetta, GA.

Gene is predeceased by his wife of 57 years, Dolores Hayes. He is survived by his 5 children: Linda Clinton, Susan Newton, Michael Hayes, Matthew Hayes and Julia Hayes. His 14 grandchildren : Mary Clinton, Melanie Clinton, Matthew Clinton, Scott Newton, Greg Newton, Alexandra Horn, Hannah Hayes, Mia Ellison, Lily Dee Hayes, Mikaela Hayes, Jonah Hayes, Reo Layton, Aria Layton, and Rianna Layton. His great granddaughter Penley Mascali.

Gene was the oldest of four children, two brothers and one sister of whom 2 survive him : Mary Lou Childress and John Hayes.

Gene's parents and family moved from Dorchester to Madawaska, Maine in his third year of elementary school and returned to the Boston area (Medford, MA) at the beginning of his senior year of high school. He graduated from Medford High School in 1953. He was accepted to Boston College School of Education and graduated cum laude in 1957 as a member of the school's Alpha and Omega Honor Society and with majors in History and Secondary Education. Remaining at B.C. to pursue his professional education as a graduate assistant, Gene received his M.Ed. (Guidance & Counseling) in 1959.

His professional and business career spanned some 40 years. Professionally,

as a high school teacher/guidance counselor, high school assistant principal, middle and junior high school principal in Massachusetts and Connecticut, Gene always pointed to his success opening two new schools in the school systems for which he worked between 1959 and 1970.

Switching careers in 1970, Gene joined Westinghouse Learning Corporation as a consultant in school administrative data processing and later became a middle manager in the company. While with Westinghouse, he moved his family from Connecticut to Massachusetts and then to Iowa. He left Westinghouse in 1983 to become Director of Marketing at Sterling Swift Publishing Company in Austin, TX. Following a successful but brief stint with Swift, he purchased Artforms, Inc., an Austin advertising and professional publications business. He sold the business to an employee in 1986, joined Texas Educational Consultative Services for two years and finally went out "on his own" in 1988. By 1990 Gene convinced his son Michael to join him in the formation of Hayes Associates which became Hayes Software Systems in 1999. The company develops and sells school administrative software applications to public schools throughout the U.S and Canada. He retired as Chairman of the company in late 2003.

Gene was an active member of the Catholic Church serving in several capacities, particularly at St. Ignatius, Martyr Parish in Austin, TX and St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in Alpharetta, GA. His biggest contribution to each parish came as the result of his work as a lector and a trainer of lectors.

Gene's funeral mass will be celebrated on Monday April 23,2018 at 10:00 a.m. at Saint Thomas Aquinas Church in Alpharetta, GA.

Memorial contributions may be made to Boston College, School of Education, Chestnut Hill. MA.

Cemetery Details

Cremation - Northside Chapel Crematory

12050 Crabapple Road
Roswell, GA

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Eugene M. Hayes*

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *I will always remember Uncle Gene's quiet presence yet with a depth that one could feel. Intelligence and caring and faith... I am so sorry to hear of his passing. I've been thinking of each and every one of you this week and wish I could be there to give you each a big hug. Love, Madeleine*

Madeleine Martin - March 25, 2018 at 07:06 PM