



Eugene "Gene" Lacy

March 23, 1928 - November 1, 2018

Eugene Lacy, 90, of New Castle, passed away Thursday, November 1, 2018, at IU Health Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis.

He was born March 23, 1928 in Muncie, Indiana, a son of the late Henry N. and Nellie Mae (Carmack) Lacy.

Gene graduated from Muncie Central High School in 1945 and Ball State Teachers College in 1951. While at Ball State he was a member of the Triangle Club, Theta Chi Fraternity, Pi Omega Pi Business Honorary, and Blue Key National Honor Society. Gene served in the US Army from April 1946 to October 1947. He married Maxine Lou Jackson on June 16, 1950 at St. John's Universalist Church with Rev. Arthur McDavitt officiating.

Gene was employed from 1950-1951 as a bookkeeper for Burr Munson Hudson Car Agency, in the accounting department at the Chevrolet Muncie Factory from 1951-1957 and Perfect Circle/Dana Corporation from 1957-1988 as Plant Controller. He joined the New Castle Rotary Club in August 1959, Hagerstown Rotary Club in 1966 and Richmond Rotary Club in 1985. Gene served as Rotary International District Governor 1989-1990.

Gene was passionate about music and directed church choirs at St. Paul Methodist and Gethsemane Methodist Churches in Muncie and First Friends

Meeting in New Castle for a total of 35 years. He began directing the Raintree Barbershop Chorus in 1986 for 'Sing We Noel' and continued directing the chorus until January 2004. He enjoyed woodworking and helping his wife garden. He was a member of First Friends Meeting and the Keystone Sunday School Class where he served as class president and helped teach.

In 1989, he was a charter member and first president of the Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors Club and charter member and second president of the Chamber of Commerce Academy for Community Leadership and was the coordinator for three years. Gene was one of the first volunteers for the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame. He most enjoyed being a tour guide for elementary students from around the state. He also served on the Hall of Fame Board of Directors and the Hall of Fame Volunteers Advisory Committee.

Gene is survived by his wife of 68 years, Maxine Lacy; daughter, Jeanine (husband: Bob) Mathes of New Castle; grandson, Christopher Mathes of New Castle, and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Floyd C. Lacy and a sister, Mary E. Burch.

Services were held privately with burial in Tomlinson Cemetery in Muncie.

Memorial contributions may be offered to the New Castle Rotary Club, PO Box 1012, New Castle, IN 47362. You may offer the family a personal condolence at www.sprolesfamilycares.com.

The Sproles family and staff are honored to serve the family of Eugene Lacy.

Tribute Wall

JL

“ *Jeanine, Bob, and Chris,
We are so very sorry for your loss. Your family has remained a part of our lives for as long as I can remember. My memories of your dad go way back to when I would sit and watch choir practice at First Friends Meeting. I was always amazed at his depth of commitment to the church and choir. Outside of church, your family and ours would spend many Christmas events together in our homes to share in our wonderful friendships and love for one another. This tradition was always a favorite of David's , Hope's and myself. Our heartfelt sympathies to each one of you on the loss of Gene. We will continue to keep you all in our prayers as you journey through this time. Always know we are here to help in any way we can. Friends for life,
Jennifer, David, and Hope Lagomarcino*

Jennifer L Lagomarcino - November 12, 2018 at 12:26 PM

CU

“ *Jeanine, what a legacy your Dad has left behind. He was such a kind man and the love and devotion he had for his wonderful bride was a wonderful example of God and His church! May you find comfort from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ during this very difficult time.
Cindy Upchurch*

Cindy Upchurch - November 08, 2018 at 05:45 PM

SJ

“ So sorry to hear of your Dad's passing, Jeanine. My parents and yours, were such good friends all through the years. I will always remember your Dad's smile, and his love of singing. The Sherman girls are thinking of you , your Mom, and the Entire Lacy family.
Susie(Sherman) Jones

Susie Jones - November 07, 2018 at 01:53 PM

GG

“ A family that I grew up with and have many memories of at First Friends Church. May God continue to bless your family during this time of sorrow and loss.

Greg and Randy Goff

Greg Goff - November 07, 2018 at 08:34 AM

JL

“ I cannot think of one encounter with Gene that was overflowing with positivity. He is now partaking of the heavenly choir. RIP Gene.

John Lane - November 06, 2018 at 11:58 AM

EL

“ Such a wonderful man and family. We were neighbors for over 25 years and enjoyed Gene and Maxine's visits as well as have them as neighbors.

Cindy/Eric/Shelley

Eric Linder - November 05, 2018 at 08:15 AM

BM

“ *Jeanine and family’,
Very sorry to hear of Gene’s passing. I’m thinking of you and
sending prayers for strength and comfort.
Becki McGrady and the Foster family.*

Becki McGrady - November 04, 2018 at 07:53 PM

HH

“ *Sending my condolences and love to Maxine and family, along with
wishes for healing to you Maxine. With love Hazel Hann*

Hazel Hann - November 04, 2018 at 06:48 PM