



Gene LaFleur

June 25, 2007

William Eugene Gene LaFleur, 82, of West Hartford, loving husband, father and grandfather, died June 25, 2007 at St. Francis Hospital. He was the husband for 46 years of Mary Ann Reardon LaFleur.

Born in Hartford, the only child of Irene and Estelle Turgeon LaFleur, he had lived in West Hartford for many years. He was a graduate of the University of Connecticut.

Prior to his retirement, Gene spent his career as a representative for several pharmaceutical companies, working in the Hartford area. He was a communicant of The Church of St. Peter Claver. Besides his wife, he leaves three daughters, Claire Hall and her husband Stephen of Cheshire, Denise Reid and her husband Gerald of Burlington and Rosemarie Bach and her husband Bradley of West Hartford. He also leaves seven grandchildren, Courtney Hall, Nicholas Hall, Allison Bach, Tyler Bach, Jason Bach, Shannon Reid and Kelly Reid.

Gene was a man of firm convictions. He was devout in his Catholic faith. He took great joy in his French heritage. A man of intellectual abilities, he was especially proud of his daughters' scholastic accomplishments. A gifted conversationalist, he could find something in common with total strangers. In his youth, he was known as an excellent dancer.

Gene enjoyed reading until he lost his vision due to macular degeneration. But that didn't diminish his zest for life. He enjoyed dining out with his wife and spending time with his extended family.

Friends may call at the Molloy Funeral Home 906 Farmington Ave. West Hartford on Thursday June 28 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Friday, June 29, at 10 a.m. at St. Peter Claver Church 47 Pleasant St. West Hartford.

Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Gene's name to the Salvation Army or Connecticut Services for the Blind, 184 Windsor Ave., Windsor, CT 06095.

?I once was blind, but now I see???