



Eugene Layerd

September 15, 1921 - October 6, 2015

Obituary of Eugene Layerd Eugene Victor Layerd, 94, of Ocala, entered the arms of his Loving Heavenly Father on Tuesday Oct. 6, 2015. He was born on Sept. 15, 1921 in Monongahela, PA to John C. Layerd (Janos Kteles) and Katherine (Katalin) Soltesz whose families immigrated through Ellis Island from Hungary and settled in the Pittsburgh area. In 1932, Gene moved from California, PA to Quincy, FL with his parents, older brother Johnny and younger sister Violet. He graduated from Gadsden County High School in 1941. In February of 1942, he enlisted in the Army Air Corps and served his country as an airplane mechanic in the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater during WWII. Upon his discharge in 1945, he attended Emory University in Atlanta and became a dental laboratory technician in Tallahassee, FL. It was there that he met and married Helen Marjorie Matson of Tallahassee on Feb. 7, 1948. In 1951, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and served 20 years before retiring and moving with wife Helen and daughters Karla Jean and Lori Janell to Hollywood, FL in 1968. He then began working in property acquisition for Broward County, FL. In 1983, he retired from Broward County and moved to Ocala, FL where he remained until his death. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Ocala for many years and volunteered on the Florida Baptist disaster response team. He was also a member of the Ham radio club as N4QFA. In 2008, he celebrated his 87th birthday by visiting Hungary on a quest to trace his Hungarian heritage. In fulfillment of that quest, he was able to find and meet Zoltán Kteles, a distant

cousin, in Budapest. He loved his family and will be remembered for his exuberant smile and happy spirit. He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Helen, daughters Karla (Ron) Moose of Plantation, FL, and Lori (Steve) Hunter of Candler, FL. In addition, he was blessed with 4 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. Karen (Matt) Cochran of Plantation, FL with James, Rebekah, Anna and Gideon. Ryan (Megan) Moose of Port St. Lucie, FL with sons William and Andrew. Eric (Heather) Hunter of Winter Garden, FL with Garrett, Bayleigh, Hannah and Caleb. Luke C. Hunter of Miami, FL. A memorial service will be held on Sunday, Oct. 11, 2015, at 2 PM with a visitation one hour prior at Roberts Bruce Funeral Home East (2739 SE Maricamp Rd. Ocala FL 34471). Burial will be at a later date in Bushnell, FL at the National Cemetery. Online condolences may be submitted by visiting the "Our Services" section at the bottom of the webpage www.robertsfuneralhome.com. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Interfaith Emergency Services (P.O. Box 992 Ocala, FL 34478) or First Baptist Church of Ocala (2801 SE Maricamp Rd. Ocala, FL 34471).

Tribute Wall

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“ Eugene Layerd

Steve Hunter - October 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Karla and Family, Our hearts our heavy to be with you during this special time of honoring your father. Wish we could be there to give you a big hug. We are praying for God to shed His peace on you in the coming days knowing that there is a blessed reunion coming one day for all that know Jesus. Love you all, Gary & Sharon Tiner

Gary & Sharon Tiner - October 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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Lori Hunter - October 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Eugene Layerd

Three Time War Veteran - October 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ MAY GOD BLESS GENE AND MAY HE GIVE STRENGTH TO YOU ALL IN YOUR GRIEF. WHEN YOU THINK OF GENE, "REMEMBER HIM WITH A SMILE." I TRULY BELIEVE THAT EACH DAY IS A GIFT FROM GOD AND I FEEL GENE LIVED HIS LIFE THAT WAY. THESE TWO THOUGHTS GOT ME THROUGH THE DEATH OF MY HUSBAND TOM LAST YEAR. I HOPE THEY HELP YOU. GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

GLADYS SOLTEZ AND BONNIE ZAUCHA - October 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM



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Luke Hunter - October 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our thoughts are with Mr. Layerd's family and friends. May God's promise to bring back our loved ones in the future bring a measure of comfort to you. John 5:28,29.*

K. Hope - October 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM