



## Eugene Frank Hastings

May 28, 1920 - April 17, 2013

Maj. (Ret.) Eugene F. Hastings, age 92, passed away at home on Wednesday, April 17th, 2013 after a brief hospitalization.

Gene was born May 28, 1920 in Kearney NJ, where he grew up, active in his church and in scouting. After graduating from Kearney High School he worked for a period for DuPont Co. before enlisting in the US Army Corps of Engineers. Serving in the Pacific, his specialties were explosives and demolitions. After the war, he was stationed in Japan for a time and later was assigned to Fort Belvoir, VA, where he met his wife-to-be, Army Nurse Captain Dorothea Anna Cheesman - Dottie. Gene and Dottie were married in 1950 at Fairfax Chapel here on Fort Belvoir.

The couple traveled on assignment to Heidelberg, Germany, where their son Eugene was born. After Germany they returned to Ft. Belvoir. Again on assignment, the family traveled to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia where Gene was attached to a training program for the Ethiopian Army Corps of Engineers.

After Ethiopia, he returned with his family to Fort Belvoir, where he was assigned to the Engineer School until his retirement from active duty. He then took a position with the Combat Developments Command, later moving to a position at the Defense Mapping Agency Topographic Center, where he rose to be chief of Training and Development. During this period he also pursued

continuing education, earning a M.Ed. from the University of Virginia.

Retiring again, he turned to full time volunteer work. He and his wife Dottie had already been active in the Fort Belvoir Chapel and he continued his ushering, clean-up after events, and was for a time Secretary for the Protestant Parish Council. They both also began volunteering at Inova Mount Vernon Hospital. Gene recently received a 35 year pin for his volunteer service. Gene was also a driving instructor for the AARP's 55-Alive program, and was active in the Masons.

Dottie passed away in 2003 but with the support of friends Gene continued his vigorous schedule of volunteering. He was still serving as the 8 o'clock service Lay Reader coordinator when he passed away.

He is survived by his son, Eugene.

Friends and relatives may call at Jefferson Funeral Chapel, 5755 Castlewellan Dr.

Alexandria, VA on Tuesday, April 23rd., 2013 from 2-4 and 6-8 pm. A Memorial service will be conducted 10:00 a.m. Wednesday April 24th at Fort Belvoir Chapel 5950 12th Street, Fort Belvoir, VA. Interment will be at a later date in Arlington National Cemetery.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Eugene Frank Hastings*

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“ *This man was outstanding. Me and him had a great relationship. Some people thought he was stubborn, while I thought of him as determined. Even when Gene was sick, he still came to work. That's what I admired about him. Gene is still in my mind to this very day. He volunteered with me at INOVA Mount Vernon.*

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“ We have lost another member of the Greatest Generation, those men and women who heeded the call and supported the fight for Freedom around the world during the WWII era.  
I met Gene when my daughter worked at Mt Vernon Estates. She and I had the pleasure of being his guests, along with other friends of his, at a wine festival at Mt Vernon. I truly enjoyed his company and asked about him over the years. Once he is at rest at Arlington National Cemetery, I will visit his gravesite when I visit my parent's gravesite.

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April 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM