

## EUGENE O. ARMOCIDA



Eugene Olindo Armocida, 95, died peacefully at his assisted-living facility in St. Louis, MO on Sunday, January 7, 2024. Born October 7, 1928, in Pittsburgh, PA to Alfred Armocida and Amelia (Bancale) Armocida, Eugene was the middle child of three children. Older brother, William Francis Armocida, preceded him in death. He is survived by his sister, Anna Marie (Gruver) Armocida. Eugene; and his beloved wife,

Madeleine Francoise (Lussier) Armocida. Raised five children, James, William, Paul, John, and Mary Gene. Madeleine passed away in 2014 and James passed away in 2023. Eugene is survived by son, William and his wife Jeanne of Concord, MA, his son Paul of Hubbard, OH, his son John and his wife Laura of St. Louis; his daughter, Mary Aronson and her husband Steve of Westborough, MA. He is also survived by James' wife Rose Marie of Pittsburgh, PA, seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Eugene received a B.S. in Civil Engineering from the University of Pittsburgh in 1950. After completing his military service with the US Army in 1953, he returned to Pittsburgh and began working for the Army Corps of Engineers, where he spent his entire career. While working for the Corps, he was responsible for flood control by managing the release of water from the many dams in western Pennsylvania and West Virginia. Eugene was active in the Newman Club, a Catholic student fellowship, where he met his future wife, Madeleine. They married in 1955. Eugene's Catholic faith was steadfast and continued to be an important part of his life that he shared with his wife and children. Trained on the violin at a young age, Eugene picked it up again when he retired and played with the Pittsburgh Civic Orchestra into his 80's. In retirement, he also revived his tennis game and enjoyed playing in Pennsylvania's Senior games. He was passionate about traveling with his family and always had his camera ready for snapshots of his family and the places they visited. In 1962, he accepted a three-year work assignment in Hawaii with the Army Corps of Engineers. To get there, he and Madeleine put the four boys in the car and drove cross-country from Pittsburgh to San Francisco enroute to Hawaii. This was just the beginning of many travel adventures to come. Summers were filled with road trips in the red and white Volkswagen microbus, including visits to Montreal for the 1967 World Exposition (Expo '67), New York City, New Jersey shore, Cleveland, Niagara Falls, Washington, DC, Indiana, and Florida. When Eugene retired, he was able to continue feeding his desire for travel with Madeleine, visiting all parts of the United States via planes, trains, and automobiles (and buses). He and Madeleine also traveled extensively throughout Europe by motor coach, train, and cruise ships. Eugene took pictures wherever he and his family went and would proudly present slide shows to the family during the holidays. Eugene was a kind and generous person who listened much more than he spoke. He will always be remembered for his love of family and his unwavering support and caregiving for his mother and his wife Madeleine.

Family and friends are welcomed at the **JOHN N. ELACHKO FUNERAL HOME**, 3447 Dawson St., Pittsburgh, PA 15213, for Visitation on Tuesday, January 16, from 5:00pm until 7:00pm. Mass of Christian Burial at St. Paul Cathedral on Wednesday, January 17, at 10:00am. Interment immediately following at Mt. Carmel Cemetery. Please visit Eugene's memorial page at [ELACHKO.com](http://ELACHKO.com)

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