

Eugene Scott Burroughs

CDR Eugene Scott "Gene" Burroughs III, USN (Ret.), 84, of La Plata, Maryland, loving husband, father, and grandfather, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by family and his caregiver, Ruhey, on Tuesday, November 30, 2022.

Gene was born on December 21, 1937, to the late Blanche Gardiner and Eugene Scott Burroughs Jr. in Washington, D.C. He spent his early childhood on the Burroughs Dairy Farm in Charlotte Hall and moved to Hughesville around 1950.

He attended the Charlotte Hall one room schoolhouse, St. Mary's Bryantown Middle School, and graduated from La Plata High School. He joined the Naval Reserves and attended Bullis Prep School before receiving his Naval Academy appointment. He graduated from the United States Naval Academy and two days later, married the love of his life, Anne Causin Matthews on June 13, 1960.

Gene was a career Naval Officer. He received a graduate degree in telecommunications from the Navy Post Graduate school in Monterey, California. Gene completed two tours in Vietnam, served on the Joint Chiefs of Staff at the Pentagon, and retired at the rank of Commander in 1980. Following retirement, Gene continued his career as a consultant with Ford Aerospace for 16 years.

In 1980, Gene was ordained as a Catholic Permanent Deacon in Washington, D.C. During his 35 years as a Deacon, he served at Saint Peter's, Waldorf, Our Lady Help of Christians, Waldorf, St. Mary of Assumption, Upper Marlboro, and Saint Mary's Bryantown. He took great joy in baptizing and marrying countless family, friends, and parishioners. In addition, he ministered to inmates at the Southern Maryland Prison Pre-Release Unit.

Gene is survived by his loving wife of 62; years, Anne, four children: Mary Bowes and her husband Robert of Montpelier, Virginia; Anne Gardiner and her husband, Kevin, of Weems, Virginia; Theresa Gough and her husband, Joseph of La Plata, Maryland, Eugene Scott Burroughs IV and his wife, Megan of Swan Point, Maryland; 12 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. In addition to his parents, Gene was preceded in death by his brothers, Robert Burroughs and Donald Burroughs, and sister Mary Lou Burroughs Gough.

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