



Eugene Johnstone

June 13, 1922 - August 25, 2010

Eugene Hall Johnstone passed away on the evening of August 25 at his home in Chestertown, MD surrounded by his family.

Gene was 88 years old. The eldest of five children, he was born in Ragland, Alabama, on June 13, 1922 to Eugene Donald Johnstone and Mary Ester Hall. He graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he edited the yearbook, *They Yackety Yack* for three years, and was awarded the Ernest T. Abernethy Award for excellence in student publication. After serving in the US Navy during World War II, Gene worked as a Administrative Assistant to Senator John J. Sparkman, of Alabama, and later accepted the position with the State Dept., working with displaced persons in Germany, where he met his wife Peggy. They recently celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary.

Following his service with the State Dept., Gene took a job with McCall's Publishing as an Account Executive. He later left McCall's to become Vice President of Barton-Cotton Publishing and eventually settled into a semi-retirement in Chestertown as a realtor.

Always active in historic restoration projects, he served as president of the Kent County Historical Society, and edited *Historical Houses of Kent County*. He restored both the Wallis-Wickes House and 105 – 107 S. Mill St., in Chestertown and has left his mark on the historic restoration movement in Chestertown and Kent County.

Gene was passionate about the subjects that were dear to him including gardening (especially his roses), antiques and his family.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret Kennedy (Peggy), as well as their seven children and eighteen grandchildren, Hall and Betsy Johnstone, Bethesda, MD and their sons, Cole and Lex; Laura and John Wilson, Worton, MD and their children Wayles, Nate, Garth and Jack, Virginia and Peter Allen, Chestertown, MD, and their children Peter, Tom, Katherine and Margaret; Margaret and Patrick Wilson, La Jolla, CA and their son Chaz and Hall; Jane Johnstone, San Francisco, CA, and her daughter Griffin; Anne and Bill Norris, Chestertown, MD and their children Miles and Hayley; Rebecca Johnstone Appleton, Grasonville, MD, and her daughters Eliza, Amanda and Bellamy. He is survived by his sister, Virginia Sisson, of Columbia, MS. He was preceded in death by his brother Robert, Joseph and Frank.

Funeral were held Monday, August 30, at the Emmanuel Episcopal Church, in Chestertown, MD Gene was buried at Monticello Cemetery, in Charlottesville, VA on Tuesday, August 31.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that contributions be made to Chester River Home Care and Hospice 6602 Church Hill Rd., Suite 300 Chestertown, MD 21620 or the Monticello Association c/o William Leigh Taylor Jr., 1013 Barkdull St., Houston, TX 77006-6570.

Previous Events

Service

AUG **30**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Emmanuel Episcopal Church
101 N. Cross St.
Chestertown, MD

Tribute Wall



“ Eugene Johnstone

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ Eugene Johnstone

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ Eugene Johnstone

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ Hall,
Saw the announcement in the St. Mary's Enterprise. Sorry to hear of the loss of your father. We graduated together from Ryken H.S. in 1973. I will remember you, Laura, and the rest of the family in my prayers.##imported-begin##Jerry Wood##imported-end##

September 01, 2010 at 03:31 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of his passing. When he and Mom worked together at Tidewater Properties I loved going to visit. He was a kind, gentle, caring man. Always taking pride in all he did. I know that he was very special to my mom and his impact in Chestertown will be missed, but it will live on. My prayers and thoughts are with the family.##imported-begin##Nancy Hall Coleman##imported-end##

August 31, 2010 at 11:04 AM



“ I wish that I could think of words to comfort you, and must apologize that I am unable to be with you at Uncle Gene's service. I am so glad he was able to come to my dad's sevice in Virginia Beach,so that I could visit with him one last time. I will remember him fondly as that handsome, dapper man who was very much the Johnstone family historian. He was bright, witty, and always shared entertaining stories. I hope that fond memories will provide you some comfort. Hugs to Aunt Peggy and all of my cousins. I hope we will stay in touch...##imported-begin##Robin Johnstone Baugh##imported-end##

August 29, 2010 at 06:37 PM



“ Sorry to hear of the passing of Uncle Gene. He was indeed a gentleman and his earthly presence will be missed. My sincere condolences to Aunt Peggy, all my Johnstone cousins and your families.##imported-begin##Paul Lynwood Johnstone##imported-end##

August 28, 2010 at 01:15 PM



“ I am so sorry for your lost.
I spent many informative and enjoyable times with Gene and Don at Play It Again Sam's.
I will always remember Gene as the epitome of a southern gentleman.
He will be missed.
Joan##imported-begin##Joan Browne##imported-end##

August 27, 2010 at 02:45 PM