



George Greening

December 25, 1921 - November 12, 2017

George Greening, 95, of Old Bridge, NJ, died Sunday, November 12, 2017, at home, surrounded by family. Born at home on Christmas Day, 1921 in Kansas City, MO, he married Eleanor Childs Hill of Washington, DC on Thanksgiving Day in 1959.

A G.I. in Europe during World War II, trained in code and cipher by the British, he served in the Signal Corps at HQ 8th Air Force; then at HQ U.S. Strategic Air Forces in Bushy Park (London). From Bushy, beginning in Normandy, he was in and out of England, France, and Germany. Points from a Bronze Service Star and five Overseas Service Bars sent him home aboard the U.S.S. Enterprise.

He arrived home in time for Christmas 1945. Home was a dressmaking shop in Kansas City, MO where his mother, Cora Greening, had earned their living in the Depression. Postwar, in their apartment in New York, on November 17, 1958, she died suddenly at age 65. His father, Ira Greening, seven years in an orphanage and four in the US. Navy, had died in 1925.

The G.I. Bill gave him the chance to study economics at the University of Missouri-Kansas City, Columbia, and at NYU; and so to be employed as an economist at Lafayette College, Lehman Brothers, and Rutgers. While with Lehman he met Eleanor who was working at Exxon with degrees in economics from Vassar and Columbia, who had worked for the Marshall Plan, but was considered by her husband and children to be at her very best at home with her family. The end came on November 1, 2004 with her death on All Saints Day, just short of their 45th anniversary.

George and Eleanor loved to be called "Granddad" and "Grammy" and nothing made them happier than being grandparents to two wonderful girls. George is survived by daughters Nancy and Carol, granddaughters Paige and Nora, and his cousin Mabel's son Robert.

George will be buried alongside his wife with a graveside service that will be held at 2pm

Thursday, November 16, 2017 at Mount Olivet Cemetery, 725 Baltimore St, Hanover with The Rev. Joshua N. Rhone officiating. Military honors will be rendered by the Hanover Allied Veterans Honor Guard.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to firstbook.org or unicefusa.org or addressed to the family at georgegreeningmemorial@gmail.com.

Events

NOV **Graveside Service** 02:00PM
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Mount Olivet Cemetery

725 Baltimore Street, Hanover, PA, US

Comments



“ My Dad, George Greening, and I had a favorite memory we liked to share whenever we were near George Street in New Brunswick. When I was 5, he took me sledding on a huge sledding hill there. But he didn't have a winter coat, only a rain coat. After a while in the snow he got very cold and he told me we would have to stop sledding. I got very angry. I had been watching some cartoons and from my new-found vocabulary I said to him, "If you didn't wear glasses, I would knock your block off." Boy, did he get angry with me. I knew I was in big trouble and we left the sledding hill right away, and went home to my Mom and little tiny sister. Dad told Mom what I said and she laughed very hard. I was mystified that what could make one parent so angry could make the other one laugh so hard. Dad was still angry. But by the time I was grown it became a very funny memory that we both liked to share. Every time I took him near that hill, as we were near there many times for doctor's appointments in recent years, we would both smile just at the word "sled," "hill," or "George Street" and we knew what the other one was thinking. And somewhere along the way I told him I was sorry I said that. I didn't mean it.

Nancy Greening - November 13, 2017 at 09:00 PM