



Dr. Eugene E. Ketchen

May 3, 1921 - December 30, 2011

Dr. Eugene Ketchen age 90 of Kingston passed away December 30, 2011 at NHC in Knoxville where he had been a resident for the past three years. Eugene E. Ketchen was born May 3, 1921 in Miami, FL the only child of August and Gertrude Ketchen. Following his graduation from the University of Miami, Eugene enlisted in the Army Air Corp and served in Dakar, Senegal, Africa during WWII as a weather forecaster and air controller. He achieved the rank of First Lieutenant. Following his military service Eugene enrolled in graduate school at the University of Pittsburgh where he earned a PhD in Chemistry. Dr. Ketchen taught briefly at Washington & Jefferson (PA) College. On June 10, 1951 Eugene married Ruth Whitton of Ironton, OH. In October of 1951 Dr. Ketchen was employed at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory where for more than 30 years he worked in the Isotopes Division. In his later years he was a certified industrial hygienist at ORNL. Dr. Ketchen and his family moved to Kingston in 1952. For many years he was an elder in the Morrison Hill Christian Church and in later years was a member of the Kingston Church of Christ. Dr. Ketchen served on the boards of the Christian Holy Land Foundation and the Smoky Mountain Christian Men's Fellowship. His areas of interest included photography, woodworking and traveling. Eugene was an avid University of Miami Football fan.

Dr. Ketchen is survived by three sons and their wives; John and Marsha of Knoxville, Jim and E. Anne of Francesville (IN) and Joe and Debbie of

Mascot. He was preceded in death by his wife Ruth on August 26, 1990. Eugene has four grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Services will be private. Memorial contributions may be made to Johnson University (formerly Johnson Bible College). Kyker Funeral Home of Kingston in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall

DF

“ Jim,
We are sorry to hear about the loss of your father. You and your entire family will be in our prayers. May your faith sustain you and your close friends comfort you during this difficult time.

Sincerely,
Dan & Jon Frain

Dan & Jon Frain - January 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ John, Jim, & Joe , Sorry to hear of the loss of your father. My prayers are with you all. Your friend, Bob Ray

Bob Ray - January 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ Joe, Jim and John,
So sorry to hear of your father's passing. I have many happy memories of growing up next door to you all and your parents. The Lakeshore Drive families always will be special to me. Your father was a good man, and I'm sure he's reunited with your mother now. I know you will miss him greatly. Praying that God will comfort you in your loss like only He can.
Becky Hunt Ridner

Becky Ridner - January 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

VJ

“ John, Jim and Joe and your families,
Remembering you Dad with fond memories and all of the years at Morrison Hill and his teaching of the Sunday School class and his many Bible discussions with Sherman. May God bless you all during this time.
Vnona Jones

Vnona Jones - January 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ John, Jim and Joe,
I was saddened to hear about Mr. Ketchen and I know that he will be missed. I have often thought of him and Mrs. Ketchen and what an impact they had during our growing up at Morrison Hill. Your Dad was a faithful Christian, a great teacher of the Word, and I always admired him and his dedication to the church and missions. He was a kind and good man. Christmas ornaments still hang on my Christmas tree each year that Julie and Jason made in Mrs. Ketchen's Sunday school class. I have fond memories of both of them. Heaven is blessed to have them.
Thinking of you.
Donna Hodge

Donna Hodge - January 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ John and family,
Sorry in the loss of your dad. I remember your folks coming to our ball games. Fond memories.
God Bless,
Don Gardner

Don Gardner - January 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ *John and Marsha and family,
You are in our thoughts and prayers during this time of loss.
Trish and Dabney Hansard*

Trish and Dabney Hansard - January 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ *John, Jim, Joe and families,
I have fond memories of the years we spent growing up at Morrison
Hill CC. Your father and mother were very special people. I am
sorry for your loss.
Sharon Davis*

Sharon Davis - January 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ *Your dad was a special man and he touched many lives. Your
family will be in my prayers. Paula Burr*

Paula Burr - January 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM