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Harry S. "Harry Fenson" Fenson

April 13, 1925 – May 10, 2023



Harry Stephen Fenson, 98, Endwell, NY

After a long, successful, and meaningful life Harry has entered heaven on May 10, 2023 to be reunited with his wife Sally of over 70 years. He was predeceased by his parents: Stephen and Mary, sister Nina Keane and brother-in-law the Hon. John Keane. He is survived by his five children Stephen (Geri), Frances (Art), Charles, Douglas (Lori), William, two nieces Anne and Margaret (Chris) and one nephew John (Leia), nine grandchildren and nineteen great grandchildren. He was born in April 1925 in Binghamton, NY and made many milestone achievements for the times. He enlisted in the United States Navy and served in WWII, Quartermaster Third Class, on PT Boat 359 in the Philippines. He was awarded the Philippine Liberation Ribbon, Asiatic Pacific Medal, American Theater Medal, and Victory Medal. He was a Maine-Endwell science and math elementary school teacher for 27 years. He completed a bachelors degree from Wharton School in Economics at the University of Pennsylvania (Class of 1949), SUNY Cortland Master's in Elementary Education (1957), and an Advanced Certificate in Education. He took over property management in which his parents invested. He and his wife designed and directly participated in the physical labor of converting office spaces into 20 apartments. He enjoyed helping tenants who were just starting out in their careers and proofreading for international college students learning English. He enjoyed golf, photography club, travel, Scrabble, small boat sailing, Toastmasters, card games, and ham radio. He looked forward to annual trips to Atlantic City long before it added casino attractions. Dad always felt closer to heaven at Oquaga Lake. He taught swimming and boating to his children and the lake community. Our Dad was a touchstone, a connection to the past, a grounding force in our lives, always being there, and showing the kind of values that we respect and admire. He gave us a sense of pride in who we are with a vision of hope for the future. He encouraged us to pursue our dreams.

A Celebration of Life for friends and family will be held at Northminster Presbyterian Church, 711 Farm-to-Market Rd., Endwell, NY 13760 on May 28, 2023 at 1pm. A zoom/facebook link will be available that day. In lieu of flowers please consider donations to Friends Cemetery c/o Sandra Miller, Treasurer, 3 Vin Rose Lane, Marlboro, NY 12542 where a bronze name plaque and his cremains will be at final rest.

Final Resting Place

Friend's Cemetery

47 Maple Avenue

Milton, NY 12547