

Mr. GENE GOODWIN DOUGHTY



GENE WAS BORN ON MARCH 3, 1924, TO EDMUND AND GLADYS DOUGHTY IN STAMFORD, CT. THE FAMILY RELOCATED TO NEW YORK CITY IN 1929. GENE WAS THE ELDEST OF SEVEN CHILDREN: KENNETH (DECEASED), EDDIE (DECEASED), GLADYS (DECEASED), OLGA, MYRNA AND JACKIE. HE DEPARTED THIS LIFE ON SEPTEMBER 24, 2014 AT MONTEFIORE HOSPITAL IN THE BRONX.



HE LIVED AT OAKS TOWER, 3260 CRUGER AVENUE, IN THE BRONX, NY, WITH HIS LOVELY WIFE, MARIAN. GENE WAS EDUCATED IN THE NEW YORK CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM. HE GRADUATED FROM COMMERCE HIGH SCHOOL AND ATTENDED THE CITY COLLEGE OF NEW YORK WHERE HE RECEIVED A BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE IN PHYSICAL & HEALTH EDUCATION. HE WAS AMONG THE FIRST 100 AFRO-AMERICAN RECRUITS SELECTED FROM NEW YORK CITY (NYC) TO SERVE IN THE U.S. MARINE CORP IN APRIL OF 1943. HE WAS GRADUATED FROM RECRUIT DEPOT, MONTFORD POINT CAMP, NEW RIVER, NC IN JUNE OF 1943.





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IN NOVEMBER OF 1944, GENE WAS ATTACHED TO THE 36TH MARINE DEPOT CO., AND QUALIFIED TO SERVE AS SQUAD LEADER, 1ST SQUAD, 1ST PLATOON. THE UNIT WAS A IT ACHED TO THE FIFTH MARINE DIVISION, FIFTH AMPHIBIOUS CORPS FOR ADVANCED COMBAT TRAINING AT CAMP CATLIN, PEARL HARBOR, HAWAII. IN FEBRUARY OF 1945, HIS UNIT LANDED ON IWO JIMA, VOLCANO ISLAND WITH ASSAULT FORCES. THE PERSONNEL OF HIS SQUAD WAS CITED WITH 3 PURPLE HEARTS AND 1 BRONZE STAR (LATER UPGRADED TO A SILVER STAR). FOLLWING THE ASSAULT, GENE WAS PROMOTED TO SERGEANT. HE RETURNED TO CAMP MONTFORD POINT, NC IN MAY OF 1946 AND WAS HONORABLY DISCHARGED FROM THE CORP. GENE MARRIED MARIAN CORNELL IN 1948, AND TO THIS UNION DAUGHTER, PATRICIA AND SON STEPHEN WERE BORN. GENE AND MARIAN CELEBRATED THEIR 6eH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY IN MARCH OF THIS YEAR.



GENE ACCEPTED A POSITION AS A SOCIAL INVESTIGATOR AT THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES UNTIL 1954. HE WAS A MANAGER FOR VIM ELECRAL COMPANY UNTIL 1969, FOLLWED BY REGIONAL MANAGER OF SEARS ROEBUCK STORES IN THE FLUSHING AND FORDHAM ROAD LOCATIONS UNTIL HIS RETIREMENT IN MAY OF 1985. GENE WAS A RENAISSANCE MAN AND ALWAYS LOVED TO SERVE OTHERS. HE BELONGED TO MANY ORGANIZATIONS. THE MONTFORD POINT MARINE ASSOCIATION, INC., THE MARINE CORP LEAGUE, THE POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE, AND THE NAACP WILLIAMSBRIDGE BRANC. HE SERVED ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE OAK TOWERS (HIS RESIDENCE) AND THE MARINE CORP SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION, INC. HE ALSO WORKED WITH THE YOUTH AT THE HARLEM YMCA. HE RECEIVED NUMEROUS AWARDS: MILITARY- AMERICAN DEFENSE MEDAL, COMBAT VETERAN'S- IWO JIMA 50TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE AWARD, WWII VICTORY MEDAL.

GENE LOVED THE MARINES AND HE SERVED THE MONTFORD POINT MARINE ASSOCIATION (MPMA) FAITHFULLY. HE WAS NATIONAL PRESIDENT, NATIONAL V.P., NEW YORK METRO CHAPTER PRESIDENT, NATIONAL DIRECTOR, MPMA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM AND WAS NAMED PRESIDENT EMERITUS IN 2009. THE SGT/MAJOR GILBERT H. JOHNSON MEMORIAL AWARD, THE SEMPER FIDELIS AWARD, MAN OF THE YEAR AWARD, AND THE NEW YORK METRO CHAPTER SERVICE CITATION WERE JUST A FEW OF THE AWARDS GIVEN TO GENE BY THE MPMA.

IN ADDITION, GENE RECEIVED THE NYC CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION PRESENTED BY MAYOR RUDOLPH GUILIANI, THE "H. BRUCE PIERCE HUMANITARIAN AWARD" CITED BY JOHN JAY COLLEGE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE, "THE VETERANS' RECOGNITION AWARD" CITED BY NYC COMPTROLLER, WILLIAM THOMPSON, JR. AND THE CERTIFICATE OF MERIT AWARD PRESENTED BY THE NAACP- WILLIAMSBRIDGE BRANCH.

GENE WAS HONORED TO RECEIVE ALL THE AWARDS AND ACCOLADES, BUT HIS PROUDEST ACHIEVEMENT WAS RECEIVING THE CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL OF HONOR ALONG WITH HIS FELLOW ORIGINAL MONTFORD POINTERS IN 2012.

HE LEAVES TO CHERISH HIS MEMORY WIFE MARIAN, DAUGHTER PATRICIA AND HER HUSBAND RALPH GREENIDGE, SON STEPHEN SR., RUTH, GRANDCHILDREN, STEPHEN, JR, ANGELA, JAYSON, CHRIS, CHRIST ALINE AND CHASE, HIS SPECIAL NIECE AND TRAVEL COMPANION IVY, SISTERS OLGA AND MYRNA, BROTHER JACKIE AND A HOST OF BELOVED COUSINS, NIECES AND NEPHEWS, EXTENDED FAMILY AND FRIENDS. LOVINGLY SUBMITTED, THE FAMILY.

