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Stanley Eugene (Gene) Longbrake, age 85, of Fort Myers, FL died Monday, February 5, 2018 at the Hope Hospice in Fort Myers, FL. Born, April 17, 1932 to W. Roscoe and C. Lucille Harbour Longbrake, in Rosewood, Ohio. Graduate of Rosewood High School and The Ohio State University (1955, B.S. Business Accounting) where he was a Varsity Baseball Player. In 1976 he received an Executive MBA from the University of Michigan. Married to Nancy (Kreiter) Longbrake for nearly 60 years. Father of three daughters: Karen Longbrake, Kathy Longbrake Barnett and Cindy Longbrake (Jeff) Snyder, Grandfather of four: Matthew (Katie) Longbrake, Connor Barnett, and Justin and Jarod Snyder, Great Grandfather of one: Lily Annette Longbrake. Also survived by brothers Richard (Nancy) Longbrake and Wayne (Kathy) Longbrake. Preceded in death by his sister, Mina Jane Longbrake Barnes. After graduation Gene joined the Republic Steel Company in Massillon, Ohio. He managed several departments eventually becoming Special Assistant to the Executive Vice President of Operations. During his career, Gene served on the boards of business, civic, and philanthropic organizations whose goals were to improve the quality of life in Stark County. These included the Massillon Community Hospital Board, United Way, Junior Achievement, Rotary and the Boys and Girls Club in Massillon, OH. He was Chairman of the Stark County United Way Drive in 1969 and that same year was honored with the Jaycees's Distinguished Service Award. Following his retirement from Republic Steel, Gene and Nancy moved to Columbia, South Carolina where they resided until 2016. While in South Carolina he was involved with business consulting and served for 10 years as the Chief Financial Officer of the South Carolina Humanities Council. He also volunteered his time and business expertise with the Service Core of Retired Executives (SCORE). He was a Member of Masonic Lodge -Mad River F&AM #161 West Liberty, OH. He loved his Ohio State Buckeyes and was especially proud of the



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student athletes who were awarded his Endowed Baseball Scholarship. He loved to play golf and was an avid bass fisherman competing in many tournaments during his years in South Carolina. A memorial service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please consider a contribution in his honor to the S.E. "Gene" Longbrake and Nancy L. Longbrake Baseball Scholarship Fund #644315. The Ohio State University Foundation 1480 West Lane Avenue Columbus, Ohio 43221 or online at www.giveto.osu.edu To share a story or photo, leave a tribute or to offer condolences to the family at this difficult time please visit Gene's memorial webpage at www.fortmyersmemorial.com and sign his guestbook.



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KF

Ken FeintheI posted:

So sorry to hear about Gene! Susan and I had lunch with Linda Price last Friday and she informed us. We had such a great reunion at the FGCU baseball game last year. Gene and I were not Marty's favorites and I still don't understand why? He was our best hitter in 1954 and we might have beaten Western Mich. in 1955 with him in order to go to Omaha. I did not go to Kalamazoo either because of Marty. We had been on the outs since Pittsburgh game in 1955 when I went 2 for 3 with a HR and a double and he sent to the JV game for the second game as a Senior. Gene accomplished so much during his lifetime, but he never mentioned to me that he had gone to "that school up North" for an MBA. At least I got mine at Miami in Oxford. (just kidding, sort of) There are not many of us left from the 1954 and 1955 teams, but I'm so pleased that I got one last visit with Gene last year. Susan and I send our prayers and sympathy to all of you.

February 12 at 1:56 PM

RA

Randy Akers posted:

Gene, one of the luckiest days of my life was when you walked into my office as a volunteer from Score, saw the mess i was in and decided to go to work for SC Humanities. You put us on a firm foundation with your knowledge and compassion, and built us into a non profit organization now in our 45th year. Your teaching, dedication, and hard work inspired me and all who worked with us. Rest in Peace dear friend. When i hear of the Buckeyes, i think of you.

February 9 at 8:59 AM

LS

Liz Connors Swift posted:

Such sad news and definitely too soon, but he sure had a life well lived! He leaves behind a lot of people with smiles on their faces who will remember him fondly and wish yhey had one last chance to say goodbye.

February 8 at 12:12 PM

LH

Linda And Bob Hoover posted:

Gene Longbrake was a true gentleman even in the tough business of Republic Steel. Many in Massillon will remember him fondly. Nancy was a inspiration to members of Central Presbyterian Church with her creative talents and hard work.

February 8 at 7:03 AM



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Linda And Bob Hoover posted:

Gene was a true gentleman even in the tough world of Republic Steel. He will be remembered fondly by many Massillon residents. Nancy was an inspiration to many members of Central Presbyterian Church in Massillon.

February 8 at 6:29 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Stanley by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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