



Gene A. Doughty

July 2, 1925 - March 6, 2008

SANTA PAULA, CALIFORNIA -- Mr. Gene A. Doughty, 82, passed away on March 6, 2008, in Santa Paula, California.

Gene was born July 2, 1925, in Newport News, Virginia. His family resided on Hog Island, Va., which was eventually taken back by the sea.

His great-grandfather was the lighthouse keeper on the island. Gene was an accomplished pilot and proudly served in the military during World War II. Following the war, he had a distinguished career with AT&T, New York Telephone, and Empire City Subway, retiring in 1983. Gene was part of the concept teams that invented many integral tools and designs for the phone company, including hard hats for the workplace and colored phones to match home interiors.

Gene had many interests and talents including woodworking and music (of which he played guitar and mandolin). He loved camping, fishing, and gourmet cooking and was an avid boatman. He was involved in many organizations and volunteered his time to the United Way and Boy Scouts of America. He was a loving husband and father, and will be forever remembered by his family and friends for his sense of humor, story spinning, his ability to “make or fix anything” and his generous, kind, and gentle manner.

Gene is survived by his wife of 32 years, Barbara Doughty of Santa Paula, Calif.; two daughters, Jeanie Newey of Lilburn, Ga., and Elizabeth "Bette" Guerin and husband, Ronald, of Colebrook, NH; a son, David Doughty and his wife, Vivian, of Long Beach, Calif.; a step-son, Michael Arnold; five grandsons, Jason Heller, Matthew Doughty, Thomas Doughty, Jonathan Newey, and David Newey; his sister, Peggy Krzynowek and husband, Robert; a brother, Donnie Doughty; a son-in-law, Marc Heller; along with numerous nieces and nephews.

He is predeceased by his parents, Nellie Taylor and Samuel Doughty; two brothers, Dannie and Jack Doughty; and a daughter, Marie Heller.

Expressions of sympathy in his memory can be made either on-line or mail by visiting the Alzheimer's Association website at www.alz.org for more information.