



## Eugene William Hockema

October 5, 1927 - January 27, 2025

Eugene William Hockema, a longtime resident of Philomath, Oregon, passed away on January 27, 2025, at Samaritan Evergreen Hospice House. He was 97 years old.

Born on October 5, 1927, in Alsea, Oregon, Eugene was the son of Thomas D. Hockema and Anna M. Hockema (Curtis). He attended primary school in Alsea and high school in Waldport, Oregon. On July 23, 1954, he married Donna W. Hockema (Naught), beginning a devoted partnership that spanned many decades.

Eugene proudly served his country in the United States Air Force, enlisting in February 1950. During the Korean conflict, he served as a Staff Sergeant and military police officer stationed at Mildenhall Air Base in England. His professionalism earned him a letter of commendation for providing security to King George VI and his family, including Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret. Meeting members of the British Royal Family was a highlight of his time in service.

Throughout his life, Eugene found joy in numerous pursuits. He enjoyed deer hunting, fishing, visiting casinos, sharing captivating stories, and spending time with his family.

A memorial service to honor Eugene's life will be held on February 8th at 1:00 p.m. at McHenry Funeral Home.

Please share your thoughts and memories for the family at [www.McHenryFuneralHome.com](http://www.McHenryFuneralHome.com).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Celebration

FEB 8. 1:00 PM (PT)

McHenry Funeral Home  
206 NW 5th St.  
Corvallis, OR

*A reception will be held immediately following the service.*

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Pam and Larry Venell lit a candle in memory of Eugene Hockema* ”



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**Pam and Larry Venell** - February 10, 2025 at 03:29 PM