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**Forrest C. Strome Jr.(1924 - 2016)**

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Rochester: Forrest C. Strome, Jr. passed away on July 14, 2016 at the age of 92, after a brief illness. He had been lonely without Edith, his beloved wife of 70 years, for the months since her passing in December 2015, but expressed gratitude that it was not she who had to be alone at the end of their lives. He was a loving father, grandfather, and great-grandfather.

Survived by his children, David (Phoebe Guiley) Strome, Carol (Theresa Witmer) Strome and; five grandchildren: Sara (Dan) McDermott, Katherine (Chad) Rymph, Eric (Tara) Strome, Jeff Grigel, Julia (Olivier Gohier) Grigel; and three great grandchildren: Alyssa, Erika, and Rune Rymph.

Forrest (called "Stromie" by many) was born in Kalamazoo, Michigan, attended the public schools there, and began his college education at Kalamazoo College. He and Edie met in class, whereupon he asked her to the "Greenhorn Soiree" on December 6, 1941; they remained sweethearts ever since. After Pearl Harbor he enlisted in the Navy V12 program, which took him to the [University of Illinois](#) where he studied Electrical Engineering. Naval training included stints at Columbia University and Bowdoin College. He served as a commissioned officer on the ammunition ship USS Mt Katmai, which steamed to Leyte shortly after VJ day.

After briefly working for General Electric in Schenectady, NY, he obtained a PhD in Physics at the [University of Michigan](#). He was then hired by Eastman Kodak, Rochester, NY, where he remained for the rest of his career. At Kodak, he first worked in satellite optics, and then in the Research Labs in laser physics, where a notable accomplishment was to demonstrate the first continuous dye laser. He was proud of the fact that the eminent physicist Edwin Herbert Hall, discoverer of the Hall Effect, was his grandfather's second cousin.

Forrest and Edie were lovers of music and the arts and were long time supporters of the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, Rochester Chamber Music Society, GEVA Theater, and the Memorial Art Gallery. They also enjoyed attending many concerts, performances, and art exhibits by their children and grandchildren.

A memorial gathering will be announced at a later date.

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