



Gheorghe Mocanescu

January 19, 2021

Gheorghe, one of seven children, was born March 17, 1934 in Ungureni, a village in Dambovita, Romania to Ion Mocanescu and Elena (nee Angelescu). He moved to Bucharest at the age of 14 to pursue and eventually obtain his technical diploma. It was in Bucharest's Cismigiu Park that he met the love of his life and wife of 60 years, Elena (nee Ionescu). They spent their first couple of years together enjoying motorcycle rides around the country. They married in 1960 and welcomed their only daughter Luminita into the world.

Gelu, as he was affectionately known to his family, went on to work at the Institute of Nuclear Research at Magurele for 36 years, focusing on vacuum techniques. He considered himself fortunate to be able to retire in his 50s in order to spend more time with his only granddaughter, Alina. At the young age of 75, Gelu and Elena made the brave decision to leave everything behind and move to the United States, in order to join their daughter and granddaughter who lived in Washington, DC. They later moved to Philadelphia.

Gelu, who did not speak the English language, enjoyed greeting his neighbors and making friends with everyone he encountered. He also deeply loved his home country of Romania and told stories of its greatness in the olden days every chance he got. He proudly enjoyed talking about his home country when chatting with his son-in-law, Joseph and his granddaughter's husband,

Alexander. In the last weeks of his life, nothing put a smile on his face like the sight of his seven month old great grandson, Benjamin.

Gelu was an avid fan of the Romanian National Football team, of the Steaua Bucharest team, as well as any Philadelphia sports teams, especially when they played well. Later in life, he also discovered a passion for all things related to the University of Pennsylvania, as well as the University of Michigan, both being the alma maters of his grandkids.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Gheorghe's memory may be made to:

The American Liver Foundation

<https://liverfoundation.org>

CDC and PA. Funeral Director's Assoc. Covid guidelines will be strictly enforced.

Previous Events

Viewing

JAN 22. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Foley Funeral Home
1132 Cottman Ave.
Philadelphia, PA 19111
(215) 342-7380

Service

JAN 22. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Interment

JAN 22. 12:45 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

West Laurel Hill Cemetery
225 Belmont Ave.
Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004

Tribute Wall



“ John Brown (PGW) purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Gheorghe Mocanescu.



John Brown (PGW) - January 22, 2021 at 10:56 AM



“ Laura Wangensteen purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Gheorghe Mocanescu.



Laura Wangensteen - January 21, 2021 at 09:47 PM



“ 208 files added to the album Life Tributes



Foley Funeral Home - January 21, 2021 at 05:12 PM

VF

“ Vistic's family purchased the *Enduring Grace* for the family of Gheorghe Mocanescu.



Vistic's family - January 21, 2021 at 04:51 PM

NB

“ Niculae Baicoianu purchased the *Strength & Solace Spray* for the family of Gheorghe Mocanescu.



Niculae Baicoianu - January 21, 2021 at 02:11 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Gheorghe Mocanescu.



January 21, 2021 at 12:45 PM

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“ *All our love - The Zavada, Lutz and Hope families* purchased the *Serene Reflections Bouquet* for the family of Gheorghe Mocanescu.



All our love - The Zavada, Lutz and Hope families - January 21, 2021 at 12:39 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Gheorghe Mocanescu.



January 21, 2021 at 12:03 PM



“ *FAMILIA LEMNEI* purchased the *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* for the family of Gheorghe Mocanescu.



FAMILIA LEMNEI - January 21, 2021 at 09:58 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Gheorghe Mocanescu.



January 21, 2021 at 09:49 AM