



Eric William Mullord Sorensen

January 13, 1924 - August 10, 2024

On August 10, 2024, Eric William Mullord Sorensen died peacefully with family by his side at the age of 100. He is survived by two sons, a daughter, four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Eric was predeceased by his wife (Madeleine), mother (Doris Louise Mullord) and father (Anders Vilhelm), as well as a sister (Pamela) and brother (Peter).

Eric was born in Freezywater, North London (England) on January 13, 1924. He survived the Blitzkrieg while attending the Hertford Grammar School where he played rugby and was captain of the chess team. A distinguished student, he gained entrance to Cambridge University (Peterhouse) where he read law. His studies were interrupted by WWII and he joined the Royal Horse Artillery, where he served as a lieutenant and troop leader, witnessing action in many countries. At the war's end, he rode into Denmark on a motorcycle to visit relatives, perhaps the first allied soldier to enter that country after Nazi occupation. Later, after finishing his degree, Eric worked in the family nursery business for a year, before emigrating to the U.S. with only \$60 and a bus ticket to pursue opportunities in West Texas, where he found work in the oil fields as a rough-neck. From there, he worked his way up, holding many jobs across the western U.S., before eventually being hired Mobil Oil Co. in New York City as an international landman and later international tax manager. In this position, Eric traveled the world, lived in Paris with his family between 1966-1970, and made many friends in many countries. In 1983, he

retired from Mobil Oil Co. and worked as an international tax consultant for several years before fully retiring. Eric proudly retained U.S., British, and Danish citizenship.

Eric met his beloved wife, Madeleine, while working in Salt Lake City and they married in 1952. They had three children, Peter, and then Anne and Robert. The family lived in Short Hills, NJ for nearly three decades. In 2004, Eric and his wife moved to Minneapolis to be with family. In 2016, they both moved to Waverly Gardens (North Oaks).

Fiercely independent, Eric was always positive and forward-looking. He had many interests including antique clocks and cars, fishing and flying-tying, tapestry, English history, rugby, pets, letter writing, and reading (in several languages). Eric loved his family and his many friends as well as the staff of Waverly Gardens, whom he always welcomed and later escorted to his door with handshake and a kind farewell.

A memorial service is being planned for mid-November at Waverly Gardens, with inurnment at Lakewood Cemetery, Minneapolis.

Cemetery Details

Lakewood Cemetery (Minneapolis)

3600 Hennepin Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55408