

## Former dean of the College of Ceramics dies

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Edward Eugene “Gene” Mueller, formerly of Alfred and former dean of the College of Ceramics at AU, died Feb. 11, 2015, in Canandaigua.

A memorial service to celebrate his life will be held Saturday, Feb. 21, at 11 a.m., at the First Congregational Church, 58 N. Main St., Canandaigua. Interment will be in Alfred Rural Cemetery. Arrangements are by Johnson-Kennedy Funeral Home, Inc., Canandaigua. Condolences may be offered at [www.johnsonkennedy.com](http://www.johnsonkennedy.com).

Gene is survived by his wife of 69 years, Sally Mueller; two children, Patricia Lamprey and Richard (Barbara) Mueller; four grandchildren, Karen Lamprey (Nate Obee), Samuel (Marcella) Mueller, Sarah (Philip) Szrama and Laura Mueller; three great-grandchildren, Nolan and Benjamin Mueller and Theodore Szrama. He was predeceased by his son, David M. Mueller, in 2011; and sister, Rose Anne Davis.

He earned his master&s degree and his Ph.D. at Rutgers University and was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, serving in the Pacific Theatre. Gene was dean and a professor in the College of Ceramics, retiring in 1991 as professor emeritus. He held five ceramic patents, was a member of Keramos (the honorary ceramic society), and was a member and former president of the National Institute of Ceramic Engineers.

Gene and his wife moved to Canandaigua from Alfred in 1999. He was an active member of the First Congregational Church, Canandaigua, a member of the Canandaigua Rotary Club, and was active with “Friends of Wood Library.” He and his wife enjoyed traveling throughout the world.