



## George F. Quinn

July 29, 1920 - November 7, 2016

George Francis Quinn (1920 – 2016)

The husband and father who was always there for his loved ones now resides with our Lord and Savior. George Francis Quinn, of Rye, NH, died of natural causes on November 7 after having led a long and exemplary life of devotion to God, country, his wife and family. His ten children and 25 grandchildren could not have had a better model of reliability and devotion— as husband, father, and provider. His sense of duty and self-discipline were much admired, rarely matched. He was a devout Catholic and an engineer, but managed both identities with a keen sense of humor. George grew up in a time when love was rarely expressed effusively, but his wife and family enjoyed utter confidence in his abiding love— it was evidenced by how he treated every person in his life. He was, it should be stressed, a gentleman.

George was born to Frank J. and Genevieve A. (McDermott) Quinn on July 29, 1920 in Lawrence, Massachusetts. Both he and older sister, A. Frances Quinn lost their father to cancer in 1931, leaving George to fill, at age 11, the first of a long series of responsible roles. He was a gifted child whose education at St. Augustine's School and Lawrence High School was capped by his being named valedictorian of the class of 1937. This led to a college education at Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a B.S. degree in Chemical Engineering, earned in 1941.

On October 31, 1942, George married Evelyn Mae “Linda” Dow, daughter of Halbert and Helen (Snow) Dow of Andover, Massachusetts.

The government, recognizing his expertise and talent, recruited George for wartime service on the Manhattan Project in 1942. He performed research at Columbia University’s SAM Laboratory, the Metallurgical Laboratory at the University of Chicago, and the Clinton Laboratories at Oak Ridge, TN. In 1946, George returned to Columbia University as an Instructor while furthering his research and earning a M.S. degree in Chemical Engineering.

By April 1948, George had joined the recently formed Atomic Energy Commission in Washington, D.C. as an industrial engineer. A steady succession of promotions to positions of increased responsibility led to his appointment as Assistant General Manager for Plans and Production in 1961 and recognition as a leading expert in the production of special nuclear materials. In 1966, the AEC conferred on George Quinn their highest honor, a Distinguished Service Award, in recognition of his outstanding service to the atomic energy programs of the United States. George remained with the AEC until it was dissolved in 1975.

George also shouldered heavy responsibilities as patriarch to a large and sprawling family. He and Linda also devoted many years to the goals of Marriage Encounter, where they had significant impact and many treasured friendships. The couple enjoyed trips to visit family and friends and occasional travel to foreign lands. George always enjoyed building projects and problem solving— perfect attributes for an engineer and father of ten. He was without peer solving puzzles, from crosswords to advanced mathematical teasers. A book was always close at hand, and George never stopped learning.

Perhaps George’s most difficult challenge, and finest testament to his

character, was the years of loving care he gave to his wife, Linda, as she was lost in dementia. Age and infirmity could not deter him from fulfilling this, his highest priority. In short, George Quinn led a laudable life and will be forever missed and honored by those who knew and loved him.

Besides his wife, Linda, George is survived by the following children/spouses:

Kathleen Quinn Wild of Brookfield, MA  
David & Betsy Quinn of Frederick, MD  
Jeffrey & Patricia Quinn of Rye, NH  
Terry & Doris Quinn of Emmitsburg, MD  
Mark & Mary Ellen Quinn of Pleasanton, CA  
Lisa Jackson of Walkersville, MD  
M. Janine Quinn & David Frolio of Rye, NH  
Marcia Quinn of Newport, RI  
F. Maureen Quinn of Deerfield, NH  
Michael & Sara Quinn of Rye, NH

In lieu of flowers, donations in his name may be made to:

The Michael Quinn Scholarship Endowment  
Red Cloud Indian School, Advancement Office  
100 Mission Drive  
Pine Ridge, South Dakota 57770  
Online Contributions: [www.redcloudschool.org](http://www.redcloudschool.org)

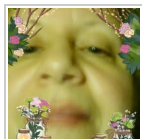
A Mass of Christian burial will be held at 11 AM, Friday, November 18 at St. Theresa Parish, Rye Beach, NH. Interment service at Central Cemetery in Rye, NH will follow Mass. A reception of family and friends will be held in the Parish Center of St. Theresa Parish following the interment service.

# Cemetery Details

## Central Cemetery

20 Central Road  
Rye, NH

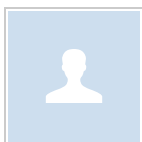
# Tribute Wall



“ I was a part of Uncle George's family through marriage in the 1980s. I was married to one of Linda's nephews. We had many happy hours in their home, for holidays, for evenings together .... I loved Uncle George. He was a true gentleman, very intelligent, yet warm and personable. I knew that he had been part of the Manhattan Project, and also that he still could not discuss it. His large family was a joy to be with, and each of their sons and daughters, and their spouses, were gifted with a desire to help others, in their diverse fields. They took me in as a true member of their family, and I will always remember Uncle George, Aunt Mim, and the entire Quinn/Dow/Ramsay families. I felt privileged to be part of such a huge, warm, and illustrious family.

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**Patti Frabotta** - January 20, 2024 at 01:04 PM



“ *George F. Quinn*

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September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of George F. Quinn.*



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November 29, 2016 at 10:49 AM



“ *With great love in our hearts and many prayers , the Crapo Family sends their Deepest Sympathy for the loss of this wonderful man.*

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**Debra Crapo** - November 17, 2016 at 02:55 PM

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“ *The Quinn Family purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of George F. Quinn.*



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**The Quinn Family** - November 17, 2016 at 08:28 AM

BH

“ *Sending healing thoughts to the Quinn family at this extremely difficult time. Two angels in one family so close together...just know many people are praying for you all and keeping you in our thoughts.*

*Bridget M. Hughes  
Thomas Sheridan*

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**Bridget Hughes** - November 17, 2016 at 08:12 AM

TF

“ *The Poole Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of George F. Quinn.*



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**The Poole Family** - November 14, 2016 at 08:12 PM

SS

“ *Sending Love from St. Thomas Aquinas High School purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of George F. Quinn.*



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**Sending Love from St. Thomas Aquinas High School -**  
November 14, 2016 at 12:04 PM

JD

“ *The most brightest, insightful guys I ever knew. And I loved his laugh...and he used it a lot! And did you know that he could play most any "god old" tune on the piano... by ear! Amazing fully human, fully alive man! Now sharing God's Love with us! Jack Dempsey*

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**Jack Dempsey -** November 13, 2016 at 06:19 PM

MQ

“ *1 file added to the album GFQ Album*



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**Mark Quinn -** November 12, 2016 at 04:50 PM

SE

*Brian and I are so sorry for your loss, he was a great man and great father I know he will live on in your wonderful memories. We pray you will have peace during the difficult days of grief. Love, susan and Brian Ellis*

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**susan and Brian Ellis -** November 19, 2016 at 06:24 PM

MQ

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Mark Quinn** - November 11, 2016 at 05:28 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Mark Quinn** - November 11, 2016 at 05:26 PM

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“ 19 files added to the album GFQ Album



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**Mark Quinn** - November 11, 2016 at 04:52 PM