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I would like to say a few words about Glen on behalf of all three granddaughters. I know I speak for all three of us when I say that Glen's influence in our lives has been immeasurable.

On the night I learned of his passing, my husband Arin and I talked at length about all the ways Glen has influenced the person I've become. So much of my identity -- my values, career, politics, interests -- can be traced to his influence in our lives and the important role-modeling he did through how he lived his own life. His genuine appreciation and love for everyone, his ability to see and appreciate the finest aspects of who we were, and his annual personalized Christmas letters that so poignantly captured his empathetic understanding of us—these are just some of the most special things that I remember about him. His generosity, his commitments to charity and the poor, his slow and thoughtful approach amidst controversy, his depth of wisdom, and his overall selflessness -- these are just some of qualities that I have admired in him. His influence was positive and powerful for all three of his granddaughters.

But I know that my sisters and I are only three individuals out of hundreds, if not thousands of lives that Glen has touched and inspired. I am so grateful that he lived for so many years, and had the opportunity to touch so many other lives in that time.

As we mourn the loss of this wise mentor and loving family member, I am comforted by the knowledge that Glen was a lucky man who lived a long, full, and meaningful life. How lucky he was to enjoy a happy marriage of 63 years, three generations of progeny he could be proud of, his church, Rotary, and many other charitable organizations that made up his community. How lucky he was to see his son and his three granddaughters grow up, thrive, have happy marriages, and fulfilling careers. How lucky he was to have met some of his great-grandchildren, and know there is another on the way.

His legacy is indeed rich – rich in the values and interests he passed on to his family and to so many others. He will be terribly missed, but his memory lives on in each one of us.