

**PALLBEARERS**

Jeff Prinsell Jr MD  
Eric Prinsell  
Michael Prinsell PhD  
Jonny Prinsell  
David Prinsell  
Chandler Brothers

**EULOGIES GIVEN BY:**

Jeff Prinsell DMD MD  
Jon Prinsell



**Gustave Prinsell MD**

May 26, 1922 – July 13, 2022

Houghton Wesleyan Church  
Funeral Service  
July 23, 2022  
2:00 p.m.

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## Order of Service

**Prelude** *Favorite Hymns*

**Word Of Grace / Greeting**

**Prayer**

**Hymn** *It Is Well*

**Son's Remembrance** Jeff Prinsell, DMD, MD

**Hymn** *Blessed Assurance*

**Son's Remembrance** Jon Prinsell

**Prayer** Pastor Paul Shea

**Scripture Reading:** Daniel 12

**Homily**

**Hymn** *How Great Thou Art*

**Benediction**

**Postlude** *For All the Saints*

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\*Please stand as able for Congregational Hymn

Officiant: Rev. Dr. Wesley Oden; Organist: Carolyn Kindley

*Committal service at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery at 3:30 p.m.*

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## Obituary

Dr Gustave Prinsell of Houghton, NY passed away peacefully in his sleep of natural causes at home on July 13, 2022. He was 100 years old. He was born on May 26, 1922, in Jersey City, NJ. Following Houghton College, he earned his MD at Columbia University (Ivy League) Medical School, internship and general surgery residency at the University of Michigan's Saginaw Hospital, and a Tropical Medicine fellowship at the University of London.

Dr Prinsell devoted the early part of his career to medical missions that began at the Kamakwie Wesleyan Hospital in Sierra Leone, West Africa (1957-64), followed by short medical terms in Zambia, Zimbabwe, Haiti, and again to Sierra Leone in 2001 and 2009.

In 1964, Dr Prinsell began his private practice of family medicine in Houghton that served Allegany County until retiring in 1991. He also served as the school physician at both Houghton College and Fillmore Central School. He helped found the Wesleyan Medical Fellowship, was active in the Houghton Wesleyan Church, and continued ministering to students at Houghton College where he received an Honorary Doctorate of Sciences degree and Alumnus of the Year Award in 2018.

He was a proud veteran, having served four years in the U.S. Navy on a minesweeper during WW II, and a loyal member of the American Legion. His autobiography, "The Papa Bear," published in 2017, also tells of his personal experiences, friendships, devout Christian faith, and deep love of family.

Dr Prinsell is survived by his beloved wife of 75 years, Louise, in Houghton NY; four sons Jonathan (Dawn) in Orlando FL, James (Britta) in Plano TX, Jeffrey (Kim) in Marietta GA, and Joel (Jill) in Orlando FL; seven grandchildren Jeffrey Jr (Jenny) and Eric (Whitney) in Marietta GA, Michael (Lisa) in Galesburg IL, Jonathan Jr (Alisha) in Cambridge ON, Joy (Chandler Brothers), Grace and David all in Orlando FL; and five great-grandchildren Logan, Landon, Luke, Mary Katherine and Liam all in Marietta GA. He is predeceased by his parents Gustave and Doretta; and siblings Edna, Helen, and William.

In lieu of flowers, the family deeply appreciates that memorials, if desired, be made to the "Dr Gustave and Louise Prinsell Scholarship" at Houghton University, One Willard Avenue, Houghton NY 14744, (585) 567-9400.