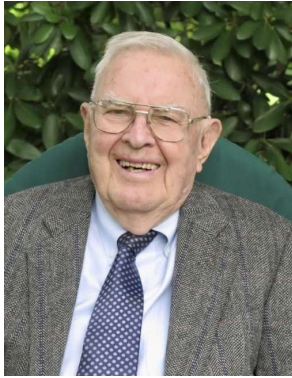


Dr. Norman Richard Loomis, MD
February 18, 1927 – November 8, 2025



Dr. Norman R. Loomis, MD, of Ontario, NY, passed away on November 8, 2025, after a full 98 years of life.

Born in 1927 in Brooklyn, NY, he was raised in Forest Hills, New York.

Norm was a child of the Great Depression. He lost his father at age eleven and was raised by his mother. He sold *The Saturday Evening Post* to help his family and was educated in the New York City public schools, where he excelled in math, science, and classical violin. His family was a constant source of inspiration and education—summers were spent on the family farm in Bainbridge, NY, and with his uncle, Dr. Ralph Loomis, in Sidney, NY. Uncle Ralph introduced Norm to small-town medicine, and by age eight, he knew he wanted to become a doctor.

Oberlin College welcomed Norm in 1942; he graduated in 1948 following service in the United States Navy. He earned his medical degree from Syracuse University's Upstate Medical School in 1952 and completed his internship and residency at Methodist Hospital in Brooklyn, NY, in 1954.

That same year, Norm moved to Ontario, NY. As the dashing young bachelor physician, he soon met his future bride, Laura "Jinny" Russell. They married in 1956, and he quickly became the trusted hometown doctor. His service extended into the community as Town Health Officer and Wayne Central School District physician. He saw the need for improved dental health and ambulance transport and was instrumental in introducing these services into the community.

Dr. Loomis's medical service extended across the county, state, country, and world. He chaired the Family Medicine Department at Rochester General Hospital, served as President of the New York State Academy of Family Physicians, was a physician at the 1980 Lake Placid Winter Olympics, and participated in the 1998 Heart to Heart Medical Airlift in Siberia.

He was a man of provocative questions, unfiltered humor, and an uncompromising quest for excellence. Pointed conversation—especially about politics, religion, and the world—was one of his favorite pastimes.

He leaves behind a legacy of curiosity, acceptance, and love for the humanity within each of us.