



Eugene H. Perdew

July 24, 1933 - October 4, 2018

Eugene Haddon Perdew (Gene), aged 85, passed away Thursday, October 4, 2018 at 6:07 p.m. at Graham Hospital in Canton. He was born July 24, 1933 to Dorothy Gertrude (Kapraun) and Charles Haddon Perdew and reared in Henry, IL. He is survived by his wife Rosemary, three children and five grandchildren: Christie and Joe Ragle, Allison and Richie Shutter, and David and Carinne (Paisley) Perdew. Gene was hired by Caterpillar where he worked as a machinist, and then drafted into the army to go to Germany where he drove Jeeps. Following that, Gene moved up to the suburbs of Chicago to repair office equipment for Smith, Corona and Marchant, and also Steiner Office Equipment. In 1986, he and his family moved to Fulton County where he had several jobs: Pioneer Seed Company, mailman, bus driver. Meanwhile he extensively renovated the family home in Summum. Always tinkering with some project, he invented things or fixed whatever was needed by the family. He was a man who could make anything we needed. Or, more commonly, he could improve on the imperfect design of anything available on the market. He was a tinkerer with design, an inventor of gadgets, a renovator of our home. He was a designer of one-off specialty tools and entertaining items of curiosity. Balancing physics and geometry with his imagination, blending the skills of a wood worker, electrician and machinist, he was an “improver” of things. He was a wealth of knowledge on a diverse list of topics.

A man of few words and subtle but lasting actions, he left a trail that could

scarcely be seen until he was gone. Much like his perpetual motion machine, he lasted longer than most, but coasted to a gradual stop at the end of a long run. Among the few that knew him well, his unique brand of genius will never be forgotten, and may never be fully understood.

Services will be held at the Summum Cemetery in Summum IL at 11:00 on Wednesday, October 10, 2018.

Memorial contributions may be made to WTVP-Public Television, Perdeu Museum in Henry, Illinois, or Mr. Perdeu's family. Online memorial messages may be left for the family at www.hurleyfh.com.

Hurley Funeral Home in Havana is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ Eugene H. Perdew

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ Emine, Meral and Ragip Serdaroglu purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Eugene H. Perdew.



Emine, Meral and Ragip Serdaroglu - October 09, 2018 at 03:21 PM



“ To Eugene's family,
Please accept my condolences. Christ Jesus has resurrected people in the past (Luke 7:14) and there is a sure hope for us to be re-united with our faithful loved ones in the future (Isaiah 25:8)
Please take comfort in this hope.

Lis Habib - October 08, 2018 at 01:38 PM



“ Becky Chaney lit a candle in memory of Eugene H. Perdew



Becky Chaney - October 08, 2018 at 12:43 PM

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“ Dear Family please accept my heartfelt Condolences for your recent loss. 1Peter5:7-says"Throw all your anxiety on him,because he cares for you.Please let Gods word the Bible be of comfort to you in the coming days ahead.

Marlowe - October 07, 2018 at 08:24 PM