



Herschel Eugene "Gene" Murdach

May 21, 1936 - October 7, 2022

IN MEMORY OF:

Herschel Eugene "Gene" Murdach

Serving Location:

CRAIN FUNERAL HOME – MURPHYSBORO

1421 Walnut Street, Murphysboro, Illinois

Herschel Eugene "Gene" Murdach, age 86, of Murphysboro, went to be with the Lord on Friday, October 7, 2022 at 3:40 a.m. in his home.

Gene was born on May 21, 1936, in Carmi, the son of Eugene and Edith (Lichtenberger) Murdach. He was united in marriage to Denzel Sue Hunt on June 30, 1963 in Epworth, Illinois, and together they shared 35 years of marriage. Gene served with the U.S. Naval Reserves. He was a master carpenter and while earning his Master's degree he taught vocational education at Murphysboro High School for 35 years and adult woodworking at John A. Logan College for 28 years. He was awarded Outstanding Teacher of the Year in 1970 and 1972. Gene served as past President and Vice President of the Illinois Industrial Education Association (IIEA) from 1978-1981. He was also an avid hunter. But most important in Gene's life was his family and his faith in Christ Jesus. Gene was a member and former deacon at First Christian Church in Murphysboro.

Survivors include two daughters, Michele (Michael) Purdy and Monica (Nilesh) Goswami; his grandchildren, Mackenzie Purdy, Madison Purdy, Rekha Goswami, Keegan Goswami and Maya Goswami; three sisters, Ira Kaye (Ron) Hickam, Sherry (Mark) Herington and Debra Murdach Wilson; brother-in-law, John Hunt; several cousins; and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife, Sue Murdach.

Funeral services will be held at Crain Funeral Home, 1421 Walnut Street, Murphysboro, on Monday, October 10, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. with Pastor Bryce Pitlick officiating. Burial will follow in White County Memorial Garden in Carmi at 2:00 p.m.

A time of visitation will be held at the funeral home from 9:00 a.m. until the hour of service.

In lieu of customary remembrances, the family requests with gratitude that memorial contributions be made to First Christian Church. Envelopes will be available and accepted at the funeral home.

Crain Funeral Home in Murphysboro has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Cemetery Details

White County Memorial Garden

IL-14
Carmi, IL 62821

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **10**. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Crain Funeral Home - Downtown Murphysboro
1421 Walnut St
Murphysboro, IL 62966
(618) 684-2131

Funeral Service

OCT **10**. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Interment

OCT **10**. 2:00 PM (CT)

White County Memorial Garden
IL-14
Carmi, IL 62821

Tribute Wall



“ *Herschel Eugene "Gene" Murdach*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Gene Murdoch was one of my most loved and respected teachers at MTHS. I remember well his accident and his determined discipline to overcome his injuries. He was a joyful and compassionate teacher and friend. I still use the woodworking skills he taught me after over 50 years. In Christ I will see him again.*

Mkkton Bost - October 16, 2022 at 08:41 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Herschel Eugene "Gene" Murdach.*



October 09, 2022 at 02:37 PM



“ *Gene and Sue were so special to us..visits on screen porch listening to the rain, swimming in your pool, eating at steak and shake after therapy. So glad Gene is now back with Sue. You are loved. Mark and Linda irwin*



Linda Irwin - October 09, 2022 at 10:25 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Herschel Eugene "Gene" Murdach.



October 08, 2022 at 11:20 AM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket* was purchased for the family of Herschel Eugene "Gene" Murdach.



October 08, 2022 at 09:50 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Herschel Eugene "Gene" Murdach.



October 08, 2022 at 09:20 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Herschel Eugene "Gene" Murdach.



October 07, 2022 at 10:32 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Herschel Eugene "Gene" Murdach.*



October 07, 2022 at 10:21 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Herschel Eugene "Gene" Murdach.*



October 07, 2022 at 08:41 PM