



Lowell Gene Perry

September 28, 1941 - February 21, 2018

On February 21, 2018, Lowell Gene Perry (Gene) of Bloomington, IN, left our world for his next adventure. Gene was beloved by everyone who had the pleasure of being with him. He was the embodiment of a life well lived and to that end he inspired those he touched to be better in the most important ways. He will be missed by many.

Gene is survived by his wife, Kathrine Glass, his children Rob Perry (wife Jennifer), Lisanne Perry, Joseph Spear (husband Curt Shearer), and Margaret Spear. He will be greatly missed by his grandchildren Grace Perry, Margaret Perry and Wesley Houser, and many loving nieces, nephews, sister and brothers-in-law. He was grateful to have the love, care and support of his nieces Brea Perry and Brooke DeRam, and devoted friends Lisa Walker and Mike Hunckler during the last months of his life. He is also survived by Rob and Lisanne's mother, Jane Perry.

Gene spent his entire life in Indiana with a long, successful career and phenomenal family life. Gene grew up with his brother Rus in Franklin, Indiana, and graduated from Franklin College. He went on to get his MBA at Indiana University as he embarked on a lifetime career in healthcare administration with Bloomington Hospital (IU Health Bloomington). Gene began his career in human resources and ended it as CEO at Bloomington Hospital of Orange County (now IU Health Paoli). His proudest professional

achievements were improving the quality and availability of healthcare in an underserved area. Although he had been honored with awards and recognition over the years, he remained humble and grateful to serve. Gene felt strongly that his true reward came from the everyday moments and connections he made with patients, co-workers, friends, family – even mere acquaintances.

Far and above his love of learning, reading and sometimes golf, Gene was deeply in love with his family. He worked tirelessly until the end taking care of others until those who loved him finally had the chance to return the favor. The care of IU Health Hospice nurses, doctors and staff were deeply appreciated. In his last act of selfless generosity, he donated his remains to the IU School of Medicine so others could learn.

Visitation will be at the Allen Funeral Home & Crematory 4155 S. Old St Rd 37, Bloomington, on Thursday, March 1, 2018 from 4:00pm to 8:00pm. A memorial service will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington (uubloomington.org) at 3:00pm on Friday, March 2, 2018. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Southern Indiana Community Health Care (sichc.org) or the charity of your choice.

Gene, we will miss you more than you'll ever know. Even now we can hear your response, "I don't get it." May the other world greet you with an overly sweet margarita, crushed ice, and a guilt-free menu. We can't wait to see you again. You are invited to share a memory or leave an online condolence to the family at www.allencares.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 1. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory
4155 S. Old State Road 37
Bloomington, IN 47401
(812) 824-5905
<http://www.allencares.com>

Service

MAR 2. 3:00 PM (ET)

Unitarian Universalist Church
2120 N. Fee Ln
Bloomington,, IN 47408

Tribute Wall

JH

“ I had the opportunity to share ideas and associate with Gene on many occasions as a fellow hospital administrator. Gene was a pleasure to be around and always provided wise counsel. I was sorry to hear of his passing. He will be missed. Please accept my sincere sympathy.

John Hidde, Past President, Good Samaritan Hospital

John Hidde - March 02, 2018 at 11:32 AM

KW

“ Kent, Susan, Anastasia & Chance Williams purchased the Healing Tears - Blue and White for the family of Lowell Gene Perry.



Kent, Susan, Anastasia & Chance Williams - March 01, 2018 at 08:12 AM

PS

“ Gene was a friend who graduated in my class ('59). I would like to share this memory of Gene. First, Gene always had a hug for me at our class reunions. I didn't have many friends in high school, as I was new to Franklin High School.

I share this memory of Gene because it meant a great deal to me. Our English class had a debate over something controversial. I had written this assignment. I had no idea it would be shared with the class. I was embarrassed and humiliated. I just put my head on my desk and cried. Pretty soon I felt a hand on my head. It was Gene comforting me. I have never forgotten this act of caring.

*God bless you, Gene.
Patsy Erickson Stackhouse*

Patsy Stackhouse - February 28, 2018 at 12:11 PM



“ *Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Lowell Gene Perry.*



February 27, 2018 at 12:15 PM

TS

“ *Ted & Kay Leach and Christy Scheid purchased the Healing Tears - Yellow and White for the family of Lowell Gene Perry.*



Ted & Kay Leach and Christy Scheid - February 26, 2018 at 09:23 PM

PU

“ To Gene's family,
You have my deepest sympathy in the loss of Gene. I had known Gene many years during my 48 year healthcare career in Indiana. He was a great guy and a gentleman.
I retired about 2 years ago from Marion General Hospital in Marion, IN at the age of 71.

Paul L. Usher

Paul L. Usher - February 26, 2018 at 04:12 PM

DD

“ Another thing (among many) that I remember and learned from Gene was his soft spoken nature. I remember the many management meetings he chaired with all of the department heads, and having a hard time hearing him. I finally got the courage, and in private, to ask him why he spoke so quietly, and could he ‘crank up the volume’ a little in the meetings. That’s when he told me he certainly could talk louder, but he doesn’t for a reason. He told me that if you have to strain a bit to hear what he has to say....you’re actually going to listen!!!
I have never forgotten that, and use his technique to this day. Soooo many good memories.

David DeGroote - February 26, 2018 at 03:58 PM

DD

“ Gene Perry was my mentor for the years I was with the Bloomington Hospital Ambulance Service. I had street experience as a paramedic, but no management experience when he took a chance on me and hired me to start the service which would serve all of Monroe County. I relied heavily on his wisdom, direction and vision throughout my time at the hospital. He was my rock. He even trusted me enough to send him over the edge of the multistory parking garage to do some rappelling. He was a one of a kind human being, and I was blessed to have known him. I still carry, and use so many of things he taught me. He will be missed by so many he touched and guided. Rest In Peace my friend. Until we meet again. 🙏 🚑

David DeGrootte - February 26, 2018 at 03:23 PM

TL

“ We are saddened to learn of the passing of our former neighbor and friend. We will always remember the quite smile and the sense of humor that Gene conveyed. We will always treasure the memories of our many Friday night outings as well as the vacation adventures we shared together. We will not be able to attend the memorial service, but want those closest to Gene to know you are in our thoughts. We will be thinking of you. Gene lived an amazing life and we had the good fortune to have known him He will be missed..

Warmest Condolences,
Ted and Kay Leach

Ted and Kay Leach - February 26, 2018 at 10:17 AM

MS

“ Sympathies to all those who loved Gene, especially his family. I appreciate Gene for always greeting me with a warm smile and a gentle and genuine interest in me when our families joined to celebrate our mutual children, Margaret and Joe Spear. Rest In Peace, gentle soul. Kathrine, my condolences.

Michelle Spear - February 26, 2018 at 09:31 AM

JC

“ Jeffrey C. purchased the Simply Lily for the family of Lowell Gene Perry.



Jeffrey C. - February 25, 2018 at 08:27 PM

MR

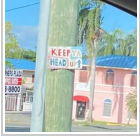
“ Gene was the administrator of Orange Co. Hospital..I was on the board during his time therer! What a loss..it was just yesterday that I typed in his name on facebook, just wondering how he was..never posted anything but there he was..looking as good as ever. So sorry for this loss. He was a charmer! my sympathy to his wife and family. Sincerely, Mary A. Radcliffe, Paoli

Mary A. Radcliffe - February 25, 2018 at 06:53 PM

MF

“ Mentor, Friend, Business Partner, and Co-worker, Gene was a good friend and Good Man. Mark S Fritz

mark s fritz - February 24, 2018 at 11:14 PM

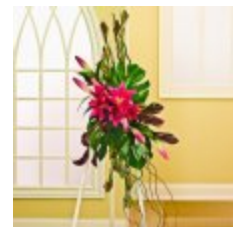


“ I had the great pleasure in meeting Mr. Perry at the Cancer Care Infusion Center. I work in the lab there. Even tho I only drew his labs that took 5 minutes, we had conversations that lasted 10-15 minutes. Was truly a gentleman. My sincere condolences.
Amy(lab)

Amy Gosser - February 24, 2018 at 06:45 PM



“ Mindy & Jim Passmore, Patrick Sullivan purchased the Eternal Paradise for the family of Lowell Gene Perry.



Mindy & Jim Passmore, Patrick Sullivan - February 24, 2018 at 03:21 PM



“ I had the honor and pleasure of working for Gene for 20 years. To this day I find myself sharing with others some of the philosophical discussions we had. Other “discussions” we had will remain confidential. Gene played with us on our Bloomington Hospital softball team. He always thought I took playing too serious which I never understood at the time. But when I look back I realize that was him telling me “There are a lot more things in life to take seriously. This is our chance to get together and just play.” Two giants have now passed who both deeply affected me both personally and professionally. Bud and Gene- you are back together now. You are a formidable team that will benefit everyone in Heaven. Jobs well done gentlemen.

Dave Burnworth - February 24, 2018 at 10:34 AM

JU

I was the Hospital CEO at Greene County Hospital and I had the PLEASURE of knowing Gene during those years. He helped give me guidance and I consider him a very special friend. I will even say I love the guy. I am very sad.

Jonas Uland

Jonas Uland - February 25, 2018 at 03:02 PM

MC

“ *In 1986, After an extreme local push, Gene was instrumental in an ambulance being located in Ellettsville and it still thrives there today. In 1998, once again, after locals wanting a doctor in Ellettsville, Gene was once again instrumental in getting that Doctor for the Ellettsville area which now has several doctors in their clinic. These two items were extremely huge and I am most thankful. Mike Cornman (former Town Council member/president and current Ellettsville Fire Chief)*

Mike Cornman - February 24, 2018 at 07:23 AM



“ *Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Lowell Gene Perry.*



February 24, 2018 at 12:18 AM

SB

“ *Our sympathy to all of the family and my empathy and love to Kathrine. You and Gene were great neighbors for several years. I will forever be grateful for your help and support when Tom and I needed help and you were there.*



Sharon McCann and Eric Behrman - February 23, 2018 at 05:05 PM



“ *Lavender Dreams was purchased for the family of Lowell Gene Perry.* ”



February 23, 2018 at 05:04 PM