



Mr. Eugene O'Hern

May 27, 1943 - December 12, 2016

Gene O'Hern, 73, and his wife, Carol, 75, of Rockledge, FL, passed away Dec 12, 2016 in Gainesville, FL.

Gene was born in Chicago, IL on May 23, 1943, and moved to Florida in 2002. He was well-known for his tireless devotion to the Catholic Church, He served as Deacon at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Cocoa, FL as well as finance director at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Rockledge, FL. He assisted with the needs of fellow parishioners and members of the community as well as those in other countries through Catholic Relief Services. He was also well-known for his wit and humor as well as his ability to tell personal stories that would make you smile.

He is survived by his brother Richard O'Hern of Ocala, FL, his two children Carolynne Spaulding of Merritt Island, FL and Brian O'Hern of Barrington, IL as well as nine grandchildren; Stephanie Terapak, Brandon Sheets, Erica Sheets, Calissa Spaulding, Garrett Spaulding and Aidan O'Hern, Braeden O'Hern, Isabelle O'Hern, Sofia O'Hern.

A public viewing will be held at 9:00 am followed by a memorial service at 10:00 am on Friday, Dec. 16, at Blessed Sacrament Church in Cocoa, FL, 32927.

In lieu of flowers, donations to Catholic Relief Services or a food donation to

the Blessed Sacrament food pantry are suggested.

Cemetery Details

Riverview Memorial Gardens

3751 US-1 S
Cocoa, FL 32926

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Eugene O'Hern*

January 30, 2023 at 03:36 AM



“ *Today is a better day Gene, I am at peace knowing where you are! Even though knowing is hard, it is better than the unknown I have been feeling for the past several weeks, I knew in my heart you never would have just left and not said goodbye!!! So I will sit in your chair today , I know the exact spot by the discolored mark on the bar, (you remember that day Gene... the day you tried to burn down Paradise Cigarz... wink wink:), and I will smoke your cigar and drink your Diet Coke and watch some of the Stock Market, and as your friends come in day by day over the next few weeks, months, however long it takes and I will let them know where you are now, and I will say your goodbyes for you...*



susan zook - January 19, 2017 at 06:43 PM

SZ

“ My heart is so heavy with pain today when I learned of Gene's passing! I have been waiting for him to return from his trip to Chicago for Christmas. He was one on my favorite customers at Paradise Cigarz. I looked forward to him coming in every morning , he taught me about the stock market, that was his favorite thing to watch! He shared so many stories with me of his family, children and grandchildren, and of course we talked about sports " a lot", he being a Blackhawks Cubs and Bears, and me being Pirates Penguins and Steelers fan! He will be missed dearly not just by me, but by all our Paradise Cigarz Family. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Susan

susan Zook - January 18, 2017 at 03:12 PM

JS

“ My deepest sympathy to Carolynne, Brian, Rich, and the whole family. You have been in my thoughts and prayers these days. I've known Gene since we were in high school, and it has been a blessing to know Carol as well. What wonderful, loving, and generous people! God bless them for enriching our lives and the lives of so many people.

-Jim Bergin, SVD

James Bergin, SVD - December 16, 2016 at 05:03 PM

ES

“ THE DIVINE WORD COMMUNITY OF EAST TROY, WI, OFFER OUR CONDOLENCES TO THE CHILDREN & FRIENDS OF GENE & CAROL. WE HAVE REMEMBERED THEM IN MASS ALL THIS WEEK.. ed peklo, svd

Edward Peklo, SVD - December 16, 2016 at 03:45 PM

GL

“ The gifts both Gene and Carol gave to so many are amazing. Both had a special way of showing love, respect, and compassion to everyone they met, and my interaction with Gene was life changing. Gene, I thank you for all of your contributions during our retreat sessions and throughout each year. You were a humble genius in the wisdom and guidance that you shared, and you made a difference in the lives of many. Words cannot express the sorrow at the loss of you and your lovely bride, and at the missing piece in all of our hearts. I am honored at your friendship and support, and grateful for all that I have learned from you. Thanks to both you and Carol for all that you have given, all that you have sacrificed to help others, and for being "the light of the world". I'll miss both of you, and especially find the 1st weekend in March each year to be missing a very special and irreplaceable puzzle piece. May God accept both of you into his arms, and bring peace, comfort, strength, and healing to all of your family and friends.

Greg David Laka - December 16, 2016 at 12:19 PM

JS

“ We are shocked and saddened by the loss of Gene and Carol. They were awesome, wonderful people whose caring, kind, loving and generous lives touched so many of us so deeply. Our friendship began in 1957 at East Troy, Wisconsin where some 40 of us had gone to pursue our dreams and to try to get a better handle on life and spirituality as students for the priesthood. From those early years Gene was always a steady, strong voice of reason and calmness. His explanations of the whys and hows of life always made the most sense. Over the years of our friendship he showed us how to find joy and humor amidst life's craziness and helped us stay connected these past 60 years. Gene and Carol's love for one another was exceptional and brought great joy to them, their children, their grandchildren and, happily, to all of us who have had the great good fortune to have known them. Our thoughts and prayers are with Carolynne, Brian, their grandchildren and with Rich and his children and with all who loved them. Jerry and Nancy Stermer

Jerry Stermer - December 16, 2016 at 10:40 AM

SR

“ My heartfelt and deepest sympathies to the dear family of Gene and Carol. I was very blessed to work with Gene in the prison ministry, he was truly God's good and faithful servant and an inspiration of love and kindness I will never forget.

Steve Reimann - December 16, 2016 at 08:38 AM

SR

“ Steve Reimann lit a candle in memory of Mr. Eugene O'Hern



Steve Reimann - December 16, 2016 at 08:21 AM

AC

“ Gene is my godfather and called Uncle Gene for me growing up. I remember him as full of warmth and always a jokester when I was a kid. I stayed with them overnight as a 4 year old and told him (although stretching the truth) that my dad “always” got us donuts on Sunday morning. Well, I think he didn’t know whether to believe me or not but sure enough, he ran out and got donuts. Thirty years later, he told my husband that story. It was my pleasure to have been their goddaughter as they were true to the Catholic faith and to helping others. I still cannot believe this loss. To family and friends of Gene and Carol, you are in our thoughts and prayers and my deepest condolences.

Adria (Amelse) Castronovo

Adria Castronovo - December 15, 2016 at 10:40 PM

SW

“ Deepest sympathies to the family of Carol and Gene. Two great friends. Can still hear Carol's big laugh and Gene's gentle voice. They will both be missed by many.

Susan L. Wheat - December 15, 2016 at 05:37 PM

PA

“ My deepest sympathy to the Family of Gene and Carol as well as to Rich and all the O'Herns and Duszaks. Gene and I met when we were 13 years old. We went to school together, shared an apartment before Marriage, taught together at Sacred Heart of Mary High School in Rolling Meadows and stayed in close touch all these remaining years. We (Mary the Kids and I) entertained each other in our homes from Oak Park to Dariden, Illinois to Palatine and Rockledge. There are so many fond memories and I heard many of his jokes, some more than once. My stomach took a hit at hearing of his passing away and there will be a hole in my heart until we meet again. All of us are the beneficiaries of his many virtues and his dedication in all that he did. Go now with Christ in true peace. Pete Amelse

Peter Amelse - December 15, 2016 at 01:40 PM

MW

“ Michelle & Jim Witek lit a candle in memory of Mr. Eugene O'Hern



Michelle & Jim Witek - December 15, 2016 at 11:27 AM

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Gary Long - December 15, 2016 at 10:41 AM

DR

“ OUR CONDOLENCES TO YOU. WE WILL KEEP YOU IN OUR PRAYERS. KNOW THAT THE DIACONATE FAMILY WILL CONTINUE TO LIFT YOU UP MAY GOD BLESS THEIR SOULS FOREVER..
SENIOR DEACON LEONARD & BETTY RICHARDSON (88)

DEACON LEONARD RICHARDSON - December 14, 2016 at 03:21 PM

SW

Such good and giving people they will both be missed so very much by so many of us, friends, family and parishioners of both Blessed Sacrament and St. Mary's. Am still in such shock of this our great loss and Heaven's great gain.

Susan L. Wheat - December 15, 2016 at 05:31 PM

RH

My words cannot encompass my sorrow and this moment. We will pray for the family, reflect on our faith, place hope and trust in Christ's promise and know how very special you were in the lives of so many of us.

Richard and Diane Hahner

Richard Hahner - December 15, 2016 at 07:43 PM

KW

The sadness of all that had the pleasure to have been touched by such a great couple is very profound - many will have holes in their hearts with this loss but all will have treasurable memories. I am honored to have had 'a minute' of their time touch my life. Gene's loyalty, work-ethic, kindness and sense of humor are things I learned during my minute...

I think of him every St. Patty's Day remembering our office lunch tradition of lunch and Guinness at Meg's, often having too much Guinness to be any use for work upon our return. One year for our Irish partners, he had Beth and I learn the jig- Oh, how embarrassing to 'attempt' the jig in front of real 'jiggers' but, Oh, how fun!! And thankfully, they joined along. How he loved to tell the story of he and Carol's trip to Ireland.

Still to this day, as I am walking out the office door an hour after business hours I mutter to myself, 'I guess I'm the winner because I'm the last to leave' because, way too often, he and I would 'race' to see who could stay at work the latest. We would tease each other about our late hours causing grief with our better-halves and I still use his one-liners as my apology when I get home late.

Just so many great memories!

May these two special people's minutes they shared with you be of the same comfort during this hard time!!

Kress Wilson - December 16, 2016 at 08:19 AM