



Jene Erick Beardsley

January 30, 1937 - July 24, 2020

Jene Erick Beardsley, age 83, of Lionville, PA, passed away on Friday, July 24, 2020. Born on January 30, 1937 in Mount Vernon, NY, he was a son of the late Eugene and Beatrice (Galbina) Beardsley.

Mr. Beardsley completed his undergraduate studies at Wheaton College, followed by receiving his Master's degree from the University of Illinois. He retired from Eastern College as an English Literature professor. As an accomplished and published poet, his works have been featured in publications such as The Amherst Review, The Haight-Ashbury Literary Journal, The Journal of the American Medical Association, The Atlanta Review, The Southern Poetry Review, Soujourner's, and The Lullwater Review.

Mr. Beardsley is survived by two children, Erick D., husband of Amy Beardsley of Phoenixville, PA and Susannah E., wife of Todd Moses of Collegeville, PA; eight grandchildren, Kimberly Alburger, Emily Beardsley, Aaron Moses, Paige Moses, Kinsey Moses, Jack Beardsley, Hayden Beardsley, and Luke Beardsley. Mr. Beardsley was preceded in death by one daughter, Jennifer Lee Alburger, and one sister, Linda Valentin.

Services will be held privately at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in his name to the ChildFund,

International, 2821 Emerywood Parkway, Richmond, VA 23294. Condolences may be made by visiting www.PhoenixvilleFuneralHome.com. Arrangements are being handled by the Campbell - Ennis - Klotzbach Funeral Home, Inc., Phoenixville, Pennsylvania.

Tribute Wall

LB

“ I just learned of Dr. Beardsley's passing as I was searching the internet so I could send him my published book of poetry. I still remember having to memorize the opening lines of the Canterbury Tales and recite them to him -- in old English. He was an inspiration and I wanted to do well to please him.

Livija Rieksts Bolster - November 20, 2024 at 01:36 PM

AM

“ I was an Eastern College (early 90's) student and enjoyed Professor Beardsley's class. Although I enjoyed the literary discussions, the time I most appreciated with him was outside the classroom. My roommate and I would visit Professor Beardsley in the evenings where we would find him working so diligently in his office. He was intelligent and kind, and we also appreciated his insight and guidance.

Although it has been many years, I was saddened to hear of his passing. I pray that the memories of the professor, dad, and man, will bring comfort to all of those that loved him.

Thank you for letting me share.

Amy - January 12, 2021 at 06:54 PM

JB

“ I just found out about Prof. Beardsley's passing, and I just want to record and give thanks that he had a major influence on my reading of literature and my understanding of poetry. So much so that I made it my life's work and passion. I am not sure if he knew of my books, but I knew him and I am so grateful to him for rescuing me when I most needed rescuing. Jeanne Marie Beaumont, class of '79, Eastern....

Jeanne Marie Beaumont - January 02, 2021 at 06:58 PM

DM

“ I have good memories of Prof. Jene Beardsley's passionate teaching. Students would often comment how he illuminated a poem for them. Prof. Beardsley loved words and ideas. Our sympathies and prayers are with his family. May Jene rest in eternal peace. May his memory be for a blessing.

*Dr. Joseph B. Modica, University Chaplain
Eastern University*

Dr. B. Modica - August 03, 2020 at 06:27 PM

RM

“ We are grateful for the contribution of Prof. Jene Beardsley in our English department and larger community to the mission and continuing story of Eastern University. Our condolences and prayers are with you in this time of loss. Blessed are those who rest in the Lord.

Respectfully,

*Dr. Ron Matthews, President
Eastern University*

Ron Matthews - August 03, 2020 at 01:56 PM

JM

“ Jene dove deep into a literary work, introduced me to archetypes, and made the study of it a journey to the heart of what makes us human. He along with a couple of other EU professors believed in me when I was not yet capable of doing that myself. Thanks for the blessing of your life.

Joyce Munro - August 03, 2020 at 10:02 AM

VB

“ I live in the same building as Jene. I only recently met him and am sad to hear of his passing. He had such a kindness that emanated from him and a twinkle in his eye. My brief conversations with him were always pleasant and lifted my day. My condolences to the family and friends who will miss him dearly.

Valerie Bruno - August 01, 2020 at 01:44 PM

SM

“ I have such fond memories of him in 1961: Shakespeare class and reading out loud *A Midsummer's Night Tale* and his engagement to my friend, his senior seminar class and their struggles with time charts, studying for his tests and his walking up to Ott Hall where he had his office.
My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

stephanie macallister - August 01, 2020 at 12:13 PM

RS

“ Jane was a gem and an absolute sweetheart. He was always supportive of my daughter Lisa and me. I'm Roberta Schott and we met him in Rosemont and then Bala Cynwyd. Our deep condolences to his beautiful family.

Roberta Schott - July 29, 2020 at 05:52 PM

PR

“ Jene always had a smile and kind words for me. Although its been some time since I've seen him my memories will always be of his love for his children and grandchildren.

Pentheia Repici - July 28, 2020 at 03:57 PM

SP

“*Syl and I share our finest condolences on the passing of this fine man. While we never had the pleasure of meeting, we were fans of his poetry, and I would like to share with the fine readers of this post a line from Jene's beautiful poem "Amazing Grace", which is Sylvia's favorite:*



*"Who's not upheld by seraphim,
It swipes the world from under him."*

More of Jene's poetry may be found on his Wordpress site, for those that are interested in reading this great man's work.

Sal and Sylvia Katz of Phoenixville, PA - July 28, 2020 at 10:43 AM