



Dr. Eugene R. Alesch

March 10, 1927 - October 16, 2008

Eugene Alesch died on October 16, 2008, in Plano, Tx. Eugene was the beloved husband and best friend of Gara and wonderful father to Noel Alesch of Austin Texas, Clare Alesch of Plano Texas, and Jeanine Alesch of Salt Lake City. He is survived by Gara Lee Alesch, his wife of 51 years, Noel Alesch, Clare and husband Ray Murray, Jeanine Alesch and husband Philip Hadlock, his brother Ed Alesch and wife Marge of Richardson Texas, and sister Marilyn Kloes of California, as well as much-loved in-laws Sally Alesch, Mary Alesch, and Hugh Galloway, and numerous nieces and nephews. Born on March 10, 1927, he was 1 of 14 children born to Helen Baum and Edward Alesch. Eugene was proud of his connection to Lawrence College, both as a student and as a resident of Appleton. He studied at the Ringling Art School in Sarasota Florida and earned his BA and MFA at the University of New Mexico, Albuquerque. He received his Ph.D. from Ohio University. He is remembered fondly by his many students, who appreciated his insight into the history of art and the creative process, which called upon his powers of intellect and sense of humor. He received awards for his powerful and evocative art in several exhibits. Eugene will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him so much. If desired, donations can be made to the Elks' Camp Waubeek, 800-422-2324, 101 Nob Hill Rd, Suite 301, Madison, WI 53713.

Memorials

Because of Dr. Alesch, the required Man and Arts class at Norther Aizona University is probably the best and most interesting class I ever took. Just last week I referenced something professor Alesch taught us long ago as I addressed a Public Lands Forum in Phoenix. He told us/demonstrated to us

that when societies or socio-economic constructs become enamored of themselves and what they have created by turning even entire towns into museums by emptying out the PEOPLE, such civilizations decline and perish, as in the Hellenistic period of ancient Greece. A wonderful person, American, and a great inspiration to this student who thought I might be lucky to get an F+ for the class. I got the second highest grade on the final exam, THANKS to wonderful Dr. Alesch. I remember him WITH GREAT AFFECTION.

DAVID RAY RAWLS, OCTOBER 2, 2012

I had the pleasure of sharing dinner with Eugene and his brother, Ed, many years ago. No finer family could one hope for. May he rest in peace until we all meet up again. My condolences to the family and my admiration to this great man.

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