



## Eugene James Aubert

March 6, 1921 - March 6, 2009

Aubert, Eugene J., age 88 of Canton Twp. Passed away March 6, 2009. Beloved husband of the late Dorothy. Loving father of Donald (Kathleen), Pat (Phil) Kennedy, Allan (Sandy) and Richard (Karen). Proud and loving grandfather of ten and great grandfather of two. Gathering of family and friends on Monday 6-9:00 PM with a Memorial Service at 7:00 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home 46401 West Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth (between Sheldon and Beck). Mr. Aubert was the Founding Director of the Ann Arbor's Great Lakes Environmental Research Lab (GLERL). Memorial contributions may be made to the Plymouth Salvation Army 9451 S. Main Street, Plymouth, Mi 48170. To share a memory with the family, please use the view and send condolences link on this page.

# Tribute Wall



“ Eugene James Aubert

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ I was sorry to hear of Gene's passing. I enjoyed working with Gene as part of the management team from the time Glerl was formed until he retired. He was a visionary as well as a good manager, but it was as an outstanding man that Gene really stood out. One of my pleasant memories was Gene taking out the management team on his sailboat for a number of years and we would sail out to the Lake Erie Islands and spend the weekend. Gene showed his sailing skills by bringing the boat up the channel and into the marina under sail when the engine failed. Gene also really loved decision trees. When I served as interim director after Gene's retirement, it was interesting and informative to review his decision trees for many of the decisions he had to make. In short, Gene was a great manager and scientist but we will miss him most because he was a great individual who believed in treating everyone well, regardless of whom they were or what they did. My, and my wife Joanie's, condolences go out to all of you. Regards, Frank

Frank Quinn - December 12, 2014 at 10:18 AM



“ Dr. Aubert was an important asset in keeping the Great Lakes great. I had the privilege of working under his leadership at GLERL from 1977 until 1987 when he retired. He will be missed by all of us who realized the significance of his vision and accomplishments.

Terrence Miller - December 12, 2014 at 10:18 AM

PL

“ Yes, indeed, it was Gene’s vision that led to the establishment of GLERL in 1974 as one of the three major “wet” labs of NOAA. He was the one that named our largest group of GLERL in the early days the Physical Limnology and Meteorology, the PL&M, group. As Gene himself is a trained meteorologist, it was remarkable that he never added a single meteorologist to the lab to boasting his own pet interests. He was truly the director of a multi-disciplinary laboratory. Another remarkable thing is that our researches were all in base funding in those days, no soft money needed or even allowed. For me personally, Gene also had a strong interest in waves program. I was once on a trip with him to Miami to develop collaborations on wind wave research with AOML. Those of us who had the fortune of working for him will most certainly miss him greatly.

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**Paul C. Liu** - December 12, 2014 at 10:18 AM

SB

“ As Director of NOAA-GLERL (1997 - 2009), I had the great fortune of following in the footsteps of Gene Aubert and reading some of his early thoughts about GLERL. Gene was truly a visionary. His creation of a multi-disciplinary laboratory that addresses fundamental issues in the Great Lakes was truly unique and has left a lasting legacy. All those who have known Gene or have benefited from his leadership in the Great Lakes will dearly miss him.

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**Stephen Brandt** - December 12, 2014 at 10:18 AM

PK

“ Thank you so much for your comments and for those of you who were able at such short notice to attend the memorial on March 9. One of my favorite memories is the visit to Ann Arbor with my Dad so we could attend the anniversary celebration at the research lab several years ago. It was nice meeting several of Dad's colleagues again on March 9. He will truly be missed.

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**Pat Kennedy** - December 12, 2014 at 10:18 AM

JH

“ We think of Dr. Aubert as a visionary when it comes to caring for our Great Lakes. We have always been honored to have worked with him. My wife Bobbe and I met at GLERL in the early 1980s when Dr. Aubert was Director and think of him often when we remember those early days and how instrumental he was in making GLERL a successful and esteemed research lab. Our condolences to his family. Sincerely, John and Bobbe

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**John Fenton and Bobbe Hubbard** - December 12, 2014 at 10:18 AM

CP

“ Rich and Al (and Sandy) and all of your family, I was sorry to hear about your dad. I remember some good times at your home during high school and college and your parents were always very good to all of us (your friends). Take care, Cathy

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**Cathy Allmand Pardon** - December 12, 2014 at 10:18 AM

BB

“ we miss you Gene we saw you go into Dottie's arms together with your beloved again we will take good care of your house until it goes into another family's care thank you so much for your generosity and your caring/loving/service blessings\*buffy&josh mcphee

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**blessings from buffy\*** - December 12, 2014 at 10:18 AM