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## **Gene McEvoy**

Gene McEvoy September 19, 1928 August 28, 2014 Eugene H. McEvoy, 85, beloved husband, father, grandfather, friend and educator, passed away peacefully in his home in Door County, Wisconsin on August, 28th 2014. Mr. McEvoy was born on September 19th, 1928 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. His parents were Harry Grant McEvoy and Helen (Scherbert) McEvoy, both deceased and buried in Fox Lake, Wisconsin. Gene attended West division High School in Milwaukee and graduated in January 1947. He served in the army from 1950 to 1952 and was a member of the 537th field artillery battalion. Mr. McEvoy attended Wisconsin State Teachers College in Milwaukee and graduated in June 1956 with a major in Education and English and a minor in Latin. He moved to Racine, Wisconsin in 1956 to teach ninth grade English and Latin at Mitchell Junior High. He met Betty Lee Forrest at Mitchell and they were married on June 28, 1958. Notably, Gene and Betty were the first married couple allowed to teach in the same public school in the state of Wisconsin. Gene spent seven years



at Mitchell as a teacher and one and a half years as assistant principal. In January 1965 he transferred to Washington Park High School as sub-school principal of Orange School. He remained at Park High School for 23 years and retired in June, 1988. In 1983 he was honored as Senior High School Principal of the Year for the Racine Unified School District. During his time at Park High, he also completed his Master of Arts degree in Education Administration at the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee. Betty McEvoy passed away on January 27th, 2001. Gene and Betty are survived by their four sons: Michael Grant (Marlese), David Forrest (Faby), Douglas James (Larry) and Scott Andrew (Sally), and by their five grandchildren: Maria Elisa, Natalia Lee, Isabella Kate, Mila Raeann, and Benjamin Forrest. Gene and Betty built a summer home on North Bay in Door County, Wisconsin in 1972, and remodeled the summer home into a year-around home in 1999, at which time they moved from Racine to Door County as full-time residents throughout the years of their retirement. Both Gene and Betty were very active in the arts communities of Racine and Door County. Betty was a wonderful water color artist and Gene found his artistic passion primarily in woodcarving of birds. Both were members of the Door County Art League and Gene served on the board of the Peninsula School of Art for six years during the time of planning and building the new school. Gene had a variety of interests in the arts and nature; he also produced pottery, jewelery, metal sculpture and was a woodworker. He loved to plant trees and protect the natural setting of the home on North Bay. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, September 2nd with visitation from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm at Casperson Funeral Home, 10708 N. Bay Shore Drive, Sister Bay, WI, followed by graveside services at the Little Sister Cemetery, at 1:00 pm. Thereafter, there will be a gathering at the McEvoy residence from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm at 9452 North Bay Dr., Baileys Harbor, WI. 54202. In lieu of flowers, donations in Gene McEvoy's name can be made to the Peninsula School of Art, P.O. Box 304 Fish Creek, WI. 54212, or to the Door County Land Trust at www.doorcountylandtrust.org/tributes\_memorials.htm Registration of condolences can be made on-line at www.caspersonfuneralhome.com Casperson Funeral Home Sister Bay, Wi 54234 920-854-4123



## **Memories of Gene**



