



Percy Franklin Kuhn

October 9, 1933 - March 19, 2020

Percy Franklin Kuhn

Percy, age 86 went to be with the Lord on Thursday, March 19, 2020. He was a recent resident of Brookdale Senior Living, Mandeville, LA having moved there from Dalton, MA where he lived for many years. He was born in Tylertown, MS on October 9, 1933, graduated from Hammond High (1952) and enlisted in United States Air Force achieving the rank of Technical Sergeant and was a member of the American Legion Post #47. Percy was a graduate of LSU with a degree in Electrical Engineering. He worked for General Electric as an EE supporting US missile systems on nuclear submarines. Retiring from GE, Percy continued to support the US and United Kingdom Navies as a consultant in submarine weaponry. In 2013, he was recognized at the Pentagon for 50 years of service to the U.S. Navy Strategic Systems Programs. During his tenure with the Navy, Percy supported missile systems on board 34 US Navy nuclear submarines such as the USS Thomas Edison and the USS Lewis and Clark. Percy was a well-respected Master Mason initiated in 1967 at Dorchester Lodge #369 in Charleston, S.C. Percy joined Unity Lodge in Dalton, MA, Globe Lodge in Hinsdale, and Evening Star Lodge in Lee, MA. During his 53 years in the Masons, he served in a number of offices including Master of Unity Lodge, becoming District Deputy Grand Master of the Pittsfield 16th Masonic District of the Grand Lodge of MA. Percy was active in the Order of Eastern Star. He was initiated into Berkshire

Chapter No. 81 in Dalton, MA in 1979. Later, Percy joined the Morning Star Chapter No. 281 in Lee, MA where he served as Worthy Patron on seven occasions. Percy was appointed as Grand Representative to Louisiana from Massachusetts (1989 -1991) and was elected Grand Sentinel in 1989. He was elected Worthy Grand Patron of Massachusetts Order of Eastern Star in 1993. Percy was President of the Berkshire Gas & Steam Engine organization, as gas and steam engine collectors and received their Membership of Merit Award. Percy is survived by his daughter, Susanne Kuhn Howell, grandson, Daniel Pic, sister, Katherine Kuhn Billings, and brothers Thomas, Albert, James, and Marion Paul Kuhn. He was preceded in death by his wife Shirley Daniels Kuhn, his parents Eton Percy and Mildred McDaniel Kuhn, brother Robert L. Kuhn, sisters Edith M. Kuhn White and Myra L. Kuhn Ramsey. Due to the current order by Gov. Edwards, the family is not able to invite the public to a visitation and funeral service as intended. Mr. Percy will be laid to rest at Parklawn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers it is requested that donations be sent to the Shriners Hospitals for Children (P.O. Box 1525, Ranson, WV 25438 or www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org)

Cemetery Details

Parklawn Memorial Gardens

41372 Thompson Dr.
Hammond, LA 70403

Tribute Wall

LS

“ Dear Susanne, Bill and I knew Percy through Eastern Star in Mass. he was a fun person and a great Mason. He served Eastern Star in his home Chapter as Worthy Patron 7 times, trying with all his might to keep it going. It was not to be. We travelled many miles with he and Shirley and enjoyed many social events together. He was so proud of his LSU heritage and Louisiana. We were not able to be there with him but have visited there many times and loved the people and the food. Percy will be missed by us and any others. He was a fine gentleman.
May God heal the hole in your heart and give you peace.
Louise PGM and Bill Swenson
Titusville, Fl.

Louise Swenson - March 27, 2020 at 08:06 PM

NH

“ George and I knew Percy through Eastern Star in Massachusetts. He was a wonderful, generous and funny. I really enjoyed talking with him because I was from the South and enjoyed his southern accent. He made absolutely beautiful quilts for Eastern Star. We are sorry for your loss and we will always remember his kindness.
George and Nancy Haile

Nancy Haile - March 27, 2020 at 04:06 PM

WH

“ Hi Susanne, I read about Percy's passing in the Berkshire Eagle. As you know, we had a lot of people pass through our place every day, but your Dad was one of a few really "good guys" in every sense of the word. I never saw him without a smile and a kind word for everyone. He thought the world of you and your Mom. His caring for people was constant. Remember how many pineapples would get shipped from Hawaii whenever he went to Pearl? I will always remember his sincerity as I am sure you and your son will. Good memories. Bill Hotaling, Dalton

william hotaling - March 26, 2020 at 07:52 AM

SH

Thank you so much for your kind words at this time, as they are so very much appreciated!

Susie Howell - March 26, 2020 at 10:54 AM

SW

“ I was so sad to hear of Percy's passing. He was a wonderful person that I got to know in the brief time that I worked with him. I especially enjoyed listening to him share his knowledge of the work that he performed with the military. I know that many Americans owe their lives to the great work that he did. I hope that his family is comforted by the knowing that many people are sending love and support. All my best, Sondra Willis OT



Sondra Willis - March 25, 2020 at 04:27 PM

SR

“ *Sylvia Primes DuCrest Richterman lit a candle in memory of Percy Franklin Kuhn*



Sylvia Primes DuCrest Richterman - March 25, 2020 at 03:47 PM

SR

Many of my childhood memories are of the Kuhn family. I lived next door, with my Grandparents, Florence and Earl Rawls, and when Percy came home on leave, he would swing me around in the air, and I screamed with delight. I can still picture him in uniform! My deepest condolences for the entire family, especially Katherine and Jimmy.

Sylvia Primes DuCrest Richterman - March 25, 2020 at 04:10 PM

MR

“ *Percy was a friendly, welcoming sight when I worked with him on the Phalanx program at GE in Pittsfield, Massachusetts. It was an honor to know this gentleman. My sincere condolences to his family.*

Margaret Roussin

Margaret Roussin - March 25, 2020 at 11:23 AM

RL

“ *I enjoyed visiting with Percy while he was still in Dalton. I enjoyed his humor and kindness. I even spoke with Albert in the phone a few times when Percy would insist on talking on speaker phone during my visit. He loved Louisiana and did have a zeal for life. I am glad to have known him. RIP Percy.*

Robyn Lamoureux - March 25, 2020 at 09:22 AM

DV

“ *Susanne, so very sorry for your loss. Praying peace and comfort for you and your family.*

Donna Rivest Vantassel

Donna Vantassel - March 25, 2020 at 03:45 AM

SH

Thank you so much Donna for reaching out with kind words that I will always remember!

Susie Howell - March 26, 2020 at 10:55 AM

MS

My husband and I knew your Dad through the Order of the Eastern Star in MA. He was a kind ,generous sweet man. We love it when his southern hospitality shown when he made his famous ettouffe (sp) dish at Eastern Star dinners and his generous donations of the quilts he made to help with fundraisers. Everyone looked forward to seeing them. Our condolences to you and his family.

Maureen & Bob Sedelow South Carolina

Maureen Sedelow - March 27, 2020 at 08:44 AM

CW

Percy was a good and kind man. I knew him through the Order of Eastern Star My condolences. Claire Wilder PGM

Claire E. Wilder - March 27, 2020 at 09:09 AM

EF

“ *My condolences to the family, especially his brother, Jimmy Kuhn...I will offer prayers for all of you...*

Edwin Fleischmann

edwin fleischmann - March 24, 2020 at 02:03 PM

RS

“ Alas My Brother. May God be with the Family in this time of loss. I did not know Brother Kuhn but know from his service to country and his Masonic travels that he was a honorable man.

R. Sanchez
Spring Creek #184, PM
Livingston #160, PM

Ricky Sanchez - March 23, 2020 at 08:52 PM

JH

“ Had the pleasure of working with Percy on our Navy program at SSP for over 25 years. Percy was dedicated, energetic, insightful, and always seeking to make all program elements better. He will be greatly missed and sorry to all the Kuhn family members for your loss.

Sincerely,
John S. Himes
SSP Training Branch Head (retired)

John Himes - March 23, 2020 at 07:07 PM

JL

“ With sadness we read about Percy this morning. we didn't know him very well, but the times we spent with him certainly were entertaining.

Jimmy and Cheryl, we are sorry for your loss.

Patrick and Julie

julie leech - March 23, 2020 at 07:36 AM

GA

“ So sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you.

Gordon Anderson - March 23, 2020 at 12:41 AM

KM

“ I was saddened to hear that Percy had passed away. I knew him from Eastern Star in MA and loved hearing him talk. God bless and I'm sending prayers to your family!

Kassie Mahoney - March 22, 2020 at 10:12 PM

SH

“ Percy Kuhn was my Father, and will be greatly missed. He was always a guiding force in my life, as well as my son, his grandson, Daniel Pic's life. As a father he always shared so much wisdom and was greatly respected. He truly will be sorely missed, but I know that he is now with my mom, Shirley Daniel Kuhn where together they will remain in our hearts always.

Susanne Kuhn Howell (daughter) and A. Daniel Pic (grandson)



Susanne Howell - March 21, 2020 at 10:45 PM

CM

Percy May be gone, but will never be forgotten. Carol Mushnick , PGM. Massachusetts

Carol Mushnick - March 26, 2020 at 10:24 PM



I never met Bro. Kuhn but I did find his gravesite this week next to my dad's. I cleaned it up a bit and will try to check in on him from time to time. May God Bless him and all of his loved ones.

Fred Borstel PM

Livingston Lodge No. 160

Hammond, LA

Fred Borstel - October 18, 2025 at 12:57 AM