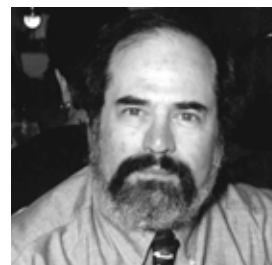


# The Longest Year: Mourning the Loss of Eugene Mallove



*At this time, the one year anniversary of the senseless murder of our founder and editor, Dr. Eugene Mallove, Infinite Energy would like to share the words of Gene's family. Our organization has grieved with Gene's family and his countless friends around the world since his death on May 14, 2004. The New Energy Foundation is striving to indefinitely maintain the publication of Infinite Energy and to secure more funding for new energy researchers. The journey has been difficult without Gene at the helm, but we are continually encouraged by Gene's enduring spirit. Following the family commentary is a tribute written by Scott Chubb and Tom Valone. Visit the family's tribute site at [www.eugenemallove.org](http://www.eugenemallove.org).*

It has been almost a year as I write this and yet it seems like a lifetime. Not a day has gone by since my dad was killed that I haven't thought of him, what his life means to me, and how to move forward despite his unbearable absence.

The lack of an arrest(s) for his brutal murder at this point only deepens the sadness because it's a constant reminder of the grim possibility that the perpetrator(s) will get away with this heinous crime. Someone took the life of the most warm-hearted, generous, intelligent, and fun-loving person I knew.



The Mallove family in 2000.

his proud smile beamed, his silly commentary made me laugh throughout, so full of life, but no longer.

My thoughts each day must still remind me he is no longer living, that someone robbed me of a father just as I was becoming a parent myself. They robbed my mom of her life partner, the person she spent more of her life *with* than without. The hole in my heart will never be patched. My innocence has been stolen, our family shattered, memories tainted. Our lives will never be as they were.

—*Kimberlyn Woodard*—

Never could I have imagined how little I knew about the word "despair" before my father was murdered.

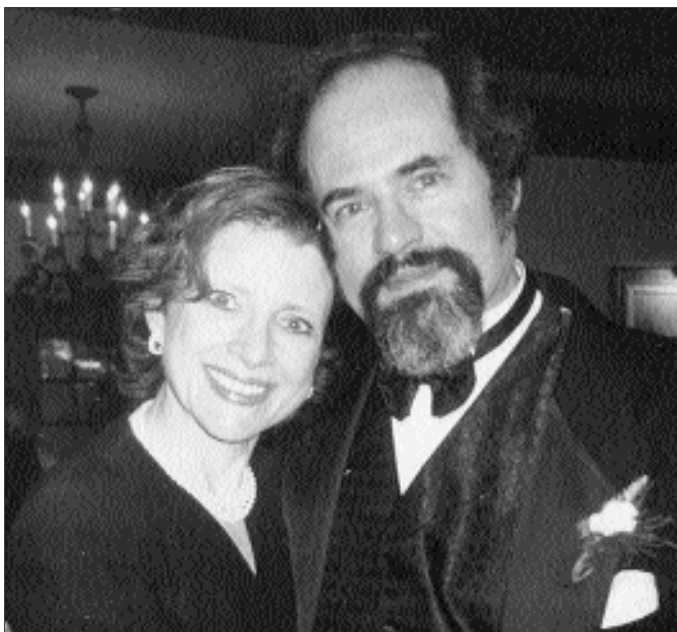
There are constant reminders surrounding me of how much he loved and cherished life—Chinese restaurants,

country music, post offices, pugs. . . In so many ways, it's hardly believable the nightmarish incident actually happened. His clothes and cowboy hat are still in his closet. As if he just stepped out to do an errand, his office appears just as he left it, with a parking space still empty for his green Dodge Caravan.

While the case remains unsolved, the perpetually reverberating echo chamber of "who? why? who? why?" is unimaginably loathsome, and I find myself absorbed mostly by a strange amalgam of horror, rage, and confusion.

—*Ethan Mallove*—

Words cannot express the pain and sadness my family has endured this past year because of the loss of my beloved cousin, Eugene. As Gene would say, "A tragedy of epic proportions." For the first few months after his death I didn't know if I could even live through the pain that I was



Gene with his cousin Jana, at Kim's wedding in 1998.

feeling. It was heartbreaking! I was stumbling around, mumbling Shakespeare, "To be or not to be, that is the question," because I wasn't sure I could be without Gene.

Much to my own surprise, I am much better now. I have pretty much accepted what happened, and I know I can't change it. I am left with this incredible sorrow, even though time does have a way of tempering even the most difficult of losses.

I am grateful to have Joanne, her children and grand children in my life. They are a little piece of Gene, and they are truly the main reason I have gotten a little better. It is through comforting each other that we have all been able to

get through the grieving process. One step at a time.

I am as sure as the stars above that Gene is with us and is watching over us, especially delighting in the growth of his two precious grandsons, Matthew Grant Woodard (1 year old) and Julian Gene Mallove (6 months old).

I know Eugene always had the courage to take "the road less traveled" when it came to his professional life and I also know, with all my heart, that his dreams and hard work will not be in vain. One day we will all live the reality of an infinite energy world.

—Jana Scher—

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## In Recognition of Eugene Mallove, His Promethean Quest, and His Magic

Scott Chubb and Thomas Valone

It is both reassuring and important to recognize individuals who present a vision of the future that transcends the usual, lowest common denominator of life's expectations. These people remind us through their living examples, as well as through their words, that things can be better, provided we do our best to make this happen. One year ago, we lost such a leader to a sudden and tragic death. This truly different and astonishing person was Eugene Franklin Mallove. Eugene was the Editor-in-Chief of *Infinite Energy* magazine, a provocative and gutsy technical magazine with a vision. Through this magazine, his book (*Fire from Ice: Searching for the Truth Behind the Cold Fusion Furor*), and his other publications, lectures, and related work, not only did Gene help to shape opinion about a controversial issue (cold fusion), but he was responsible for disseminating information about a more general, important, evolving, area of science (low-energy nuclear reactions) that has helped research in this new field to progress and evolve.

Both in a figurative sense and in more tangible terms, his efforts can be viewed as a Promethean Quest. Figuratively, the quest was Promethean because, as in the process of bringing fire to the earth, his work as a journalist, author, and scientist, was incendiary in nature, and revolutionary in scope. The response to his effort illustrates that the work was incendiary: his quest inspired ostracism, ridicule, and hardship. The efforts were revolutionary because they involved the dissemination of new ideas that are so radically different and potentially important that not only do they have the potential to dramatically alter mainstream thinking in Physics, but because of their volatility, simply through the process of bringing them to the forefront, Eugene Mallove's efforts have exposed serious flaws in how information about Science is disseminated. In more tangible terms, ironically, his efforts conceivably will be recognized as a Promethean Quest because historically they may very well be found to have inspired the development of sources of energy that in real terms can be compared to the discovery of a new source of "fire," in which water, effectively, will be burned, through new, harmless forms of room temperature nuclear fusion.

As a journalist and scientist, Eugene Mallove's optimism and idealism should be recognized by all who cherish the fundamental ideals of integrity and accountability. In report-

ing and documenting scientific breakthroughs, reporters can learn a great deal from his writings and the manner in which he conducted himself as a scientific journalist. In particular, Gene often wrote editorials regarding the Patent Office's ten-year moratorium against cold fusion patents and evoked letters of endorsement from Congressmen. But because his example has not been followed by others, considerable damage has occurred both inside and outside conventional science.

Instead of dealing with fads or sensationalism, Eugene Mallove worked as a scientific journalist with sincerity and integrity—to understand potentially revolutionary forms of science that have not been widely recognized. In 1989, his commitment led him to pursue and report experimental facts and experimental errors (and improprieties), while risking a secure career, in order to challenge prominent scientists in their hasty dismissal of cold fusion. Probing deeper into the evidence, he concluded that serious errors had been made by MIT researchers who were unable either to recognize or to admit their mistakes. Being an MIT graduate, he believed that the institution's commitment to science would eventually yield to a principled position. He pursued the matter because he felt that the individuals who employed him and individuals who had been involved in scientific research must be held accountable and be required to act with a degree of integrity for past actions and when they failed to do this, he felt compelled to act in a way that would ensure that, ultimately, their transgressions would be recognized. Forced to choose between job security and scientific integrity, Eugene Mallove quit a lucrative job and spent the rest of his life investigating and defending the established scientific method. From experiment to hypothesis to theory, in controversial (but potentially revolutionary) areas of science, Gene found that the scientific method taught in high school often is largely overlooked as a matter of political convenience by most government and academic institutions. Recently, the Union of Concerned Scientists reached the same conclusion and has initiated a campaign to restore scientific integrity in the government.

Mallove's intellectual journey became, in a sense, a spiritual one. As he became convinced that the unexpected and seemingly impossible could be real, he saw the possibility for elevating ourselves. His belief that we could become better

than we commonly believe touched those of us who knew him and changed our lives in ways that, now, he will never know. In a memorable quote from a videotaped interview with Gene, he predicted that powerlines will eventually become as useful as clotheslines. As distributed and decentralized energy steadily evolves into a mainstream commodity, for the sake of better reliability, experts predict that in the near future, electric utility power will probably be used only for backup, especially for industry.

Although Eugene Mallove is gone, his vision and greatness will ultimately prevail in the areas he was most concerned with: energy and its efficient use. His vision was not only authentic and important but also still holds revolutionary consequences. In the way he pursued experimental evidence, no matter how unsettling, and the necessary conclusions it supported, his chosen path was timeless, true, and just. By his example, he showed us that where it counts, each of us must have the utmost integrity and, in addition, be fully accountable for our actions. Truthfully, forthrightly, and idealistically, because of his beliefs in accountability and integrity, he took notice of events that revealed unscientific, unethical actions associated with scientific events. With time, not only did he question those actions but also the institutions that allowed these transgressions to take place.

Eugene's commitment grew from the implications of his insight: Imagine a world in which gasoline stations are obsolete; pollution from gasoline, oil, and all hydrocarbons is a long-lost memory; and one gallon of ordinary sea water can power an automobile to do all of the traveling that is currently done, in most automobiles, on the average, for a decade. Imagine a world in which it costs pennies to provide all of the power that is necessary to heat a home for fifty years or to convert sea water into fresh water and to pump the water into deserts, without pollution or cost, and to turn deserts into gardens. This was at the heart of Eugene Mallove's vision and was responsible for his determination and diligent investigation of the underlying facts of any emerging energy discovery. As a result of his efforts, Gene often included a lengthy editorial in *Infinite Energy* with all of the details of his effort to uncover the truth about a particular invention, besides the seminal articles that were chosen for that topic.

Faced with a potentially important discovery, he sought the truth and acted with unquestioned idealism and morality. In spite of repeated criticism from those who have characterized his efforts in relationship to cold fusion as being bogus or related to a form of "Voodoo Science," he simply assumed that facts concerning scientific events, combined with his dogged persistence, would eventually pay off. He also monitored work in other efforts involving potentially revolutionary discoveries related to energy, where he played an important role in correcting misconceptions and inaccurate (or incomplete) portrayals of the relevant science. In doing this, he helped to maintain a degree of accountability in contentious (but potentially important) areas of science by confronting individuals whose claims and actions have had questionable validity. His consistent, obstinate reliance on integrity and accountability alienated many individuals at MIT but earned him the admiration of many, in his later career as editor and publisher of *Infinite Energy*.

A recent issue of *IE* (#51) devoted to the Papp engine and related events has brought to light a potentially important

example of Eugene's forthrightness. In particular, during the evaluation of the particular device, developed by Papp, involving anomalous energy release during plasma discharges of noble gases, Nobel-prize winning physicist Richard Feynman inappropriately removed the source of electricity associated with the discharge process. When Papp attempted to stabilize the non-linear pulsing that subsequently resulted from Feynman's actions, the device exploded, and one of the witnesses of the event was killed. Eugene's forthrightness and truthfulness in reporting all of facts associated with this episode typify not only his efforts to understand and disseminate information about potentially robust sources of energy, but further illustrate a moral and ethical standard, based on accountability, in scientific journalism that has been missing in most mainstream reporting of scientific phenomena.

Eugene Mallove's sincerity was at the heart of what he did. The magic of his words and vision reflect this. He was tested by a seemingly impossible series of events, and despite this fact, he sought the truth, relentlessly. Throughout, he embraced a basic principle of personal and professional integrity: that at all costs, it is necessary to seek and speak the truth and be truthful to oneself in one's convictions and in what one cherishes. Truly great discoveries require scientists to persevere in this way. Truly great public figures, like Eugene Mallove, admire this and help to make it happen.

His magic was in the way he approached life and science: by constantly questioning, looking for answers, looking for the truth, and admitting his failures. We can capture some of his charisma and magic by following in his footsteps. Eugene Mallove has passed on, but his vision for a better twenty-first century world of "infinite energy" is just beginning. It begins with how we behave, one day at a time, with each person that we meet, and by believing in his vision: that we really can radically change the manner in which science is conducted and how energy is generated and distributed.