



Eugene Brown, 78, professor of chemistry at Nassau Community College, died on January 21, 2010, at his home in the Village of Hempstead, New York.

Born on April 22, 1931, in Jamaica, New York, he earned his B.S. in Chemistry in 1953 from New York University and then went on to serve in the Army in Korea. He completed his M.S. in Chemistry at New York University in 1960. Gene held several positions in industry as an organic chemist from 1955 to 1965, including work at Universal Oil Products that resulted in a patent on catalytic hydrogenation. In 1965, he joined the chemistry department at the CW Post campus of Long Island University, and in 1969, he joined the Chemistry Department at Nassau Community College. He served as its Chair from 1969 to 1973 and was promoted to full professor in 1984. Gene joined the ACS in 1958 and was very active in the Long Island subsection of the New York section. He served as its Chair in 2007 and later as Director-at-Large. He was a constant and cheerful presence at all of the subsection's meetings and events.

Eugene was also a successful entrepreneur and co-owner of Betar Pharmacy and House of Herbs. Professor Brown was an herbal health consultant and lecturer dedicated to providing information on natural and alternative healthcare. In April 2008, Gene received the New York State Chancellor's Award, one of his most treasured accolades.

Eugene was a humble man, generous and caring to many throughout his entire life. He was a mentor to many of his students and faculty alike. Because he touched so many lives, his legacy will live on forever. He is survived by his beloved daughter, Kathy Valoy; his son-in-law, Roberto Valoy; his three grandchildren, Elise, Jenele, and Eugene; their grandmother Sylvia Lovell; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.