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Geoffrey Arnold Pearce

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Geoffrey Arnold Pearce, the Managing Editor of *The Energy Journal*, passed away unexpectedly on June 23, 2017. Geoff's *electronic persona* had a global reach, but few in our international community of energy economists had the opportunity to meet him in person.

Geoff was a unique person in many ways. A geologist by training, he loved the outdoors. After graduating, Geoff worked for mining exploration companies during much of the 1980s, often spending months away in the bush, far from the comforts of home. In the early 1990s Geoff worked as a reporter for a mining newspaper.

Geoff began work with *The Energy Journal* in 1992 where he was the Associate Editor and, at the time of his passing, the Managing Editor. He was the cornerstone of the operation, processing hundreds of papers and thousands of referee reports, emails and correspondences year after year. Throughout, Geoff was unfailingly professional, personable and above all, caring. It is especially telling that in a quarter of a century with the *Journal*, not a single complaint was received about Geoff; not one, only praise. When one considers that Geoff was frequently the deliverer of unhappy tidings, this simple fact speaks volumes.

Geoff was a skilled clarinetist and an accomplished diver. One of his musical favorites was *Calypso*, a song written by John Denver as a tribute to Jacques Cousteau. The opening verse captures Geoff's essence—his love of nature and the exhilaration of adventure, the challenges of life and service to others, and his unquenchable desire for knowledge and understanding.

"To sail on a dream on a crystal clear ocean
To ride on the crest of a wild raging storm
To work in the service of life and living
In search of the answers to the questions unknown
To be part of the movement and part of the growing
Part of beginning to understand."

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