



George Gray Gerondakis

November 25, 2007

George Gray Gerondakis, 74, died Sunday, November 25, 2007 at Waccamaw Community Hospital. Mr. Gerondakis was born in Washington, DC, a son of the late James and Frances Gerondakis. He was a U.S. Army veteran serving our country in the Korean War. He was a mechanical engineer with NASA for 30 plus years, a member of the American Legion and the V.F.W. Mr. Gerondakis was a member of Precious Blood of Christ Catholic Church. He was predeceased by one daughter, Susan M. Ivey and a brother, Michael J. Gerondakis. Mr. Gerondakis is survived by his wife, Rose Marie Gerondakis of Pawleys Island; two sons, James M. Gerondakis and wife, Deborah, of Cobb Island, MD, and Stephen P. Gerondakis of Beltsville, MD; two daughters, Linda A. Artino and husband, Michael S., of Surfside Beach, and Elaine M. Fraser and husband, James, of Damascus, MD; and six grandchildren. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. at Precious Blood Catholic Church on Thursday, November 29, 2007, officiated by Father Patrick Stenson, with interment to follow in Hillcrest Cemetery. Visitation will be held Wednesday, November 28, 2007, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel. Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association, PO Box 1131, Fairfax, VA, 22038-1131 or to the American Heart Association Memorial Center, PO Box 5216, Glen Allen, VA 23058-5216.

Tribute Wall



“ Dear Rose Marie and Family, My name is Stephen Simonds and I had the enjoyment of working directly for George as my supervisor for several years at Goddard Space Flight Center GSFC in Greenbelt Maryland. In addition, I had the distinct pleasure of hosting George's retirement party; it will always be one of my fondest memories of the happiness and love shared by George's family and friends. I'll always remember George's party because there were so many people that liked him that the preparation and function was extraordinary. I recall a time when George was driving me to Langley Research Center in Virginia, as soon as I closed the car door George said? Now that I have a captive audience, let me tell you a story. I have a great deal of respect for George and fond memories of his management style and friendship. I always enjoyed his stories and never ending conversations about his love for his family. George taught me how to be humble. While on travel in 1992 in N.J. with George and several coworkers I received the news my dad had passed away. It was late and I couldn't get a rental car train or plane to get home. I remember wanting to just walk into the dark with my suitcase. George woke up 3 coworkers, had us all pack our bags and drove me home. It was hard to except this type of kindness but after all this was George. Several years after George's retirement my family and I visited George and Rose Marie in SC. We had a great day that ended with a smorgasbord dinner at his favorite restaurant with a parting woodworking gift he made of a screened bird feeder tray with a cat saying here birdie, birdie. I can remember like it was yesterday watching George plan for his retirement as he colored the days off on his office calendar. The home he had bought in SC in preparation for his move, the home addition planning, the move, they seem like only yesterday. As I hang the beautiful red and green silk Christmas decorations on my tree each year that George and Rose Marie made, I will remember George and his kindness and family. I will also remember that no matter how elaborate we plan or what possessions we acquire, to fill myself with family and love like George because we are all moving toward the light and life is precious and short. I know George was a Christian man and I'm sure when we all meet on the

other side George will say ?Now that I have a captive audience, let me tell you a story?. Your friend, Stephen Simonds###imported-begin##Stephen Simonds###imported-end##

December 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“*Dear Rose Marie and Family, Please accept my deepest sympathy. I have just this day received word through the Goddard Retirees and Alumni Association that I have lost my dear friend and previous coworker on November 25th. George and I were associated on many NASA Projects together during our tenure at the Goddard Space Flight Center. We worked well together. George was indeed a very kind, gentle and understanding man to all and treated each with dignity and respect. I remember how often he would speak of his family, whom he loved dearly. Occasionally he would say to me, hey Russ, come in for a moment, Let me share with you the latest pictures of my family. "That was George". I will cherish my memories of George forever. May God continue to bless you and your family and remain by your side during the coming months and years.###imported-begin##Russ Griffin###imported-end##*

December 17, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“*NULL###imported-begin##Alexander Gerondakis Family###imported-end##*

November 30, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Everyone at Captain John's Seafood Grill is so sorry to learn that George recently passed away. Please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. With deepest sympathy, Mary Lee and John Venuti###imported-begin##Mary Lee and John Venuti###imported-end##

November 30, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Rose and family, So sorry about the loss of George. May God be with all of you during this very difficult time. Praying for you. The Ivey's###imported-begin##J. R., Rita, Richard & Keith###imported-end##

November 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Rose & Family, So sorry we can't make it out there, our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Even though we didn't get together but once every couple of decades, we're all going to miss Uncle George. Love you all, Janette###imported-begin##Janette Gerondakis###imported-end##

November 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Rose Gerondakis and family, I am very sorry for your loss, I have many fond memories of George, he will be missed. I will keep all of you in my thoughts and prayers. Love always, David and Evelyn Cannon###imported-begin##David Cannon###imported-end##

November 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Rose and Family, Our prayers go out for you and the family. George was a profoundly kind and peaceful man whose unconditional love made a stable and positive impact on me during an extremely difficult time for both of us the loss of his Brother and my Grandfather. I will always remember the example "par" he set for what real men ought to be. My Grandmother Aunt Marta often spoke very fondly of yourself and Uncle George, Both here in CA and in also Chile to all her family. At one point, I was almost able to recite verbatim some of the stories she told of our trip to MD. You guys are such an awesome family, Uncle George left quite a legacy behind here on earth. God Bless You All With Love, Phillip, Lynnette, Chloe, Octavia and Delphina.##imported-begin##Phillip Gerondakis##imported-end##

November 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Your in our prayers. God bless.##imported-begin##Alex Gerondakis and Family##imported-end##

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“ Rose Marie and family . . . you are in my thoughts and prayers. Joan##imported-begin##Joan Moore Brummer##imported-end##

November 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Aunt Rose, Jim, Steve, Linda & Elaine I'm so sorry for the loss of my Uncle George, he was a great man. I spent hours talking to him when he came to visit my Dad. I always bragged of the fact my Uncle George was an engineer for NASA. We made a pack to build a family tree but we didn't get to it, so I guess it's you and I now cousin Jim. Forgive me for not being able to make it to the services, but my thoughts are with you all. Love Michael J.

Gerondakis##imported-begin##Michael J. Gerondakis##imported-end##

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“ Please forgive me that I could not be there for George's funeral. I was sadden to hear of his passing. Please know that you all are in my prayers and always will be. George was a great influence on my life. I was sorry that I could not see him one more time before he passed. May you all remember the good times you had with him.##imported-begin##Joseph Liguori##imported-end##

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“ Sending our love to our Beloved Uncle George. We will miss you and pray for you. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. "Remember Aunt Marta and uncle Micky and our trip to to MD" WE LOVE YOU AUNT ROSE !!! Much Love, Michael, Janette, Patty, Dottie, Megan and Michael O'Connor , Phillip and Lynnette Gerondakis, Nicholas and Michelle Gerondakis, Alexander and Rose Gerondakis and the great nieces and nephews. Chloe Dillion, Shane, Lucas, Octavia, Lily, Tristan, Isabel and Delphina Gerondakis##imported-begin##West Coast Gerondakis Family##imported-end##

November 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Rose Marie, It has been years since we have been in touch, but I just learned about the passing of your husband, George. I am keeping him and you and all your family in prayer. May God comfort you and give you peace! Carol Symons SND##imported-begin##Carol Symons SND##imported-end##

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“ Steve and Family, Our Prayers are with you. All the McAleers in Maryland##imported-begin##Andy McAleer and all the McAleers##imported-end##

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“ Rose, we met at Waccamaw Rehab two years ago. I'm so sorry about your husband, but remember he's not lost..we know where he is. Death is not extinguishing the light; it is putting out the lamp because the Dawn has come.##imported-begin##Virginia Fretwell##imported-end##

November 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ God bless you all, Trina##imported-begin##Trina Eacho##imported-end##

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