



George John Weisser

July 1, 1924 - May 22, 2021

George John Weisser passed away peacefully in Tyler, Texas May 22, 2021, he was 96 years old.

George was born July 1, 1924, in Long Island City, New York to George J. and Josephine (Kase) Weisser.

He served in the U. S. Army during WW II as a surgical technician on the Hospital Ship Wisteria, where they evacuated wounded from the European theater. On the Wisteria he met and later married a nurse Juanita Henegar. George and Juanita had two children John and Melinda.

George had an extensive career in Government; he started at the Atomic Energy Commission in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, Portsmouth, Ohio, and Chicago, Illinois. He was involved with various Universities conducting research work for the Government including Atoms for Peace, Nuclear Aircraft, and Nuclear Submarine Programs. He served as a member of the Emergency Response Team to maintain essential government activities in an event of a natural disaster during the Cold War. He became Director of Industrial Relations for the Space Nuclear Propulsion Office at the Nuclear Rocket Development Station in Nevada where he was also appointed by the Governor of Nevada to several committees to increase the economic base of the state. Later he was transferred to the Savannah River Plant near Aiken, South Carolina where he retired from Government work. While in Aiken he served as President of the Services Council a group that provided a Head Start Program for underprivileged children. He also worked with several colleges to assist minority students in finding employment. Additionally, he worked with the newly established Aiken Technical College in establishing a nuclear technician program. Following retirement, he was employed as Personnel Director of the Project Management Corporation in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. George and Juanita retired to Las Cruces, New Mexico where he volunteered at the Las Cruces Museum of Natural History and became President of the foundation that funded the museum. After ten years George and Juanita returned to Las Vegas, Nevada where George became involved with both the Las Vegas

Museum of Natural History and the State Museum run by the Nevada Historical Society. This love for history then translated to entering the Seniors Program at the University of Nevada where he taught Southwestern History and Indian Culture. It was during this time that George lost Juanita. They were married for over 50 years.

Sometime later through his University friends, he met Joanne at a church dinner and they later married. George and Joanne have been married for over 22 years and have loved traveling all over the world and United States. They moved to Tyler where George became a Master Gardener. George also served on the Board of Directors for his homeowners association and volunteered for the Salvation Army's Christmas Toy distribution.

George was preceded in death by his parents; sister Alice and brother-in-law Bill Burk; and step-grandson Jonathan Brafford. He is survived by his loving family including wife Joanne Weisser; son John (Linda) Weisser; daughter Melinda (Ken) Weisser-Lee; step-children Katherine (Michael) Vintges, Kenneth Sceirine, and Suzann (Lonnie) Howard; grandchildren George Weisser, Tiara (Mick) Maddox; step-grandchildren Tanya Ferris, Zachary Humble, Heather Lee, Jacquelyn Brafford, and Christine (Travis) Leech; 7 great-grandchildren; and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

If desired, memorials may be made to Pets Fur People, 1823 CR 386, Tyler, TX 75708 (<https://petsfurpeople.org>); SPCA of East Texas, P. O. Box 132899, Tyler, TX 75713 (<http://spcaeasttx.com>); and Highway 80 Rescue Mission, 601 E. Valentine St, Tyler, TX 75702 (<https://hiway80rm.org>).

Memorial/Celebration services for George Weisser will be held on Saturday, June 12, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. at Stewart Family Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Barbara Morgan officiating under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Events

JUN **Memorial Service** 10:00AM
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Stewart Family Funeral Home

7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy, Tyler, TX, US, 75703

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Stewart Family Funeral Home - June 11, 2021 at 01:13 PM



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Stewart Family Funeral Home - June 11, 2021 at 01:09 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of George John Weisser.



June 10, 2021 at 11:55 AM



“ George was such a kind neighbor. He was loved by all who were privileged to know him. I will never forget that I met him and Joanne on a cold December night when I locked myself out of my new home. There I was in my PJs on the doorstep! He always had a kind word and affection for my dogs, and advice to help keep my plants healthy. He will be truly missed. I'm thankful that he was my neighbor and friend.

Ellen Neiger - June 07, 2021 at 09:20 PM



“ If only everyone could have been so privileged to have known such a kind and generous man! George will be sadly missed by me and so many others at Hollycreek Village.
Geri Taber

Gerri Taber - May 30, 2021 at 01:34 PM



“ I loved Grandpa George so much! He inspired me to always keep pursuing academics. I'll never forget the summer of my senior year in high school. Grandpa and grandma organized a tour of UNLV engineering department for me. Grandpa George opened my world! He told me about graduate school and gave me information on all sorts of scholarships. He told me all of his stories of working in the military and pursuing his education. I will miss you so much Grandpa George! Thank you for being in my life.

Jackie Brafford - May 29, 2021 at 07:17 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of George John Weisser.



May 28, 2021 at 02:55 PM



“ The following poem describes George so well: "God took the strength of a mountain, the majesty of a tree, the warmth of a summer sun, the calm of a quiet sea, the generous soul of nature, the comforting arm of night, the wisdom of the ages, the power of the eagle's flight, the joy of a morning in spring, the faith of a mustard seed, the patience of eternity, the depth of a family need; then God combined these qualities; when there was nothing more to add, He knew His masterpiece was complete; And so, He called it ...GEORGE!

All HCV homeowners have been greatly blessed to have had George's wise and competent leadership. He will be greatly missed. Leta Porter

Leta Marie Porter - May 28, 2021 at 11:53 AM



“ Not only was he a very accomplished man, George was also a kind and helpful neighbor. He was a great asset to our neighborhood and a wonderful human being who will be very missed by many people.

Mindy Lyons - May 24, 2021 at 08:22 PM



“ One of the best guys ever. We will miss you. Love to Joanne and family. Sheryl and Robert Moore

Sheryl and Robert Moore - May 24, 2021 at 06:20 PM