



George Rudolph Gurcsik

March 6, 1939 - March 1, 2021

George Rudolph "Rudy" Gurcsik, 81, returned home to the arms of his parents and grandparents on March 1, 2021. George was born and raised in the greater Toledo area. The Gurcsik Family history in Toledo is a rich one. The proud grandson of Hungarian immigrants, Rose and Steven Gurcsik, the Gurcsik family owned The Ritz Supper Club on Lallendorf Road in Oregon, Ohio for almost 60 years. The Ritz menu was well-known for the Gurcsik Family Recipe, Hungarian Paprika, stuffed cabbage, and served the freshest steak and seafood menu in town.

George, a star football player (#67) for the class of 1957 at DeVilbiss High School, went on to play for The University of Toledo. While at UT, George pledged Sigma Alpha Epsilon, a brotherhood that has bestowed active friendships to this day. George remained at UT to earn his degree in Civil Engineering. After several successful years as a city-based Civil Engineer, George went on to receive a Surveying License, and worked many years for independent engineering and surveying firms and then independently until his retirement. George was a friend to all and always appreciated good conversations. George loved anything dealing with sports; The Detroit Lions and The Detroit Tigers were his teams. He could answer any question or seamlessly angle discussions towards stats, players, trades, etc. As a young boy, he would catch the bus to Detroit and watch spring training practices at Tiger's Stadium. He also enjoyed teenage get-togethers at Pearson Park which was right across the street from the Gurcsik home and restaurant on Lallendorf Road.

George's favorite times were bartending at The Ritz, and simply talking with people. He had a knack for always asking very intuitive questions and for remembering details, even if it had been years. He easily brought value to people.

Additionally, the family would like to thank UTMCO and Hospice of Northwest Ohio for their level of professionalism and care. The doctors, nurses, and staff displayed the highest levels of expertise, courtesy and kindness.

Finally, thank you to all who knew George and continued to reach out and ask about him. Your emotional intelligence, genuine concern and supportive intuition, meant the world to George. Every single message and inquiry was relayed and appreciated by him. He frequently asked to jump on Facebook to get caught up with people he remembered. George is survived by his children; Terri (James) Mackillop, Lori (James) Bolone, Gary

(Andrea) Gurcsik; grandchildren; Sean Mackillop, Alexander Mackillop, Shannon Mackillop, Patrick Mackillop, Anna Bolone, Charles Bolone, Grace Bolone Julia Gurcsik, Kate Gurcsik, and Jack Gurcsik.

The family requests that donations in honor of George Gurcsik, be made to any of these Toledo-area nonprofits that exist to raise awareness and understanding of food disparities, addiction, mental illness and systemic inequities, including: Feed Toledo , Toledo Gospel Rescue Mission (tgrm.org) and Frontline Toledo.

The family will hold a private Celebration of Life in George's honor later this spring. Please view and sign our online "guest registry" at CoyleFuneralHome.com

Cemetery

Calvary Cemetery

2224 Dorr St.

Toledo, OH, 43607

Comments



“ I remember George when he was a student and athlete at Clay High School. George played football for Ted Federici and I was a cheerleader during many cold games with the winds blowing off of Lake Erie. I would see George and Steve Suto (cousin?) at Pearson Park and Reno Beach (my Parents owned a store there) and always enjoyed talking to them. He continued his outstanding career at Devilbiss, and while he was an SAE at UT, I was a Chi O at BGSU. My husband Ron played football at UT and I took him to the Ritz for many delicious meals. I remember a sister Barbara, but did not see her name mentioned. May George's family keep his memory and legacy in their minds and hearts forever. Beverly Craig Martin

bev martin - March 13 at 01:53 PM



“ Hi Bev, I love this. I'm sure he had great memories with you. And yes, it was Steve Suto who was his first cousin. Steve just passed away also. I would love to reach out sometime and hear stories if you have any. - Lori

Lori - March 14 at 06:30 PM



“ Sending sympathies to George's family. Rudy and my husband, Fred, shared a special , long-lasting friendship starting in DeVilbiss; continuing as SAE brothers; and through adult years. Rudy and Fred were groomsmen in each other's weddings. I have wonderful memories of our times together! May God strengthen your family with comfort and peace.

Sharon Henning

Sharon Henning - March 11 at 10:56 AM



“ Thank you Sharon. He was really thinking of you these past several weeks. He had just received hearing aides and he wanted to call you and others' who he was thinking of. It was a blow to him to lose Fred. He had also just lost his first cousin Steve Suto- so the double jolt was really difficult. Two of his favorite people. I would love to hear any stories!! I will be in touch! - Lori

Lori - March 14 at 06:32 PM



“ My condolences to all of George's family. He was my SAE big brother at UT. I did what I could to help him the last couple of years. Will miss his occasional phone calls. Jerry Baumgartner

Jerry Baumgartner - March 10 at 03:26 PM



“ Thank you Jerry, and thank you for purchasing boots for him. That really meant a lot to him and me. He enjoyed spending time with you and talking. Thank you also for taking his calls. I'll miss them so much. Take Care, Lori- George's daughter.

Lori - March 14 at 06:35 PM



“ Love and prayers.....rest in pease

Jim Kujawa - March 08 at 05:14 PM



“ Our love and prayers to your family upon the passing of George. We had so much fun double dating in high school and "hooking up" at DeVilbiss High School reunions with his friend Bill Thompson. We miss you....rest in peace.
Dee Talmage and Lance, too!

Dee Talmage - March 07 at 07:56 PM



“ Thank you Dee! He loved his Devilbiss years! Thank you for making those years so special and memorable. Such a gift! - Lori

Lori - March 14 at 06:36 PM



“ George was one of my pledge brothers of SAE. He was a terrific guy. Handsome and a very good athlete. I have thought of him often and will miss him. My best to his family. Thanks to you for the kind message you have written for him.
Tom Waterman

Tom Waterman - March 07 at 09:18 AM



“ Hi Tom! He was really connected to his SAE brothers and childhood/high school friends. I loved that about him. He had a lot of great stories. I will really miss him also. Lori

Lori - March 14 at 06:38 PM



“ Lori - I am so sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. As we have shared at school in conversation, we seem to have so many ways that our lives mirror each other... and in the beautiful tribute written about your Dad, I discovered that he was an SAE.. another crossover, my youngest son is his fraternity brother an SAE from UC. I look forward to our next talk when you can share with me the memories that shine through in the pics shared.
In friendship, Lori Bosch - Washington Jr. High School / WLS

Lori Beth (Forquer) Bosch - March 05 at 05:38 PM



“ Thank you Lori! You are too sweet. And...we are super-connected! I love that! Let's talk soon. So glad for our friendship.

Lori

Lori - March 14 at 06:42 PM



“ 13 files added to the album Memories Album



Lori Bolone - March 05 at 02:51 PM



“ Beautiful words and memories, thinking of you and your family

Molly McNamee - March 06 at 09:29 AM



“ Condolences. I knew George in High School, College and when he worked for the City of Bowling Green. Liked him a lot.

Jim Bing

James K Bing - March 08 at 05:15 PM



“ George was one of my pledge brothers of SAE and a fellow footballer at DeVilbiss. He always had a kind word for everyone and we shared the travails of earning our Engineering degrees at

UT. RIP Rudy

Kent Matthews

Kent Matthews - March 08 at 08:06 PM



“ My condolences to your family.
Daneen Cole, Jefferson Junior High School

Daneen Cole - March 05 at 10:37 AM



“ Thank you Daneen. - Lori
Lori - March 14 at 06:43 PM