



George Merle Masak

January 12, 1943 - November 13, 2021

George Merle Masak of Suwanee, Ga, passed away on November 13, 2021, at the age of 78. Born on January 12, 1943, in Oak Park, IL George was the eldest son of George and Anne Masak.

A graduate of West Georgia College & University and alum of Grady High School (1960), he taught mathematics before finding “temporary” employment with PBT (later Regional Transit Partners). He spent the next 4 decades helping expand and improve the MARTA transit system as a programmer analyst.

George was a fixture of the model railroading community as a longtime member of European Train Enthusiasts, National Model Railroading Association Piedmont Division and the Jasper Roundhouse. For more than 20 years he operated the Dunwoody, Norcross & Lilburn based Toy Trains ‘N Things retail store along with myriad partners. As the proprietor of the Orient Express LLC, he traveled the country attending and participating in model train and collectible shows & conventions, and was at one time the largest east coast retailer of Märklin model trains in the U.S.

A diehard soccer fan, George was intimately involved in the foundation of the sport in metro Atlanta, first as a booster of the nascent Atlanta Chiefs and avid supporter of the many professional and semi-professional teams in the region. For many years he served as a professional soccer referee and instructor, even serving as the 4th official in an international friendly between the United States and China.

He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Margaret S. Masak, his son Christopher Masak, daughter-in-law Caroline Masak, grandchildren Griffin and Lincoln Masak, brother Ret. Col. Steven Masak, his nieces Laura Jones and Michelle Sawyer and nephew Jimmy Masak, as well as numerous cousins and countless friends. A lover of animals, he is also survived by his dog Bentley. A visitation at noon, followed by a remembrance service at 1pm, will be held on Saturday, November 20th at Flanigan Funeral Home and Crematory 4400 S. Lee St. Buford, GA 30518. In lieu of flowers the family requests that memorial contributions be made to the Alzheimer's Association or American Hemerocallis Society.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **20**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Flanigan Funeral Home
4400 South Lee Street
Buford, GA 30518

Memorial Service

NOV **20**. 1:00 PM.

Chapel of Flanigan Funeral Home

Tribute Wall



“ *George Merle Masak*

November 08, 2022 at 07:37 PM



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Christopher Masak - November 30, 2021 at 03:14 PM



Beautiful compilation. It was fun having George participate in the European Train Enthusiast video meetings.

David Baird - November 30, 2021 at 09:26 PM



“ *We grow fond of our cherished friends. As I have grown a little older, I know this as love. This is made more apparent when we loose a friend. George was a special gift to all of us. I will miss his humor and his mentoring of the countless facts of life. May God bless George and his family.*

Dave Rodgers

Dave Rodgers - November 20, 2021 at 06:55 AM



“ *We will miss our dear friend George, his sweet nature, good humor and his love of soccer and trains. Sharyn and Lonnie Duncan*

lonnie duncan - November 19, 2021 at 01:42 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the Masak family and friends. Mr. Masak was the coolest he always had a story and a style of his own. He loved life and lived it, from his Railroad hobby to his interactions with family and friends he always had a good "Dad joke"....you will be missed greatly.



Tim Crawley - November 16, 2021 at 01:59 PM

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George is a long time friend who served as best man at our wedding. Many memories with George and his family have brought joy to our lives. "A friend in need-is a friend indeed." George has always been that friend. Love and prayers for Margaret and the family during this difficult time.

Wayne and Kathie

wayne and Kathie Lunsford - November 19, 2021 at 06:30 PM

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Christopher Masak - November 15, 2021 at 12:59 PM