



George T. Eldridge

December 1, 1942 - July 17, 2021

George T. Eldridge, Jr., was born December 1, 1942 in Mt. Holly, NJ to George and Dorothy Eldridge. He died July 17, 2021 in West Des Moines in the presence of family and a lot of love.

He attended Bernards High School and received his BA in math & physics and MBA in finance from Rutgers University. Starting to become an actuary, he became intrigued with computer programming, working on several early automation programs. Most of his career was spent in the IT departments of insurance companies. In his late 40's he had worked his way up to CIO of Central Life in Des Moines and continued that work for companies in Raleigh, NC and Orlando, FL.

In retirement, George spent many hours volunteering. He was president of the Perry Food Pantry and volunteered with United Way's VITA program. He was an active member of St. Martin's Episcopal Church and enjoyed conducting nursing home worship services. After moving to WDM, he continued with VITA and the United Way's reading program for elementary school children. George enjoyed playing chess online, golf, reading history, walking and traveling. George loved big family gatherings and having friends over for drinks and dinner.

George was preceded in death by his parents and brothers, Ray & Warren Eldridge.

George is survived by his wife, Karen Peters; sons, Michael (Erin) Eldridge; Matt Eldridge (Kim) and Thomas Eldridge, daughter, Jennifer Eldridge; step-

sons, Tom (Susanne Sherry) Peters and Chris (Meghan) Peters; half-brother, Ken Eldridge and half-sister, Karen Eldridge. Also by his much loved grandchildren whom he so much wanted to see to maturity, Carter, Felicia and Kaitlyn Eldridge; Gannon Jeffries and Louis Hanson-Peters. In-laws, Andrea & Rus Heerdt; Glenda & Mike Hanback & Tom Goff. Special friends Tom Torstenson & Susan, Mark R & Viv Shirley.

A memorial service will be held at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, WDM at 4 p.m. on Friday, July 30th with family greeting friends at 3 p.m. A reception will follow the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 1020 24th St., West Des Moines, Ia 50266 or United Way of Central Iowa, 1111 9th St. #100, Des Moines, Ia 50314.

Online condolences, DyiamondMemorial.com

Floral deliveries may be made to the St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 1020 24th St., West Des Moines, Ia 50266

Cemetery Details

St. Timothy's Episcopal Memory Gardens

1020 24th Street
West Des Moines, IA 50266

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JUL 30. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church
1020 24th Street
West Des Moines, IA 50266

Celebration of Life

JUL 30. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ I first met George when we both worked for Pennsylvania Life in 1998 in Raleigh, NC. George and I had a very good working relationship. We both accepted offers to move with the company to Orlando. Our wives also got to know each other. Separately we each moved to the Des Moines area, and we would occasionally get together as couples. George was a great guy, and I extend my sympathies to Karen and family on their loss.

Doug Van Dam - July 29, 2021 at 02:34 PM

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“ We are so glad we got to meet you..I always felt that one brother was taken away from me but then another was given to me in return. I am glad that we kept in touch though it was way too brief of a time. Our prayers and thoughts are with the rest of the family.thank you for staying in our lives.

Teedie and Dave - July 23, 2021 at 03:16 AM

AB

“ I'm so happy I got to meet you after Uncle Ray's passing. I know the two of you are together now

Angela B - July 22, 2021 at 10:06 PM

KE

“ George, you will be missed. I am glad we got to know one another after Ray's passing.

Ken & Lynn



Ken Eldridge - July 22, 2021 at 08:19 PM

HS

Wonderful tribute for a full life.

Harry Swanson - July 23, 2021 at 07:57 AM

KJ

It was a joy and a privilege to work with George this VITA tax season. Prayers for all of you during this time.

Kathy Johnson

Kathleen Johnson - July 25, 2021 at 11:56 AM