



Robert W. George

January 29, 1934 - February 11, 2020

Robert Wilburn George, M.D., 86, beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend, was welcomed into the arms of his Savior, Jesus Christ, on February 11, 2020.

Bob was born on January 29, 1934, to William Joseph and Mary Magdalyn Sloan George in Jackson, Tennessee. He was baptized on February 18, 1934 in St. Mary's Church in Jackson, Tennessee.

Bob attended Morris School for Boys, a Franciscan Brothers School in Searcy, Arkansas. He did not graduate but instead enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1951 at the age of 17. He served as a tank corpsman in the Korean War and was honorably discharged on February 22, 1954.

After being discharged, Bob obtained his GED. He then became a lifelong learner, especially in the area of science and the healing arts. Bob first obtained a laboratory technician degree and worked for many years at Deaconess Hospital in St. Louis. He then attended Logan School of Chiropractic and became a Doctor of Chiropractic. After practicing for many years in the St. Louis and Puxico, Missouri areas, Bob was encouraged by his wife to achieve his lifelong dream of becoming a Doctor of Medicine. At the age of 44, Bob enrolled in medical school and graduated in 1981 as an M.D. from the University of the Caribbean. He was a beloved physician and healer

to many people in the Puxico and Cape Girardeau, Missouri areas, affectionately known to all simply as “Doc.”

Bob was first married to Eileen Evelyn Hoffman. To this marriage was born one beloved daughter, Mari Christine. Bob and Eileen dissolved their marriage but remained lifelong friends. He married Ruth Lee Snider Brockmeier on November 11, 1978. Bob was a faithful and devoted husband to Ruth Lee until death did physically separate them on July 4, 2014. Their love was a love that never died.

While living in Puxico, Bob attended the First United Methodist Church as there was no Roman Catholic Church in town. After moving to Cape Girardeau, Bob and Ruth attended St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church. Bob and Ruth attended church faithfully and were a witness to a Christ-centered marriage. They made many friends at the 7:30 am Mass with whom they breakfasted and visited, enjoying many game nights and Super Bowl parties.

Bob and Ruth also loved to dance with Bob demonstrating his superior partnering skills as they danced everything from the foxtrot to the jitterbug (Bob’s favorite) to square dancing at the Puxico Homecoming. Bob also loved to eat, enjoying cuisine as varied as the Steak ‘n Shake to his personal favorite, the Seventh Inn in Ballwin, Missouri.

Bob was a member of the Knights of Columbus Council 11205, Cape Area Medical Society, and a life member of the Veterans of Foreign War.

Bob was also an accomplished athlete. He obtained a black belt in jiu jitsu. He also loved racketball and tennis. He was a fierce competitor who was ultimately defeated only by his knees. Bob turned his competitive sights to poker which he continued to play all his life. He enjoyed the company of David Giles, Tom Doyle, Mike Michelen, “Duck” Gockel, and Dennis Lorch who

played many games of “high stakes” poker with pennies, nickels, and dimes.

In addition to his daughter, Mari McKnight of Douglasville, Georgia, survivors include two step-children who he treated as his own, Ruth Ann (Kevin) Brockmeier Orr of Cape Girardeau and John (Cyndi) Brockmeier of Arnold, Missouri; six grandchildren Savannah Rose McKnight, Heath (Ashley) Orr, Meghan Orr, and Elizabeth Orr; Trey (Jessie) Brockmeier, Katie Brockmeier; two great-grandchildren Aiden Anderson and Natalie Orr; nephews John and Tim George of Seattle, Washington and numerous step-nieces and nephews.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Jay and Charles; his first wife, Eileen Hoffman Gruenloh; and the love of his life and second wife, Ruth Lee George.

Bob was generous to a fault and lived to serve. He would (and did) give you the shirt off his back. He is fondly remembered for his love of holidays, especially St. Patrick’s Day which celebrated his Irish heritage. There is no doubt by those who knew Bob he entered heaven joyfully where he is now singing and dancing with the angels and saints. Ruth no doubt greeted him with the refrain, “Oh, Bob!”

Visitation is Friday, February 14 from 4:00 to 8:00 pm at Ford and Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home.

Funeral services are Saturday, February 15 at 10:00 am at Ford and Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home with Deacon Mark Kiblinger officiating.

Burial will be at Puxico City Cemetery, with full military honors.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Stoddard County Children’s

Home, PO Box 164, Dexter, Missouri, 63841.

Online condolences may be made at fordandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Ford & Sons Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Puxico City Cemetery

Puxico, MO

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 14. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel
1001 N. Mt. Auburn Rd.
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Service

FEB 15. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

WM

“ I spent some time with Bob, helped out in the office a time or two, and was honored to call him friend. Had lost track and am sorry this is how I had to catch up. Rest in Peace, Bob.
Warren Moore



Warren Moore - December 16, 2020 at 12:53 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert W. George.



February 13, 2020 at 09:54 PM

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“ Harlan Lamb purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Robert W. George.



Harlan Lamb - February 13, 2020 at 03:18 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Robert W. George.



February 12, 2020 at 09:25 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Robert W. George.*



February 12, 2020 at 07:58 PM



“ *I will always have fond memories of Bob. What a fruitful & meaningful life he had ! He served our nation, medical community ,and friends for a long time. Our thoughts & prayers are with all those who knew him. Dr. Walt & Cathy Schroeder*

Walt Schroeder - February 12, 2020 at 11:50 AM



“ *I first met Bob when I dated his stepdaughter, Pam Chavez. She and I married in 1969 and Bob gave her away at the wedding. I remember that he wasn't too happy about our choice of the wedding date. It was a Friday evening service and the next morning, November 15, was opening day of deer season in Missouri. Pam and I never heard if he got a deer that year and we never asked. Bob was a character who held his own in any banter and conversation. Pam and I will always remember Bob and we will miss him.*

Drew Niemeyer - February 11, 2020 at 08:37 PM



Thank you, Drew. I love these memories!

Ruth Orr - February 11, 2020 at 11:30 PM



“ *We're very sorry to hear about Dr George. He was one of a kind and we always had a lot of respect for him.*

sharon crisel - February 11, 2020 at 07:33 PM



“ *May God wrap his loving arms around you Mari and your family and give you strength and comfort.*

Joyce Huey - February 11, 2020 at 07:05 PM