



George Gaylord

November 24, 1926 - February 3, 2022

George Gaylord, November 24, 1926 – February 3, 2022. “The Little Professor”, George Gaylord, 95, of Powell, Ohio passed away peacefully at Kobacker House surrounded by his loving family. He was preceded in death by his parents, Theresa & John Gaylord, sister Mary Torchio and first wife, Mary Jo Gaylord. He is survived by his adoring wife, Peggy Gaylord, of 28 years, son, John (Jennifer) Gaylord, daughters Janet Goodburn, Susan (Bob) Cunningham and Judy (Gust) Smith, step daughter Diane Joseph, step son David (Jennifer) Patterson; grandchildren, John Gagliardi, Theresa Noble & William Noble, step grandchildren Jared Joseph, Evan Joseph, Griffin Patterson & Megan Patterson; great granddaughter Arla Gagliardi, sisters, Isabel Taglione, Helen Critser & Lorraine (Bob) Buehler, many nieces, nephews and other relatives. Special mention of Bev & Jim Gordon.

George was born in Steubenville, Ohio, and graduated from Steubenville Catholic High School. At the age of 17, George enlisted in the U.S. Navy and shipped out to the Pacific aboard the USS San Marcos. George was witness to many of the iconic battles and events that led to the allied victory in the WWII Pacific theater. After the war, George earned a journalism degree from The Ohio State University and worked for North American Aviation for the next twenty years.

In 1970, George followed his entrepreneurial dream, when he opened his first

Little Professor Book Center in the Lane Avenue Shopping Center. He eventually opened 19 bookstores as he spread the love of books across the state of Ohio. George also founded and opened six Cookstores and two Gaylord's Bath, Bed and Linen stores.

George was a voracious reader and a fiercely loyal O.S.U. football fan. He loved to fish, dance and cook. He was known for his warmth, interest in others, intelligence, wit and his trademark one-liners, but it was his love of life and family that defined him. He was truly a gift from God.

The family will receive guests Saturday, February 12th, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church (1581 Cambridge Blvd., Marble Cliff, OH) followed by a Memorial Service at 12:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Jude (<https://www.stjude.org>), Alzheimer's Association (<https://www.alz.org>) or Disabled American Veterans (<https://www.dav.org>).

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 12. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Trinity United Methodist Church
1581 Cambridge Boulevard
Marble Cliff, OH 43212

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *George Gaylord*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Dear Gaylord Family - Barbara and I are very sad to hear of George's passing and unfortunately are out of state and unable to attend the memorial service. We are thinking of all of you and have very fond memories of George, Mary Jo, Helen and the entire family. George was an important influence in my early business career and I was always impressed by his intelligence, generosity, quick wit and common sense. He was a very kind man and a great example to me of someone who worked hard, enjoyed his job, his life and particularly his family. I will never forget the lessons he taught me about business and life. My years at Little Professor are some of my fondest memories of my career.*

Michael & Barbara George

michael george - February 10, 2022 at 03:02 PM



“ *John, So sorry for the passing of your father. The Little Professor Bookstores were great.*

Becky Burton, RN BSNCNOR - February 10, 2022 at 09:37 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of George Gaylord.*



February 09, 2022 at 04:52 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of George Gaylord.*



February 08, 2022 at 01:39 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of George Gaylord.*



February 07, 2022 at 11:10 PM



“ *"Sending You an Angel" Statue to Express Sympathy for Funeral Or Memorial was purchased for the family of George Gaylord.*



February 07, 2022 at 12:20 PM

MS

“ *John and Jenny,
Susan and I are so sorry for your loss.
We are in Florida so will not be able to join you on Saturday.
Our thought and prayers are for your comfort and peace.
Hugs from Mark and Susan*

Mark and Susan - February 07, 2022 at 10:23 AM

JH

Dear Peggy and family, Everything you could you did. All the love you had you gave. There are no words that can express the sorrow and the loss.. Heartfelt sympathy, Janet Harper

Janet Harper - February 08, 2022 at 08:52 AM