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George J. Gitas, age 80, of Bethel Park, passed away on Sunday, August 4, 2024, surrounded by the love of his family. George was born in Donora, PA, on December 4, 1943, the son of the late James and Elena (Padovani) Gitas.

A proud graduate of Bel Mar High School, George went on to honorably serve in the United States Navy for four years. Following his honorable discharge, he returned to his roots in Pennsylvania, and he embarked on a fulfilling career with the Clairton Police Department. George's passion for service led him to the University of Pittsburgh, where he earned his bachelor's degree in criminal justice.

Upon retiring from the police force as a decorated Captain, he remained an active figure in the community and served on the Clairton City Council, where his wisdom and experience were invaluable assets. George continued to serve the public as the Movement Director for the Pittsburgh Regional Transit.

Away from his professional life, George was a man of the outdoors. He found solace and joy in fishing, hunting, farming and gardening. He also enjoyed cooking, especially homemade bread. George's love for the outdoors extended to his love for boating, where he shared unforgettable moments with family and friends on the water.

George's journey through life was marked by dedication, service, and an abiding love for his family. He was a wonderful and dedicated husband, father, Pap, uncle and friend, finding his greatest joys from the moments spent with his loved ones. George will be deeply missed by all those who had the honor of knowing him.

George was the loving husband of Wendy (Rush) Gitas, the dedicated father to James (Luna) Gitas, Rachel (Clare) Gitas, and Kevin (Melissa) Voytko; and the cherished Pap to Ellise Gitas and Geno Gitas and his fiancée, Darima. George also leaves his sister, Lanie Gitas; aunt Fay Brounce; sister and brothers-in-law, Jill (Richard) Grusofsky, Daniel Rush, and Gregg Rush; Nieces, Elaine,



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Kimberly, Amanda, Jennifer, Samantha, Charli, Lori, Holly, Madelyn, Harper, Layla, Carman and Rachel; Nephews, Robert, Phillip, Zachary, Jason, Luke, Aaron, Joshua, Evan, Michael, Reid and Carter; his beloved furry companion Trixie; and many extended family members and friends.

In addition to his parents, George was preceded in death by his sisters, Miriam Gitas and Antoinette “Sally” Sposato; brothers-in-law, John Sposato and Bruce Rush and his nephew, John “JJ.” Sposato.

Relatives and friends are invited to join with the family for visitation on Thursday, August 8, 2024, from 2:00 – 4:00 pm and 6:00 – 8:00 pm and on Friday, August 9, 2024 from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm, at Jefferson Memorial Funeral Home, 301 Curry Hollow Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15236. A blessing service will be held in the funeral home’s chapel on Friday at 12:00 pm. Burial with military honors will follow at Jefferson Memorial Park.

The family requests memorial contributions in memory of George may be made to St. Jude Children’s Hospital.

To leave online condolences please visit www.jeffersonmemorial.com



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MD

Mitchell,Peeky And Derek posted:

Uncle George, You are going to be missed. We know how much you loved nature

August 7 at 4:51 PM

LP

Lawada,Mitch,Derek And Peeky posted:

May the Perpetual Light Shine Upon You.

August 7 at 4:37 PM

TO

Terry Oxford posted:

Sending my deep love and support to George's family in this difficult time. I am so sorry for your loss. George is a wonderful and kind man who always had a twinkle in his eye and a kind word to say. I'm so glad I had a chance to know him and to see his legacy of vibrant life and joy in love, live on in Rachel.Love Terry

August 7 at 1:59 PM

RK

Ray Pam Yaksick, John Amanda Jenista, Kristie Koklarinis posted:

Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss... Our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.

August 6 at 1:37 PM

DE

Denise posted:

WENDY AND JIMMY,THE STRINICH GIRLS, CATHY AND DENISE WANT TO OFFER OUR CONDOLENCE TO YOU BOTH. WE HAVE KNOWN GEORGE SINCE 1972-73 AND WERE VERY GOOD FRIENDS, MORE LIKE FAMILY THEN ANYTHING. WE HAVE SO MANY GOOD MEMORIES OF GEORGE AND HIS FAMILY AND WE KNOW GEORGE IS IN HEAVEN WITH ALL HIS LOVE ONES AND OUR GOD. THE PHOTO WE SHARE IS OUR PHOTO OF OUR BROTHERS FUNERAL WHEN GEORGE, JACK AND A FEW OTHER POLICE OFFICERS CARRIED OUR BROTHER COFFIN. GEORGE AND JACK LOVED OUR BROTHER LOUIE AND LOUIE LOVED THEM AND NOW HE IS WITH LOUIE. WE WILL MISS YOU AND WE LOVE YOU. SO MANY MEMORIES RUSHING IN FRONT OF OUR EYES.

August 6 at 1:15 PM



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Alissa,Lisanicoleericamookeyvickyannazuleikaheathergabrielle posted:

Our deepest sympathies. Love to you and your family. We are always here for you Rachel, that will never change. Love Your SF Family,

August 6 at 12:28 PM



Anonymous posted:

Our deepest condolences, may you find comfort in your loving memories of George

August 6 at 4:46 AM



Dennis L Parrish posted:

My deepest condolences to the family of George! George and I worked together! I love hearing about his life! You were a positive influence on my work experience! Rest with God my friend! ❤️❤️❤️🙏

August 5 at 5:44 PM



Zuleika Alvarez posted:

It was such a pleasure meeting George, So full of life and such a tender smile. I remember meeting him at Rachel & Clares For one of their wonderful gatherings, and he shared how much he loved the cookies I baked... And was trying to pack a bunch to go. If my memory serves me right he did some baking himself? I look forward to talking to rachel and hearing more about your life. My deepest condolences

August 5 at 4:44 PM



Ellise Sisca posted:

May you enter the gates of heaven, see the face of God and delight in eternal bliss, Ellise

August 5 at 3:58 PM



Angie & Ken posted:

Our deepest condolences.

August 5 at 12:59 PM



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RH

Rob Haberman posted:

Uncle George you have always been there for my late night calls, over seas drunk calls and the stories from my times following in your foot steps in law enforcement. It's going to be weird not having you to tell my adventures to. Rest in peace and fair winds and following seas

August 5 at 12:57 PM

AA

Angie And Ken posted:

We are deeply sorry about Georges passing. May the memories of the incredible life and love you shared bring you comfort. With love,

August 5 at 12:45 PM

CP

Colleen J Policastro posted:

This is a photo from my brothers funeral. The clairton police carried louies coffin. George loved louie and louie loved George. George and Jack would always speak to louie on the police radio.god bless you George

August 5 at 11:57 AM

SC

Samuel Capane posted:

Sincere and deepest condolences on the passing of George

August 5 at 10:38 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring George by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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