



# George Lawrence Bedeian

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**G**eorge Lawrence Bedeian was born on January 31, 1949 to Alexander and Annaied Bedeian in Ambridge, PA. At the time of his death on December 25, 2023 he was 74 years old.

George graduated from North Catholic High School in 1968. He received his bachelors of arts and masters degree from the University of Pittsburgh and worked towards his PhD in American History with specialty in African American history.

He was a voracious reader and well known for his encyclopedic memory and fascination for details. Most of this was directed towards his great passion in life which was music. He traveled throughout the United States, Canada, and Mexico but never missed a chance to find music wherever he traveled.

As many may know, he was an avid collector of music, his favorite genres being Jazz and Soul. Attending concerts was his favorite pastime and we did every chance we got. His favorite stomping grounds was New York City though, where he would buy all the albums he could carry and go to every jazz club in the city. In our neighborhood, every music lover knows him for his pop up record sales and lively music conversation. He had a large following for his events.

George had a booming voice that could fill several rooms when he wasn't filling them with music. He was loving and devoted husband and father whose warmth and love will be deeply missed. George and Ruth (Sissy) were married for 43 years.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Alexander and Annaied, his brothers John and Joseph Bedeian, his brother-in-laws Laurence and Alan McDonald. He is survived by his wife Ruth Bedeian, his daughter Alexis McDonald, his son Jordan Bedeian, sister-in-law Sharon Gilbert, son-in-law Ralph McDonald, grandson Christian McDonald, sister Irene Bedeian, and a host of nieces and nephews.



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The family wished to extend heartfelt gratitude to all who took the time to console us and lift our hearts at this difficult time. We will always remember your kindness.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, December 30, 2023 at 2 pm at the Jefferson Memorial Funeral Home, 301 Curry Hollow Road, Pittsburgh, 15236.

Online condolences may be shared at [www.jeffersonmemorial.com](http://www.jeffersonmemorial.com).



## Tribute Wall

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CH

**Carl Huszar** posted:

I am sorry to learn of his passing. He was my college roommate at the University of Pittsburgh. We graduated together in 1970. George was my best man at my wedding in May 1970. We stayed in contact briefly until I entered the Army during the Vietnam war. We never connected after my return. I always wanted to reach out to him but life always got in the way. I know he always talked about Sissy. I extend my heartfelt sorrow for his passing.

August 19 at 5:10 AM

DL

**Debbie Latour** posted:

Love survives. Love lives on A tree is planted to honor the love.

January 3 at 6:47 AM

LO

**Lou Ortego** posted:

I know George from his record sales. He always remembered my name and we talked music. His Garage sales were the only place I bought records in the last 5 years. I will miss his friendly hellos talking music. - DJ EZ Lou

January 1 at 9:46 AM

PA

**Paula** posted:

Geo, you are SO loved, always.

December 30 at 8:19 AM

MB

**Marion Constantinides Andrea Bennett** posted:

With love Marion, Andrea & family.

December 29 at 6:59 PM

WM

**With Love, Bonny And Chip Mckenney** posted:

We're thinking of you and your family as you celebrate George's remarkable life.

December 29 at 10:24 AM



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RE

**Reed** posted:

George will be missed. He and Larry Reed loved jazzed and enjoyed it together. He was a great neighbor and friend. Always smiling. Whenever he would see us he would have the most wonderful smile on his face. Larry, Michael, Mia, Ian and Alicia Reed

December 29 at 8:05 AM

WV

**Women Of Visions** posted:

With all our love and sympathy to Ruth and her Family.

December 29 at 7:01 AM

BM

**Bonny Mckenney** posted:

George Bedeian was smart and funny, and I liked him from the time my friend Sissy chose him to marry. With Sissy he built a warm, strong, and loving family. I never got to see them enough, I live too far away. But I have always been in awe of his tremendous knowledge of jazz, and I saw him most often through that lens. From finding a record for him back in '78 in the San Francisco performing arts store where I worked – I was so pleased to find something he didn't already have – 'til last Saturday hearing a newly released old recording of Chet Baker, and thinking "Ha! New huh? I'll bet George already has that!" I never met anyone who knew more about jazz vinyl than George, and I never met anyone who was more enthusiastic about it. He readily shared his knowledge and love of jazz with friends and customers everywhere. There are people all over the world who will mourn and miss him. I am one of those.

December 28 at 3:47 PM

EG

**Ethel Flam And Glory Getty** posted:

With heartfelt condolences,

December 28 at 9:35 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. My deepest sympathy.

December 28 at 8:11 AM



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**Nathaniel Andrews** posted:

George was the man about them "Jazz" vinyl albums and he loved some of Granny's cooking he will be surely missed

December 27 at 2:32 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

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



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