



George J. Murnen Ph.D.

January 23, 1930 - May 30, 2021

Dr. George J. Murnen, Ph.D. in Civil Engineering, age 91, passed away Sunday, May 30, 2021. He was born January 23, 1930, in Greenville, SC and was the son of George and Edith Murnen.

George was a 1948 graduate of Central Catholic High School and spent one year at the University of Notre Dame. He was drafted into the Army and served honorably for two years during the Korean War. George received his Bachelors in Civil Engineering from the University of Toledo. George earned his Masters of Civil Engineering from the University of Illinois and his Ph.D. in Civil Engineering from the University of Notre Dame.

He met his wife, Patricia Kelly at a C.Y.O. Dance and they were married on August 24, 1957. George taught Civil Engineering at the University of Toledo for more than 50 years. Students that couldn't go home for the holidays were invited over for dinner and he would drive over to the library and pick them up. He worked on many Civil Engineering projects around the country, including the East Huntington Bridge on the Ohio/West Virginia line, which he worked with his son Brian.

George was a lifelong, devout , Irish Catholic member of Gesu Church. He was also a member of the Ottawa Park Board, Knights of Columbus, University of Toledo Retirees Association and the Toledo Diocese Building

Commission.

George was an avid fan of Central Catholic High School, University of Toledo, University of Notre Dame, Green Bay Packers, which he had part ownership, and the Cincinnati Reds. He was a lover of red wine, especially Cabernet, and a cold Sam Adams Beer. He enjoyed running in his younger days, history, and black, hot coffee among many other foods, drinks and spices.

He had several titles over the years; Son, Brother, Husband, Father, Professor, Mentor, Ambulance driver, as much as he was taking his sons to the hospital for stitches, but the title he loved the most was Grandpa or B·Pa or Paw Paw. He enjoyed teaching his grandchildren how to play poker with the old rubber poker chips “Jacks or better to open” and how to pour the perfect glass of wine, much to their parent's dismay.

He enjoyed traveling around the United States, Europe, and Asia, but his favorite place to travel was Raleigh, NC to visit his grandchildren that lived down there.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife, Patricia; sons, George Murnen, Michael (Marie) Murnen and Kevin (Kathy) Murnen; daughter-in-law Ginny Murnen; grandchildren, Shawn, Maura (Curtis), Erin, Matthew, Heather, Kayla (Jeffrey), Alexis and Jayce; and one great-grandchild on the way; brother, Tim Murnen and sister, Ann Jones. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother Bill Murnen; sister, Sally Cupp and son, Brian Murnen.

Family and friends are invited to visit on Thursday, from 2-8 p.m., at the Ansberg-West Funeral Home, 3000 Sylvania Avenue, (between Secor and Douglas Roads), where the rosary will be recited at 6:30 p.m. The funeral mass will be celebrated on Friday, at 10 a.m., at Gesu Church, 2049 Parkside Boulevard. Interment will follow at Resurrection. Contributions in memory of

George may be made to the George J. and Patricia Murnen Scholarship Fund at Central Catholic High School.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

5725 Hill Ave.
Toledo, OH 43615

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 3. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Ansberg-West Funeral Home
3000 W. Sylvania Ave
Toledo, OH 43613

Rosary

JUN 3. 6:30 PM (ET)

Ansberg-West Funeral Home
3000 W. Sylvania Ave
Toledo, OH 43613

Mass of the Resurrection

JUN 4. 10:00 AM (ET)

Gesu Catholic Church
2049 Parkside Blvd.
Toledo, OH 43607

Tribute Wall

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“ To Mike and the Loving Family of George Murnen, Ph.D.:
Please accept my heartfelt condolences on your father's passing. I
know that he will be greatly missed!
May God be with you all during this time of great sorrow.

Tom Crothers - June 06, 2021 at 12:25 PM

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“ Best Bpa ever!



Kayla Burgei - June 02, 2021 at 09:16 PM

MC

“ As a child I was always so happy to see my uncle George and Aunt Pat when we were visiting them in Toledo or South Bend (during his year at Notre Dame) as they had four boy cousins to play with! Later in life I was fortunate enough to have him as a professor at the University of Toledo ... and during one these classes I recall him asking me to stop speaking to the girl next to me. He apparently didn't realize how few female engineering students were enrolled at the time :)

But more importantly, he was my godfather and set a shining example of what it meant to be a devout Catholic man in today's world. I regret not seeing him more during his later years. My family's thoughts and prayers are with him and the extended Murnen family.

*Michael Clark
also on behalf of Wendy, Matthew & Ryan
Fort Collins, Colorado
June 2nd 2021*

Michael Clark - June 02, 2021 at 06:39 PM

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Matt Murnen - June 02, 2021 at 05:34 PM

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