



George Tunison Addington

October 9, 1954 - June 11, 2018

George Tunison Addington passed quietly from this life on June 11, 2018 at his home in Sparks, Nevada at the age of 63 leaving his family, friends and many colleagues filled with sorrow.

George was born October 9, 1954 in Minneapolis, Minnesota to James Franklin and Mary Elizabeth (Tunison) Addington. George's father was a traveling salesman for Ingersoll Rand which meant the family traveled frequently throughout the Midwest, spending a substantial part of his youth in Chicago. In his teen years, George moved out to Southern California to live with his older sister, Molly. He graduated from Rolling Hills High School in Palos Verdes, CA in 1972 as a member of the National Honors Society.

George had a passion for learning as well as teaching, which he worked diligently toward by attending Stanford University receiving his Bachelor of Arts in June 1976, his teaching credential in August 1977, and his Master of Arts in September 1977. He was also a beloved and trusted brother of Delta Upsilon (DU) Fraternity.

Immediately upon his graduating from Stanford, George relocated to Susanville, CA where he began his much-loved teaching career at Lassen High School. Although he felt connected to the beauty of the high desert of Lassen County, he relocated to Sparks, NV to continue his teaching career at Washoe High School in 1990. George celebrated his retirement from teaching in 2014.

In 1989 George married his Susanville Sweetheart, Gayla Perez, and to this union they were blessed with their beautiful twins, Allura (older by a whopping 39 minutes!) and Alyssa, and their delightful Athena. Though the marriage eventually ended in divorce, George remained a beloved member of the Perez family.

In addition to being a dedicated father and a perpetual student of knowledge, George was

an excellent guitarist and pianist, appreciating many genres of music. In addition to music, George enjoyed many sports: he was a competitive diver in his youth, and was a life-long Chicago Bears and Chicago Cubs fan. An avid reader, George's daughter's claim he read Atlas Shrugged by Ayn Rand more times than they could count and faithfully completed his daily Word Jumble, which he enjoyed so much.

George was predeceased by his parents, James and Mary Addington, and his dear sister, Molly Hoffmann. He is survived by his precious daughters, Allura Addington of Reno, NV, Alyssa Addington (and fiancé, James) and Athena Addington, all Sparks, NV, sisters, Mary Smith of Florida and Katherine Babecki of South Carolina and his brother Jim Addington of Florida.

A Celebration of George's Life will take place Sunday, July 22, 2018 at 3:00 PM at the Monticola Club located at 140 South Lassen in Susanville, CA. George had expressed to his family many times in the past that Susanville felt like his true home.

In lieu of flowers, the family would like to request that donations of backpacks filled with school supplies be made to a child or school of donor's choice in memory of George's love for teaching and providing for children.

An opportunity to express your condolences to the family along with signing the memorial guest register is available online at www.fehrmanmortuary.com.

Events

JUL **Celebration of Life** 03:00PM

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Monticola Club

140 S. Lassen, Susanville, CA, US

Comments



“ I have wonderful memories of George and his family, but most of all his caring and total love for his daughters. How lucky the girls are to have had his support and care and able to inherit his love of teaching. Fran Todd

Fran Todd - July 19, 2018 at 04:36 PM



“ He was an amazing teacher and i feel privileged to have had his as a teacher in high school.

Loni Nicholas-Singletary - July 13, 2018 at 03:35 PM



“ I will always remember George it's a sweet kind athletic energetic friend to everyone ninth grader! I was so sad when he moved to California but I'm happy to hear that he had such a beautiful family and a wonderful career in teaching! Hoping the celebration of his life will bring peace to all who love and miss him dearly.

Carol Faletti Wolfe - July 12, 2018 at 11:35 PM



“ I worked with George at Washoe High School for many years. He was a dedicated teacher yet fun to be around. He was liked by students and staff, and I never heard him say a bad word about anyone. Maybe his lot in life was rocky at times, but he didn't complain and was the most professional teacher I knew. I'm proud that we were colleagues. My condolences to his family.

Sinda Slagle - July 12, 2018 at 05:36 PM



“ I had the good fortune to have George as a teacher at Lassen High for several classes. His teaching style and ability to inspire and support students made him one of my very favorite teachers. I think each of us is lucky when we can look back on our education and identify teachers who have made a positive difference in our lives. George was one of those individuals. My condolences to his family.

~Michelle (Johnston) Gamble

Michelle Gamble - July 12, 2018 at 02:22 PM



“ I was surprised to find out he was so close to us in age -- about 10 years older than we 'Class of 82'ers. I had him for both my junior and senior years, and while English was never my favorite subject (that was math), I remember enjoying his class. It's a shame that he had such a short retirement to enjoy.

Lawrence Johnstone - July 21, 2018 at 04:35 PM