



## Emanuel A. Karageorge

December 5, 1934 - November 7, 2015

### Obituary of Emanuel Karageorge

Emanuel A. "Manny" Karageorge, 80, of Leesburg, FL passed away at Leesburg Regional Medical Center on November 7, 2015, following a courageous battle with complications of dementia and pneumonia. Manny was born in Philadelphia, PA on December 5, 1934 and was educated in the early years in Greek and public schools and graduated from West Philadelphia High School in 1953. Manny was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, having served from 1954 to 1957 where he learned aviation electronics then was employed by RCA and GE from 1957 to 1964, during which time he attended college at Ben Franklin Institute and Drexel University. In 1964 he was offered a position with NASA/Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, MD, then he moved his young family to MD and worked for 46 years as an electronics engineer until his retirement in January 2000. Manny was a lover of music and performed, as a teenager, on a local Philadelphia radio station with his A Capella singing group. Once relocated in Maryland, he belonged to a barbershop quartet and local theatre groups, performing in several productions with the NASA/Goddard Players group. Additionally, Manny was a member of the Goddard Boosters softball team for many years. Aside from other hobbies, he enjoyed oil painting and writing. Throughout his life, Manny maintained a focus on health and physical fitness, having run in many road races including two stints in the Marine Corps Marathon. He was an avid golfer, which

ultimately steered him to a life of retirement in Leesburg FL where golf is plentiful and he was able to play to his heart's content. Survivors include his only daughter, brother-in-law, and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his loving wife as well as all four of his siblings. Cremation services will be facilitated by Beyers Funeral Home in Leesburg, FL. Donations to The Alzheimer's Association, PO Box 96011, Washington DC 20090-6011, or [www.alz.org/donate](http://www.alz.org/donate) would be appreciated.

# Tribute Wall

DH

“ Beth, I am so sorry for your loss. It sounds like your Dad was so artistic and I'm sue you follow in his footsteps. I didn't realize you were an only child. It is difficult to be the last one to carry on the family name, but I've done the same thing. I admire your strength and dedication to your father and am proud to call you my friend. You've definitely done your father proud. Much love, debbie

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**Debbie Harrison** - January 04, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ I am sorry to hear of the sad news. We played softball together for a few years with the GSFC Boosters here at Goddard Spaceflight Center (GSFC). He had great sense of humor and I really enjoyed being around Manny being so much younger. May your family continue to cherish the many memories of Manny. God Bless

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**Milton Slade** - December 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ Hi Beth, my sincerest condolences for the loss of your father. He was an exceptional individual, thoughtful and philosophical. While he projected a carefree image, he always had a deep concern about the great issues of all times, those you do not need a degree to ponder on, whether they involved personal relations, public relations, politics or religion. Yet, he did not hesitate to "get his hands dirty", as the saying goes, with the mundane aspects of life, like his electronics work at GSFC, his golf, his cars, his music, his dates etc. We have had several adventures together which I fondly remember and he has helped me (and Kim) greatly a number of times. For all that, I tend to have him in mind as sort of a Zorba the Greek, a view you may agree with if you happen to read the eponymous book (the movie cannot and does not make justice to the character). I have often thought of him, more now after these news. I will always keep fondly his memory. Best regards demos

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**Demos Kazanas** - December 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ Emanuel A. Karageorge

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**Beth Karageorge** - November 15, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Beth, We are sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Sheri, Gary and the boys.

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**Sheri Colie** - November 15, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ Dear Beth, We're so sorry for your loss...we all know he wouldn't have wanted to live this way but I know your pain...I think of Uncle Manny being gone but looking at his picture it makes it very real...I have such fond memories of him,he was always very caring towards me...We're here for you...long in distance but close in heart...Love you,take good care of yourself...Kathy,Bob and Uncle Jerry...xo

Kathy Tagtmeir Bob abd Jerry Rufo... - November 15, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ Beth, We are so sorry for your loss. Losing a loved one is never easy. You have wonderful memories to comfort you and family to help you get through this difficult time. Always remember we consider you family and are here for whatever you need. Love Shirley and Gary Whitney

Shirley and Gary Whitney - November 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ ###GESTURE###

Karlynn Catabay - November 13, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SS

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Sharon Shackelford - November 13, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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CC

“ You have my deepest sympathies. To say I know what you're going thru is under statement We have both been thru the mill with this process. You've had a rough 5 months. Needless to say he's in much better place. If you need anything just give me a call at anytime even just to talk . Again you've my deepest sympathies. Always, CC

CARL CLAUSE - November 13, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ Beth, I am so sorry for your loss. Losing our parents Are the hardest things to go thru. Just remember He will always be in your heart. Cherish your memory.

Katherine Brewer - November 13, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Emanuel A. Karageorge

November 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ Emanuel A. Karageorge

Beth Karageorge - November 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM