



## George Alexander Gillespie, II

February 17, 2019

George Alexander Gillespie, II passed away peacefully on February 17, 2019 at Houston Hospice in Houston, TX at the age of 78.

George is survived by his beloved children, George A. Gillespie III, Sheila Burbach (Donald), Susan Marrero (Rafael), Matthew Gillespie (Teresa); grandchildren, Andy Cunningham (Ruby), Nikki Herrmann (Todd), Katheryn, Brian and Ethan Gillespie; great granddaughters, Jade Cunningham & Nora Herrmann; sisters, Rosie and Kate; brothers John and Ralph; sister in law, Lisa (John) as well as many extended family, friends and loved ones.

He is preceded in death by his beloved wife Gloria; parents, John and Edith; sisters, Margaret and Sarah; daughter in law, Monica.

He was born on March 8, 1940 in Gaines, MI and grew up on the family farm. He went to West Point and graduated from Michigan State University. He served in the Army and was a Vietnam Veteran. He moved his family to Coon Rapids, MN in 1971 where he resided until 2003. He worked for Johnson Screens later acquired by Weatherford as a Sand Control Engineer. He worked in Houston, TX for many years before retiring in 2016. In 2003, he and Gloria relocated to Bradenton, FL to escape the cold MN winters and be near Gloria's beloved sister, Lisa, and his bridge partner. George was a devoted husband and enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. He was

extremely positive, loving and nicknamed “Saint George” by many. He enjoyed golfing, playing cards, duplicate bridge, traveling, music & plays. He lived his life to the fullest and even skydived with his family on his 60th & 75th birthdays. He was an active community volunteer in Minnesota and Florida. He inspired kids while coaching Little League baseball and soccer with the Coon Rapids Athletic Association when his kids were growing up. In his later years, he delivered Meals on Wheels in the Sarasota area and volunteered at Sarasota National Cemetery giving tours of Patriot Plaza.

His funeral is scheduled for Tuesday, February 26, 2019 at Toale Brothers Funeral Home at 40 N Orange Ave, Sarasota, FL 34239. Viewing at 10am, visitation at 10:30am, service at 11:30am followed by a Military Honor Service and burial at Sarasota National Cemetery at 1:30pm with reception to follow. All are welcome to attend and celebrate George's life.

In lieu of flowers, the family would prefer donations to one of the following organizations: Meals on Wheels ([www.mealsonwheelsofsarasota.org](http://www.mealsonwheelsofsarasota.org)) 421 N. Lime Avenue, Sarasota, FL 34237, Sarasota National Cemetery ([www.wreathceremony.com](http://www.wreathceremony.com)), 9810 State Road 72, Sarasota, FL 34241 or Houston Hospice ([www.houstonhospice.org/donate.aspx](http://www.houstonhospice.org/donate.aspx)), 1905 Holcombe Blvd., Houston, TX 77090-4123 for providing exceptional end of life care.

# Previous Events

## Viewing

FEB 26. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Toale Brothers Funeral Home & Crematory - Colonial Chapel  
40 N. Orange Avenue  
Sarasota, FL 34236  
(941) 955-4171  
info@toalebrothers.com  
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## Visitation

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## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall

QF

“ Quiroz Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of George Alexander Gillespie, II.



Quiroz Family - February 25, 2019 at 04:02 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of George Alexander Gillespie, II.



February 25, 2019 at 12:10 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of George Alexander Gillespie, II.



February 25, 2019 at 12:25 AM

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“ The New Orleans Marreros purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of George Alexander Gillespie, II.



The New Orleans Marreros - February 24, 2019 at 10:04 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of George Alexander Gillespie, II.*



February 23, 2019 at 06:48 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of George Alexander Gillespie, II.*



February 23, 2019 at 09:40 AM



“ *Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of George Alexander Gillespie, II.*



February 23, 2019 at 09:05 AM



“ *Team GOMO purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of George Alexander Gillespie, II.*



**Team GOMO** - February 23, 2019 at 08:57 AM

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“ *Matt Wozniak purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of George Alexander Gillespie, II.*



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**Matt Wozniak** - February 22, 2019 at 07:58 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of George Alexander Gillespie, II.*



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February 21, 2019 at 10:04 AM

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“ *Dear Gillespie Family,  
Please accept my sincerest condolences in the passing of George.  
We served together for several years as Patriot Plaza Guides. His  
warm manner and his knowledge of our country's history will be  
greatly missed by his colleagues and Plaza guests.  
Mike Loparco*

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**MICHAEL J LOPARCO** - February 20, 2019 at 11:54 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of George Alexander Gillespie, II.*



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February 20, 2019 at 10:23 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of George Alexander Gillespie, II.*



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February 20, 2019 at 07:45 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of George Alexander Gillespie, II.*



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February 19, 2019 at 05:01 PM



“ *Kim Joye and family purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of George Alexander Gillespie, II.*



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**Kim Joye and family** - February 19, 2019 at 04:51 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of George Alexander Gillespie, II.*



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February 19, 2019 at 11:44 AM