



## George Singleton

April 24, 1944 - April 28, 2024

George Joseph Singleton, a longtime resident of Osprey, Florida and Alton, New Hampshire passed away peacefully on April 28, 2024, at home with his family by his side, after losing his short battle with cancer. He was born on April 24, 1944, in Buffalo, New York to his loving parents George and Rita (Gabner) Singleton. He graduated from St. Joe's Collegiate Institute in Buffalo, University of Detroit (B.S. Electrical Engineering) and Rochester Institute of Technology (M.B.A)

On August 27, 1988, in Avon, Conn., he married the love of his life, Bernice Steinberg who survives at home. George experienced great pride and unbounded joys as a father and grandfather. George was previously married to Susan Tappan with whom he had four children. Besides his wife, Bernice, he is survived by his incredibly loving family, sons Christian (Christine) Singleton of Orlando, FL, Timothy Singleton of Dolores, CO, Peter (Kerri) Singleton of Dolores, CO and daughter Virginia (Scott) Meloche of Orlando, FL, 11 grandchildren and 10 nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents and his sister Patricia (Michael) Murphy.

George had a successful 50-year career as an engineer, businessman and entrepreneur. In 1971, he began at Stromberg-Carlson in Lake Mary, Florida as Manager of Manufacturing Support. For the next ten years, he worked on the initial telephone systems installed in the newly opened Walt Disney World

in Orlando, Florida. George was employed at San/Bar Corporation in Garland, Texas as their Vice President and General Manager (1981-1984). He was a Vice President of Operations for United Technologies Corporation, as well as holding other managerial positions for UTC in Longwood, Florida, Bloomfield, Connecticut and Tucson, Arizona (1984-1990).

In 1990, George and a group of Investors bought out his UTC division at Hamilton Test Systems Corp., moving all operations to Tucson, Arizona. In 1994, along with his son Chris and longtime friend, Jim Giuliano, George bought a struggling manufacturing company in Orlando named Unique Electronics and the trio successfully managed the company back to profitability. Unique is still prospering under the leadership of Chris and Jim Giuliano, Jr.

In 2000, George and Bernice retired and joined The Oaks Club community in Osprey, Florida. They also enjoyed many wonderful summers in Alton, New Hampshire hosting their family and friends, boating on Lake Winnepesaukee, fishing, water-skiing, and sunset cruises. George continued to lead an active lifestyle even after his Parkinson's diagnosis in 2018, playing golf, tennis, pickleball and cheering on his teams, Michigan State, Auburn, and the Buffalo Bills. George and Bernice travelled the world visiting six` continents, enjoying numerous cruises and land tours with family and friends.

George was a modest, kind and loving spirit with a great dry sense of humor. He was also a wonderful storyteller. To his family, he was larger than life and fiercely loved. He will be greatly missed and warmly remembered.

There will be no calling hours. A Funeral Mass will be held on Saturday, November 16, 2024, at 10 a.m. at St. Thomas More Catholic Church on Gulf Gate Drive, Sarasota, Florida. A reception will follow at the Church's Spirit Center.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, Grand Central Station, P.O Box 4777, New York, New York 10163, [give.michaeljfox.org](http://give.michaeljfox.org), or Moffitt Cancer Center Foundation, 12902 Magnolia Drive, Tampa, Florida 33612, [fundraise.moffitt.org](http://fundraise.moffitt.org)

# Previous Events

## Funeral Mass

NOV **16**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Thomas More Catholic Church  
2506 Gulf Gate Dr  
Sarasota, FL 34231-5731  
(941) 923-1691

# Tribute Wall

CM

“ Chip and Tina Maxfield planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of George Singleton.

Chip and Tina Maxfield - July 30, 2024 at 07:22 AM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Bernice Singleton - June 04, 2024 at 02:28 PM

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*Australia/New Zealand trip*

Bernice Singleton - June 04, 2024 at 02:30 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Bernice Singleton - June 04, 2024 at 02:23 PM

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*Lake Winnepesaukee where we loved to summer*

Bernice Singleton - June 04, 2024 at 02:29 PM

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“ 2 files added to the album *Chris Favorites*



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**Christian Peter Singleton** - May 30, 2024 at 02:59 PM

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“ 7 files added to the album *Chris Favorites*



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**Christian Singleton** - May 26, 2024 at 01:48 PM

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“ For many years I and several friends in the Buffalo area attended a New Year's Eve party in the basement of George's parents' home. We spent many days decorating the party room, and the affair was always, as we would say in Buffalo, "The cat's pajamas." I.E., a very good time. Paul Fiutak, Joe Rautenstrauch, Lenny Wiltburger, Kevin Reyner, Paul Tello, and heaven knows who else, plus of course our lovely dates for the evening, would dance the night away. These parties continued for many years, and remain one of my fondest memories of my time in Buffalo.

*I will remember George for all of my days, and send blessings and best wishes to his family in this difficult time.*

*Sincerely,*

*Mike Shurgot*

*Seattle, WA*

*May 9, 2024*

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**Michael Shurgot** - May 09, 2024 at 03:39 PM

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*Thank you Mike for your sentiments and memories. Warms my heart at this very difficult time. Bernice Singleton*

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**Bernice Singleton** - May 18, 2024 at 09:36 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of George Singleton.*



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May 06, 2024 at 11:40 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of George Singleton.



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May 05, 2024 at 02:41 PM



“ *Marge and Bob* planted a </store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518>">Memorial Tree</a> in honor of George Singleton.

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**Marge and Bob** - May 05, 2024 at 02:41 PM