



George Milne

December 29, 2020

George Hector Fanjoy Milne, age 94, devoted husband of 52 years to Carolyn Wiseheart Milne died peacefully at his home in Englewood, New Jersey in the early morning of December 29, 2020.

George was born November 23, 1926 in Nova Scotia, Canada. He graduated from McGill University with degrees in Mechanical Engineering and Commerce. He celebrated a successful career in accounting and finance at multiple companies including Xerox, Scholastic Magazines, and IPCO Hospital Supplies. He proudly became an American citizen in 2002.

A pillar of the Englewood community since 1969, George was an influential member of many organizations including The First Presbyterian Church of Englewood, The Englewood Rotary Club, The Flat Rock Book Nature Center, The New York Botanical Garden, The Bergen Family Center, The Elisabeth Morrow School, and The Dwight Englewood School. George was a member of many social organizations including The New York Yacht Club, The Palisades Yacht Club and The Englewood Field Club.

He and Carolyn traveled extensively visiting almost every continent in the world. He was a chef extraordinaire with specialties ranging from flaming crepe suzette to his lobster dinners, hosted with Carolyn on their back deck. They were avid boaters with a sailboat and motorboat docked at the Englewood Boat Basin for decades. So many individuals enjoyed cruises along the Hudson with Captain George.

George had a particular zest for life... one of his favorite phrases: "The best is

yet to come.” With you gone, George, it’s a little hard to swallow... but, with your spirit in us, the future will be bright.

Above all George had passionate love for his family, he was our anchor. He is survived by his beloved wife Carolyn and six children: Mary (husband Lee Pillsbury), Jim, Cathy (husband Steven Nieberding), Malcolm (wife Britt), Christopher (wife Barb) and Elizabeth. He was Grampy to ten grandchildren and five great grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his first wife Pauline Campbell Milne and his brother James Burpee Milne. While he was our anchor, he taught us all to sail free and to sail in formation when needed.

George was the epicenter of every room he entered. He loved without judgement and had an ability to bring people together. He was full of wit and wisdom and a master of debate. Somehow after spending time with George you challenged your own ideas and you felt smarter. He gave you a sense of self-reflection which made you grow as a person with a better understanding of yourself and our world.

George will be interred in First Presbyterian Church Memorial Garden. Donations in George’s memory may be made to The First Presbyterian Church of Englewood.

We will be hosting a Memorial Service January 23 at 2pm ET available online at fpce.live.

Tribute Wall

MD

“ *Mary Ray Diaz lit a candle in memory of George Milne*



Mary Ray Diaz - January 23, 2021 at 02:21 PM

AF

“ *Sincere condolences. George was one of a kind. Vividly remember the hospitality an warmth and graciousness in your home that I received. George sponsored me into Englewood Rotary and my President's Installation was at your lovely home. Wonderful memorable time with Caroline and daughter Elizabeth. George was a rock and will be missed by so very many. Aleta Frezzell*

aleta frezzell - January 23, 2021 at 02:14 PM

JW

“ *George is one of those people you are lucky to have known, His kindness, welcoming nature and ready smile were endearing. I would look forward to our laughs and jokes during "friday lunch". And could always count on his invitation to come to his church (which I eventually did), or to add valuable insights during our business talks. He lead by example and his genuine spirit was a gift to us all.*

"And flights of angels sing thee to they rest"
Jacqueline Wisner

jacqueline wisner - January 23, 2021 at 12:53 PM

JW

“ *The eight of us (aka The Society) spent so many wonderful times together, enjoying amazing adventures and lots of "discussions" sparked by our dear friend. Will are missing you!*



Janis Wein - January 19, 2021 at 06:47 PM

DS

“ *We will all remember George as a great father, a devoted husband and a rare friend. I will especially miss his excitement and ability to debate any important subject - even if he agreed with your position! It is what made him so much fun to be with. Thank you George for being you. I will miss you*

Dick Stark

dick stark - January 08, 2021 at 09:23 PM

LD

“ *George was a supremely curious man. When we had one of our many meals with my dear colleague/ friend Carolyn and George he asked my husband, Jim, a biologist, many questions. Jim said he'd give George a few biology textbooks. George's eyes lit up! He was a sponge for knowledge.*

Leslie Day - January 06, 2021 at 07:51 PM

NB

“ I remember George as being cheerful, and loving his work as Treasurer(s) which I always admired. He, with Carolyn were always so hospitable and had such a passion for traveling. He wil be missed though I know he had a very full and interesting life.
Natalie Beaumont

Natalie Beaumont - January 06, 2021 at 12:17 PM

JS

“ George had such an expansive personality - welcoming everyone into his orbit. His financial acumen was indispensable to numerous nonprofit organizations in Englewood and beyond. He loved a good conversation with good wine and I'm honored to have enjoyed both with him. Carolyn, you know you are -- forever -- the love of his life and the love and times you shared, especially in his last few months, are iconic. Love to you and your family.
Janet Sharma

Janet Sharma - January 05, 2021 at 07:41 PM



“ To All of the Milnes-

Please know that I am thinking of all of you. May your years of wonderful treasured memories sustain you now and in the weeks and months ahead.

warmly,

Pam Lippmann Roth

Pam Roth - January 05, 2021 at 06:33 PM

DD

“ George and Caroline have been our neighbors since we moved Englewood. Words cannot describe the friendship and love that George had for his family and all of us and Englewood , you had to meet him to be so awed of his presence . His lobster dinners were amazing , his laugh and funny character are etched in my thoughts, His family always embraced us as their own ...there's something to be said about an excellent neighbor who you can rely on and always help if they needed it. George , we thank you for the memories and how to live and beautiful kind and loving life we respect you so much

Dr Dean & Helen Vafiadis & family .

You live inside us all now!! May your memory be eternal in the Lords Resurrection!!

Dean Vafiadis DDS - January 05, 2021 at 05:12 PM

CS

“ George's interest in other people was boundless and his praise and encouragement for their advocacy initiatives was constant. He was one of the first people I met in the Englewood Rotary and will always be beloved. Charlotte

Charlotte Bennett Schoen - January 05, 2021 at 02:44 PM