



## George T. Eichner

August 13, 1936 - October 6, 2024

It is with very heavy hearts that we announce George T. Eichner passed away suddenly and unexpectedly on October 6, 2024 at the age of 88. George was a loving husband, father, grandfather and soon-to-be great-grandfather.

George was born on August 13, 1936 to parents Otto and Agnes Eichner. He was raised in The Bronx, New York with his older brother John and younger sister Nancy. He graduated with a bachelor's degree (BSEE) in Electrical Engineering from Manhattan College (1958) and later earned his master's degree from the University of Florida. George retired from the Naval Air Warfare Center Training Systems Division (NAWCTSD) where he worked as an electrical engineer for over 30 years.

George was a devout Catholic who loved to serve the Lord and his fellow man. He was an active, faithful parishioner of Saint Mary Magdalen Catholic Church since 1966, serving as a Sacristan for over twenty years. Sir George was a Fourth Degree Knight of Columbus. He went on many mission trips including building houses in the Dominican Republic, as well as assisting victims of the Hurricane Katrina flood in New Orleans, and many other service trips. He was very active with Habitat for Humanity, helping to build homes within his community. His compassion was further demonstrated when he spearheaded a clothing drive for the homeless. His presence in his Church and the community will be missed immensely.

George also loved to travel and did so extensively with his wife of 64 years, Ann. They traveled to six of the seven continents, omitting Antarctica only by choice. He loved the beach, living part-time at New Smyrna Beach for over 25 years and living there full time for a year before moving back to his Church family. In recent years he was able to spend many winters on Hilton Head Island. But his most cherished times were those surrounded by his family; his wife, their five children and their spouses and, of course, the grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, Ann Eichner; his sister Nancy (Eichner) Tirone; all five of his children, Greg (Mary Beth) Eichner, Alison (Keith) Milford, Gwen (Ted) Thomas, Stephen Eichner, Leigh Ann (Richard) Holt; and his fourteen grandchildren, Ben Milford, Brian Thomas, Alexandra (Milford) Rees, Victoria (Thomas) Holmberg, Christopher Holt, Amanda Eichner, Monica Eichner, Austin Thomas, Samatha Holt, Geoffrey Eichner, Caroline Holt, Nickolas Eichner, John Eichner, and Roman Eichner. George was preceded in death by his parents, Otto C. Eichner and Agnes C. (Fleming) Eichner and his brother John C. Eichner.

The family will receive family and friends on Wednesday, October 16 from 6pm to 8pm at the DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory at 9001 N. Orlando Ave, Maitland, FL 32751. A Vigil service will begin at 7pm.

A funeral Mass is scheduled at Saint Mary Magdalen Catholic Church at 861 Maitland Avenue, Altamonte Springs, FL 32701 for Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at noon. Father Edwin Cardona will preside over the service. A celebration of

George's life will follow at the clubhouse at Oak Harbor. All are welcome to attend. The Rite of Committal will be on Friday, October 18, 2024, 10:00 am at Queen of Angels Cemetery at San Pedro Center for those who wish to attend.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to either The Knights of Columbus

2024 Vocations Fundraiser, GROW Healthy Kids or a charity of your choice.

# Previous Events

## Prayer Service

OCT 16. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory  
9001 N. Orlando Avenue  
Maitland, FL 32751  
<https://www.facebook.com/DeGusipeFH/>

## Celebration of Life Mass

OCT 17. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church  
861 Maitland Avenue  
Altamonte Springs, FL 32701  
(407) 831-1212  
<http://www.stmarymagdalen.org>

# Tribute Wall

TF

“ *The Remmes & Klinner families purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of George T. Eichner.*



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**The Remmes & Klinner families** - October 16, 2024 at 02:53 PM

BG

“ *Dear George,  
For the past 25 years you have been one of my closest friends. I felt the warmth of your love in the way you related to me. Many times you helped me with practical things you knew I could not do. I was always impressed with your humility, with your wondering whether you were pleasing God. Now you know how pleased God is with you for your remarkable life of service to him and all of us. I enjoyed having you as a good friend on earth and am very glad to have you as a good friend in heaven, praying for me.  
Much love,  
Bert*

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**BERT GHEZZI** - October 16, 2024 at 11:08 AM

FF

“ *From your Home Depot 0262 Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of George T. Eichner.*

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**From your Home Depot 0262 Family** - October 16, 2024 at 10:57 AM

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“ From your Home Depot 0262 Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of George T. Eichner.



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**From your Home Depot 0262 Family** - October 16, 2024 at 10:57 AM

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“ The Emmett Family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of George T. Eichner.



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**The Emmett Family** - October 15, 2024 at 09:45 PM

DT

“ Decades ago, as I began my faith walk, I spent lots of time at church, attending daily Mass, daily rosaries and became a lector. It seemed George and Ann were always somewhere there, in the background, never demanding attention, but present. They probably didn't realize the impact they made on me...but they were quietly leading the way...they were dependable...they were involved...they were pillars of the church...

*May the soul of our faithful departed George rest in peace...*

*and Ann, may God grant you courage, strength and peace in the days that lie ahead.*

*Debbie Tomaselli (& Joe)*

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**Debra Tomaselli** - October 14, 2024 at 08:54 PM

TP

*I first met George at the CROC mens retreat a hundred years ago. Enjoyed him ever since . There was nothing secret about George, what you see was the real deal. He had no pretense. We started meeting once a week for coffee with a few other guys from church and then for a few weeks went to a local cafe for a good breakfast. George the world traveler told me he couldn't afford \$10 every week for breakfast so we went back to coffee. That made me laugh. George, you will be surely missed my friend. Your mate, Tom Pop'l.*

Thomas Poppell - October 16, 2024 at 02:59 PM

GF

“ Gwen's WIM family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of George T. Eichner.



Gwen's WIM family - October 14, 2024 at 04:27 PM

LG

“ Love, The Griffith's planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of George T. Eichner.

Love, The Griffith's - October 14, 2024 at 12:59 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of George T. Eichner.



October 14, 2024 at 12:59 PM

FJ

“ I will always remember sitting around the campfires with our families and Mr. Eichner playing the banjo and singing. Those were great times. May God Bless Mr Eichner and his family. Frank Corso Jr.

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**Frank M Corso Jr** - October 13, 2024 at 08:27 PM

GP

“ I remember George playing the banjo at at the Church picnic at San Pedro. One song in particular was "Dinah blow your horn". I sang that song for my children when they were very young. It's safe to say that he touched the lives of some who never met or knew him. Even outside of the many services he performed for those that did.

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**Greg Pelzer** - October 12, 2024 at 10:25 PM