



George L. De Lage

March 1, 1940 - October 24, 2008

George De Lage of Tinton Falls passed away Friday at home. George was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and brother and will be dearly missed by his family and many friends. George was a dedicated family man who truly loved Joan, his wife of 50 years, and his children Stanley and Gina. Being a grandfather was a great joy in George's life and he spent much of his time with his grandchildren Stanley Jr. 16, Mary 14, Edward 12, Lauren 9 and Adam 6. Whether it was taking them to new and exciting places, sharing his profound wisdom, or simply playing with them in the yard George was always a gentle, loving, caring grandpa. George was also a wonderful father-in-law to Barbara De Lage and William Varela and step-grandfather to Kassie.

George was born in Florida and grew up in Keansburg with his mother, Mary De Lage (deceased), sister, Kathy Burdge of Navesink and brother Jack De Lage of Texas. Growing up, he spent many summers with his cousins at his aunt and uncle's house in Florham Park. George worked as a butcher for 12 years and was a member of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters Union Local 464 while attending Kean College to earn his bachelors and then masters in education.

George was a teacher at Indian Hill Elementary School for 30 years (retiring in 2002) serving as president of the Holmdel Township Education Association for most of his tenure. Students, parents, fellow teachers and administrators

remember George as a man of indomitable strength of character and integrity who always stood up for what was right even if it was not the popular stance to take. George was a mentor to hundreds of students during his time at Indian Hill always going above and beyond to support and guide them in a positive way. George truly believed that all children are born with amazing potential and that they just need to be nurtured and given the opportunity to excel.

George De Lage was a man with a heart of gold who helped so many people in so many ways and who never expected or wanted anything in return or accolades for having done so. He was a bright star in the lives of so many and that light will continue to shine on in all of the people that were fortunate enough to have known him.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **27**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Bongarzone Funeral Home
2400 Shafto Road
Tinton Falls, NJ

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OCT **27**. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Dear Stanley and Family,
Stan, I am very sorry to hear about the loss of your Dad. By all accounts he was truly an amazing man, one who many many people looked up to and admired. It must be warming to your heart, as well as the rest of your family members, to know that your Dad touched many people and probably changed or altered, in a good way, many lives. My sincere condolences to you all, may God bless you all. My family and I will keep you in our prayers. sincerely yours,
your friend Al Bulvanoski and Family###imported-begin##Alan Bulvanoski###imported-end##*

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“ *With deepest sympathy...###imported-begin##Walt Kowalczyk,
Holmdel High School###imported-end##*

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“ To Aunt Joan, Stanley & Barbara, Gina & Will and the entire DeLage family,

It is so hard to put into words how deeply saddened I am to hear of your and our loss. Uncle George gave alot of memories to our family that I will always cherish. Our holiday family dinners at Aunt Kathy's and all the laughs and funny things he did. I have thought of you often Aunt Joan and know how difficult this has been. My prayers and thoughts of peace are with you, Stanley/Barbara, Gina/Will and all of the kids. This is hard for all of us and we truly will miss the Uncle who always made us laugh. With deepest sympathy and love, Laurie, Bob & Bobby Ward###imported-begin##Laurie Burdge Ward###imported-end##

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