



George Joseph Marmion Jr.

October 3, 1935 - February 17, 2012

George J. Marmion, Jr., of Stevensville, MD, died on February 17, 2012.

George was born on October 3, 1935, the third child of George J. Marmion, Sr., and Emily Considine Marmion in Washington DC. He grew up on West Virginia Avenue with his sister, Dolores Marmion Mulligan, who preceded him in death in 2009 and his sister, Emily Marmion Hanfman, now residing in Bowie MD. He graduated high school in 1953, then joined the army the following year at the age of 19. He served in the army during the Korean War and was honorably discharged in 1959.

George married Norma Chambers in 1959, who preceded him in death in 1994. Together they had three children, Dawn M. Miller who lives in Strasburg, VA, and shares her life with her fiancé Henry A. Linger, Deanna J. Bychich who lives in Hanover, PA, where she shares her life with her husband Gregory Bychich, and Dean J. Marmion who shares his life with his wife Datina Marmion and lives in York, PA.

In 1977, George married Barbara Riefler who was by his side until the day he died. Together they parented George's children from his first marriage and Barbara's children from hers. He leaves those children, now grown: David Riefler and his partner Leslie Fletcher of Edgewater MD; Charles Riefler of Stevensville, MD; Lynn Riefler Likin and her husband Mike Likin of

Westminster MD; and Kathy Riefler of Baltimore, MD.

George had an illustrious career and wore many hats. He began working at Potomac Electric Power Company (PEPCO) soon after he was discharged from the army and continued there until his retirement in 1990.

To earn extra money to support his growing family he took a second job with The Post Office Department. He worked there until 1967 when he began driving a Blue Bird taxi. He also tried his hand as an entrepreneur when he partnered with his good friends, Frank Brocato and Bill Billingsley, and began George's Crab Truck.

But his most fascinating and enjoyable part-time job was as a limousine driver, which after his retirement from PEPCO became full time. He worked in this position until 2003. During that time he had the chance to meet celebrities, politicians, corporate leaders and dignitaries. His infectious humor and laugh endeared him to many of his clients and many requested his services time and time again. Sheena Easton and Zsa Zsa Gabor were two of his famous fans.

Finally committing to life on the east side of the bridge, George drove for Shore Health Systems from 2003-2008, endearing himself to everyone he met.

After retirement George enjoyed time with Barbara volunteering with the Kent Island Heritage Society. George, an entertainer at heart, played train master at The Stevensville Train Depot. He relished the role of storyteller as he conveyed the history of the Eastern Shore Railway to tourists and locals alike. Again his humor and his own special flare added to the narrative.

Other pursuits of happiness in retirement included golf, learning (but never

mastering) the trombone, and saxophone; singing the old standards made famous by the old crooners Dean Martin, Frank Sinatra, and Tony Bennett; and traveling with friends and his wife Barbara to favorite vacation destinations.

He enjoyed his time with his 22 grandchildren; Cory Likin, Thomas Clements, Kelly Clements, Joseph Riefler, Robert Harrison, Anna Riefler, Patricia Hanley, Joshua Newman, Amanda Reeder, Melissa Riefler, James Likin, Andrew Clements, Samuel Likin, Thaddeus Riefler, Charles Riefler Jr., Stephen Bernadyn, Cecilia Marmion, Alexaundra Bernadyn, Adam Jones, Brett Marmion, and Zachary Bychich; and fourteen great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one grandson, Luke Likin. George leaves, in addition to his immediate family, 13 nieces and nephews who loved him dearly and many good friends and associates from his very full life.

Friends may call at the Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A. in Chester on Thursday, February 23 from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m.

A funeral will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, February 24, at the Kent Island United Methodist Church in Chester.

Flowers are welcome and appreciated, but for those that prefer to do so, memorial contributions may be made to either the Hospice of Queen Anne's, Inc., 255 Comet Dr., Centreville, MD 21617; or to the Kent Island United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 308, Chester, MD 21619.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **23**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Chester Location / Kent Island
106 Shamrock Road
Chester, MD 21619
(410) 643-2226
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Tribute Wall



“ George Joseph Marmion Jr.

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ George Joseph Marmion Jr.

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ George Joseph Marmion Jr.

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ Mandy Reeder sent a virtual gift in memory of George Joseph Marmion Jr.



Mandy Reeder - February 28, 2012 at 07:21 PM



“ Lighting this candle in memory of "Uncle" George - Thank you for the smiles and the laughter. I will never forget you! May you rest in peace, and keep the Angels laughing! Hugs and Love to Barb. May The Lord continue to Bless you all and keep you in his loving arms through this time. Will continue to keep you all in my thoughts and prayers! Elizabeth Parsons Winchester, VA



Elizbeth Parsons - February 26, 2012 at 02:44 PM

JA

“ George may you rest in peace. I will never forget you. A good friend growing up in our teen years on West Virginia ave .John Agrafiotis, Venice, Florida

John Agrafiotis - February 24, 2012 at 08:10 AM

SS

“ Sheila Stairs lit a candle in memory of George Joseph Marmion Jr.



Sheila Stairs - February 23, 2012 at 12:18 PM

RL

“ We would like to extend our sincere condolences. We were teenage friends of George on West Virginia Avenue. He was a really good friend and we were sorry we lost track of him over the years, but we did think about and talk about him often. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family.

Richard & Janet Lombardi, Bowie, MD

Richard and Janet Lombardi - February 23, 2012 at 11:28 AM



“ Barb – we are so sorry for you loss. We send our prayers and deepest sympathy to you and your family. George has been a very dear friend and will be greatly missed. Looking back, Rich and I realize that you and George are there in the best of our memories. That was because you and George had a way of making time spent with you the best of times. We love you. Alvera and Rich

Alvera Winkler - February 22, 2012 at 06:51 PM

BM

Dear Alvera and Rich - Thank you for the beautiful tribute to George.

Barbara Marmion - February 23, 2012 at 07:35 AM

SS

Barbara and family...We want you all to know that you are in our prayers and our hearts today and the many days ahead. God's love never fails and he is always there to guide us and carry us through. God Bless Stephen & Sheila Stairs

Sheila Stairs - February 23, 2012 at 12:17 PM

LH

“ *Lee Ann Heinicke lit a candle in memory of George Joseph Marmion Jr.*



Lee Ann Heinicke - February 22, 2012 at 05:17 PM

LH

The Heinicke family is sad for the loss of a wonderful person. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the entire Marmion Family.

Lee Ann Heinicke - February 22, 2012 at 05:23 PM

BM

Lee Ann - Thanks so much. Love, Aunt B

Barbara Marmion - February 23, 2012 at 07:36 AM



“ *Karen Klaassen sent a virtual gift in memory of George Joseph Marmion Jr.*



Karen Klaassen - February 21, 2012 at 11:05 PM



The Teddy Bear is for George's great grandchildren whom I have never met. The teddy bear is to remind you to keep giving hugs to each other...and know that your great grandfather loved you "beary much" and that will never go away. Even though we have not met, this is being sent with Love From Great Great Aunt Karen

Karen Klaassen - February 21, 2012 at 11:10 PM

BA

Thank you so very much dear great-great-Aunt Karen.

Barbara armion - February 22, 2012 at 04:48 PM



“ *Karen Klaassen sent a virtual gift in memory of George Joseph Marmion Jr.*



Karen Klaassen - February 21, 2012 at 10:56 PM



The butterfly is for George's grandchildren...I have met some of you, but not all. I know you will miss your grandfather and send this butterfly in memory so when you see a butterfly you will be reminded of the beauty of rebirth and know that your grandfather is still with you in Spirit. With Love, Great Aunt Karen

Karen Klaassen - February 21, 2012 at 11:05 PM

BM

We thank you very much and love you.! Comfort to me too!

Barbara Marmion - February 22, 2012 at 04:50 PM



“ Karen Klaassen sent a virtual gift in memory of George Joseph Marmion Jr.



Karen Klaassen - February 21, 2012 at 10:53 PM



The dove of peace is for Barbara AND for all George & Barbara's Children. I've been reading your comments...they are beautiful and bring both tears and smiles. Thank You all for sharing your father with the rest of us....may the peace that passeth all understanding be yours. Love, Aunt Karen

Karen Klaassen - February 21, 2012 at 10:56 PM

BM

I love you, Karen

Barbara Marmion - February 22, 2012 at 04:52 PM



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Karen Klaassen - February 21, 2012 at 10:51 PM

RL

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Richard & Janet Lombardi, Bowie, MD

Richard & Janet (Montgomery) Lombardi - February 23, 2012 at 10:15 AM

CM

“ *Just a few things I will remember about Uncle George –*

- His warm smile and friendly hugs whenever we ran into each other (usually at big family events).*
- His great stories, including stories of his days with the limo.*
- His immediate acceptance of new family members – George always treated my husband like another nephew, and I suspect that others who married into our big clan were equally welcome.*
- His words at my mother’s wake (his big sister). No, I don’t actually remember the words, but I remember feeling that they were just right.*

We will all miss him.

--Cyndi

Cynthia Mulligan - February 21, 2012 at 08:49 PM

BM

Cyndi - I certainly was the lucky one to be able to spend 35 years as his wife. Thank you for all your words of love.

Barbara Marmion - February 22, 2012 at 04:59 PM

GB

“ Grace Bruns sent a virtual gift in memory of George Joseph Marmion Jr.



Grace Bruns - February 21, 2012 at 01:44 PM

BM

Dearest Aunt Gracie - I have been thinking of you a lot. George was telling me to call you for quite a while before he passed on. I'm sorry I didn't. I was so busy and have become very forgetful. I love you. Barb

Barbara Marmion - February 22, 2012 at 04:54 PM

RF

“ Ramona Forman lit a candle in memory of George Joseph Marmion Jr.



Ramona Forman - February 21, 2012 at 01:41 PM

GB

Sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers go out to all of you. George was a great guy who could always make you smile, he will missed.

Grace Bruns - February 21, 2012 at 01:46 PM

BM

Dear Moe - Thank you so much for your kind words. Yeah, George was one of a kiind...a very special guy. I miss him terribly. He fought the cancer battle valiantly and continued to rebound...the doctors as well as all Hospice staff were continually amazed.

Barbara Marmion - February 22, 2012 at 04:58 PM

HD

“ *Hil Dehoff lit a candle in memory of George Joseph Marmion Jr.*



hil dehoff - February 21, 2012 at 01:14 PM



“ *Although George was not my biological father, he was my father. He raised all of his children with compassion and love and we shared many good times together. Even recently although George was sick we enjoyed oysters together. I felt honored to be able to be with him in his last days. I look forward to seeing him again and sitting down with him to enjoy a bushel of crabs together in God's Kingdom. I love you and you will be greatly missed.*

Lynn Likin - February 21, 2012 at 12:46 PM

MR

Touching Mom <3

Mandy Reeder - February 21, 2012 at 01:19 PM



Lynn, thanks for your precious love and caring. He knew you were there helping with seeing him through to Eternity.

Barbara Marmion - February 22, 2012 at 05:05 PM

KR

I'm so glad that you were able to be with him for as long as you were right to the end, caressing him, singing to him, attempting to feed him. I am so grateful that all of us, seven children have had the experience that we have, with our parents. They made our experiences as young people such a priority, with all of the many trips and culture. Those two parents of ours are really something.

Kathy Riefler - February 24, 2012 at 05:28 AM



“ I understand why everyone that knew George thought he was a really great guy and also a lot of fun. I know he made me feel special each time I visited with or had the chance to be with him at any family function. He never failed to ask me about my family including my father, mother and brothers and children, Mandy, Corey, Jim and Sam. George praised me for being a good father and I always went away with a warm feeling inside. This he did even to the end as Lynn and I would visit with George and Barbara. Yes, George was the one that was sick and suffering but he never lost his concern for his family and friends. I enjoyed our times golfing, camping, eating crabs, football games and watching George play the ukelele and singing. Now George is in a place that knows no pain and will welcome us one day.

Michael Likin - February 21, 2012 at 12:30 PM

MR

The Ukelele! I almost forgot! Very beautiful Dad!

Mandy Reeder - February 21, 2012 at 01:20 PM

DM

Exactly Mike! I feel the same way. He always asked about my family & praised me for being a good mother. I always left George & Barbara's with a warm loving feeling.

Datina Marmion - February 21, 2012 at 03:47 PM



Mike - thanks so much for your love. George and I love you and yes, you are a great father and a great son-in-law.

Barbara Marmion - February 22, 2012 at 05:10 PM



Mike, What you said was so deeply heartfelt and I know Dad loves you and he always did enjoy being with you guys. For he would tell me so.

Deanna Bychich - March 20, 2012 at 01:07 AM

DM

“ We love you George! So hard to say so long for know. Your humor, kindness & caring ways are already greatly missed. I could not have asked for a better father-in-law.
I also thank you for the wonderful son you brought into this world. Through knowing you and your whole family I am a better person. I know you are physically no longer here, but you live on.. I see you everyday in Dean, Cecilia & Brett. I am thankful you are no longer in pain or suffering. Rest in peace. ?

Datina L. Marmion - February 21, 2012 at 10:26 AM

MR

So sweet :)

Mandy Reeder - February 21, 2012 at 01:21 PM



Datina - Loving words from a great daughter-in-law!

Barbara Marmion - February 22, 2012 at 05:16 PM

KR

Datina, I know that George is resting peacefully knowing that his Dean 'babyboy' is sharing his life with the best woman that he could possibly have. Thank you for being you, our sister.

Kathy Riefler - February 24, 2012 at 05:38 AM



Datina, Yes I feel the same way. I am so glad you are my sister in law. This family loves you so very much. Thank you so much for those kind and sweet words and Kathy - Love you!!

Deanna Bychich - March 20, 2012 at 01:11 AM

DM

“ How do you share "A" memory of George. He was so full of life and so much fun the stories are boundless and to pick just one is a task in itself. I probably spent the least amount of time with my father then any of the 7 children he raised, unless you count those three years I had him all to myself. I wish I could remember them. I'm okay with this however, because if you knew George you felt like your connection was the most important; the most special. He would always say when we were alone, either on the phone or in person that I was his favorite. I tell my kids the same thing. I think I am most like my father but I see traces of him in each one of us. Our humor, our appreciation for a beautiful day, our sense of right and wrong. I wish I had inherited some of his other qualities too; like his organization skills. A shoe box, a sharpie, and a label maker were his favorite tools. I wish I hadn't inherited other of his characteristics. He had a temper that was frightening and I am afraid mine is just as ugly.

He missed his calling as an entertainer although many of the roles he took on in life allowed him to work the crowd. For all his bravado he had a bit of shyness when it came to sharing his vocal abilities. He was just starting to embrace karaoke when the cancer struck and I think if he had lived he would have gained his stage feet and enjoyed crooning to strangers as much as we enjoyed it at home.

We developed a more special bond during this last year and a half. We made some wonderful memories and although it was difficult watching the cancer kill him it showed me a strength that I did not realize existed. I am proud to have called him Dad.

Dawn Marmion Miller - February 21, 2012 at 09:30 AM

KK

Absolutely beautiful Dawn. I am blessed to have you as my cousin. Love you!

Kathy Koehnlein - February 21, 2012 at 09:56 AM



:(thank you for that! I love you aunt dawn

Patricia Hanley - February 21, 2012 at 11:10 AM

MR

Beautiful Aunt Dawn!

Mandy Reeder - February 21, 2012 at 01:21 PM



Dawn - You speak the truth about your Dad. He had depth in all aspects of life. He will always be the 'Love of my Life'.

Barbara Marmion - February 22, 2012 at 05:21 PM

KR

Dawn you hit home with this one. I didn't know you were his favorite! Oh well. I also believe that you are the most like your father out of all of us. He definately always, always stepped up to the plate when duty called and for the past year and a half your life shifted and Dawn was no longer the priority. You made him your priority and that was undeniable. You took charge, rallied us up and set forth to ensure that not one vital piece would be left out, in the care of your father and this family. With your postings, photos, and tireless organizing family get togethers, you set out to provide all of us with such a meaningful time together as our family was about to change significantly. Thank you Dawn and Henry.

*Love,
Kathy*

Kathy Riefler - February 24, 2012 at 05:58 AM

AD

Lovely Dawn!! My sincere condolences, thoughts, and prayers are with you and your family. Adrienne

Adrienne - February 25, 2012 at 07:02 AM

KC

“ My condolences to the entire Marmion Family. My heart goes out to you all in this time of grief. Know that you will be together again.

Kimberly Cole - February 21, 2012 at 09:11 AM

MR

“ Thank you for being my grandfather, when you didn't have to. I admire you so much for treating all your "step" grandchildren as your own. I have so many fond memories of you, but our trip to Wisconsin/Illinois/Ohio was definitely one of my favorites. Staying at a resort with an indoor water park, stopping at cheese factories, eating lunch at the house of blues. I enjoyed immensely watching you imitate the blues brothers characters, not yet knowing who they were. I felt like a princess when you took me for a ride in your limousine around the neighborhood. And I felt accomplished when I brought my first car over for you to ride in. I met my husband at your house, which ultimately lead to my greatest joys in the world, my children. I have so much to thank you for, but I know you would not want the thanks. You enjoyed being a grandfather as much as I enjoyed being your granddaughter. Love you and miss you. Enjoy your new home with all your loved ones :)

Mandy Reeder - February 20, 2012 at 10:02 PM



That was absolutely beautiful mandy. Thank you for that! Love you cuz

Patricia Hanley - February 20, 2012 at 10:55 PM

BM

Darlin' Mandy - That is so beautiful. Thank you from the bottom (and all the way to the top) of my heart. I love you, G-ma

Barbara Marmion - February 21, 2012 at 08:59 AM



Just read this again. You know, he never used the word 'step' when referring to children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Barbara Marmion - February 22, 2012 at 05:25 PM

JH

“ 1 file added to the album Uncle George



Joe Hanfman - February 20, 2012 at 04:26 PM

BM

I miss everything about him!

Barbara Marmion - February 20, 2012 at 07:18 PM

JH

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Joe Hanfman - February 20, 2012 at 04:26 PM

DB

Joe, This a FANTASTIC picture of the two of you!! I am sure you are going to want to cherish this one for a life time!

Deanna Marmion Bychich - March 22, 2012 at 12:06 AM

JH

“ 1 file added to the album Uncle George



Joe Hanfman - February 20, 2012 at 04:25 PM

KK

“ 2 files added to the album New Album Name



Kathy Koehnlein - February 20, 2012 at 09:19 AM

TC

“ I loved being your grandson, and I always will. We lives so far away but I was always excited to come visit you, and equally excited when you visited us. Even though we liver so far away I remember you always took the time to know what we were up to weather it would be my school work or any ordinary thing. You cared which made me care. You took care of all of us like we was your own, not a burden. I thank you and will always miss you. Love Tommy.

Tommy Clements - February 19, 2012 at 09:56 PM

SN

“ It was an honor and privelege to know Mr. Marmion. He was an amazing man who could always make you laugh, I will forever think of him when I hear "It had to be you" and have memories of: Yellow cake with chocolate icing, the 38 missed alarms on his phone, and his smile that lit up a room. He will forever be missed.

Stephanie Nicholson - February 19, 2012 at 07:34 PM

DM

You were a wonderful hospice nurse to my father and I am positive contributed to his endurance. I can't even begin to thank you enough. We were blessed to know you.

Dawn Marmion Miller - February 21, 2012 at 09:44 AM



Stephanie - I can tell you, George loved you dearly. Thank you for all you did...even all the extra stuff like getting him his beloved fruit cake for Christmas; a cake for his birthday and a special cupcake for Valentine's Day.

Barbara Marmion - February 22, 2012 at 05:29 PM



Stephanie. Thank you so much for all your hard work, dedication, and care you gave Dad. I know Dad still appreciates you and now we have some one else on our side in heaven making sure we are getting our blessings and going up for bat for us. With that said Stephanie. I know Dad will make sure you get an extra blessing from God as you very well deserve. God bless you and may god bless all of Hospice as a corporation

Deanna Bychich - March 20, 2012 at 01:39 AM



“ To the best man I have ever known, you always knew how to make everyone laugh and smile. Your smile lit the whole room up. With the most amazing soul. The camera man :) I have so many amazing memories but the most humurous one is at christmas time my cousin got a barbie car and I accidentally ran it into the christmas tree lol and my cousin called 911 and hung up so we ran and hid from poppa george but they called back and of course he fount us lol!! Sorry grandpa I love you dearly and will miss you terribly you fought a great battle and are a very strong man. Best grandfather/father ever but until we meet again RIP and god bless I know your charming everyone up there ;)i love you grandpa george

Patricia Hanley - February 19, 2012 at 04:20 PM

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Tommy Clements - February 19, 2012 at 09:47 PM

TC

Oops wrong spot. Ha oh well. Love you too Patty.

Tommy Clements - February 19, 2012 at 09:58 PM



Haha love u too tommy

Patricia Hanley - February 20, 2012 at 06:35 AM



Trish - So eloquently put. Thank you for calling me 'grandma' and loving me so much. You are very special and such a wonderfully fantastic mother. I love hearing stories about Damion and Callie (the Princess).

Barbara Marmion - February 22, 2012 at 05:33 PM