



## George N. Triandiflou

December 22, 1928 - August 12, 2017

George Nicholas Triandiflou, 88, of Wellington, FL passed away Saturday, August 12.

George was born and raised in Framingham, MA. After serving two years in the Army, he went on to earn a degree from Wheaton College. Eventually he settled on the East End of Long Island, spending 36 years teaching 5th and 6th grade in Riverhead, NY at Pulaski Street School. He coached countless athletes in men's and women's basketball, softball and football. During the summers, he taught tennis for over 20 years in East Hampton, NY and managed the Green Hollow Tennis Club for 9 years. He retired to Florida.

George was a sports enthusiast, either participating or watching tennis, golf, basketball, baseball, football, bowling, and horse racing. He loved the Red Sox and never turned down a game of Farkle, backgammon or an apple turnover.

George is survived by his wife, Lavinia Gilbert, and his son James Triandiflou; daughter Lynn (Bart) Franey; daughter Jody (Jim) Foster; daughter Amy (Jesse) Triandiflou; son Daniel Triandiflou and 13 grandchildren.

Condolences and stories may be left on George's online guestbook at <http://www.palmswestfuneralhome.com/obituaries/>. Donations can be made to Trustbridge hospice and palliative care at <https://www.trustbridge.com/>

# Comments

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“ Mr.T was my Favorite 6th grade teacher at Pulaski Street School. He taught us alot but back in those days (1982)his recess was the best. He was the automatic quarterback during touch football games for both teams. He had the secret ..He never lost. Lol Mr. T had bragging rights for the rest of the day!! Rest in Peace Mr.T-Brett Karlin and the 6th grade class of 82-83. My condolences to his family

**Brett Karlin** - April 11 at 02:30 PM

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“ Saddened to learn of the passing of my all- time favorite teacher. Words can't express the impact Mr. T had on my life. Rest in peace. My condolences to his family.

Layne Fields, Atlanta Georgia

**Pastor Layne A. Fields** - December 03, 2017 at 12:41 AM

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“ Loved George. He and I played tennis together, and he knew Pinckas Zuckerman, the famous violist, through the tennis club in East Hampton. George treated me to many front row concerts at Carnegie Hall and we would take him and his lovely wife to the Russian Tea Room for dinner ahead of time as a thank you for that special invitation. He had a great attitude about people and life and all were drawn to him. I haven't seen him in many years, but I think of him often and with great fondness. Will see him on the other side.

Marguerite Volonts

**marguerite Volonts** - August 31, 2017 at 01:15 PM

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“ Mr.Triandiflou was my 6th grade teacher..we had so much fun in his class..he was a great man..I'm 44 yrs old now..and can still remember vividly sitting in his classroom..may he rest in peace..my condolences to his family and friends.

**Kristine brady-droskoski** - August 18, 2017 at 06:43 AM



“ Thank you Kristine. He was sharp as a tact right till the end... still cracking jokes with a wise guy grin. - Jim Triandiflou

**Jim Triandiflou** - August 18, 2017 at 03:45 PM



“ Tracy Mickoliger lit a candle in memory of George N. Triandiflou



**Tracy Mickoliger** - August 17, 2017 at 09:31 AM



“ Thank you Tracy!!

**Jim** - August 26, 2017 at 04:57 PM



“ Robin Martin lit a candle in memory of George N. Triandiflou



**Robin Martin** - August 16, 2017 at 06:07 PM



“ So sad to hear this, Mr. T was a no-nonsense, but great! teacher and basketball coach, I enjoyed having him for both. He taught us a lot, not just about english or sports, but about everyday life. If you didn't learn anything from being in his class or playing on his team, then you just missed out. My condolences to him and his family during this difficult time.  
RIP Mr. "T"

**Robin Martin** - August 16, 2017 at 06:21 PM

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“ Cheryl Martin lit a candle in memory of George N. Triandiflou



**cheryl martin** - August 16, 2017 at 01:22 PM



“ Thank you Cheryl!

**Jim** - August 26, 2017 at 04:58 PM

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“ Mr. T., as we called him, was my sixth grade teacher. He was my favorite elementary school teacher and certainly the one who taught me the most. I learned everything there was to know about grammar, particularly the parts of speech from him. He ran a tight ship--I think we all learned sign language that year so we could "talk" in class, but I learned how to work in his class. He was also a lot of fun, played checkers with him all the time--for a candy bar. My sincere condolences to Jim and the rest of the family.

**Chris Worthington** - August 16, 2017 at 08:25 AM



“ Thank you Chris. Bet he made you pay up on that candy bar!

**Jim** - August 26, 2017 at 04:59 PM

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“ he was a very nice man rip Coach T. Jessica hendrickson

**jessica hendrickson** - August 16, 2017 at 06:07 AM



“ Thank you Jessica!

**Jim** - August 26, 2017 at 04:59 PM

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“ RIP Coach T. You were my first basketball coach in Riverhead JH in 1972

**Keith Brown** - August 15, 2017 at 06:51 PM



“ Thank you Keith Brown!

**Jim** - August 26, 2017 at 05:00 PM

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“ Mr. T!!! Thank you for being an AWESOME COACH and a Great Man. I thought you were hard on me the way you pushed me in practice and the games but you were only trying to bring out the best in me!! I now know that your coaching style was because you knew we had what it took to be and play better. THANK YOU! THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!! May You Rest In Peace!! JOB WELL DONE SIR!! LOVE Lisa James



**Lisa James** - August 15, 2017 at 02:03 PM



“ Love the picture Lisa. Thank you so much for sharing. We were talking about his girls basketball and software teams in his last days. He loved those fun, crazy times. He could get a little fired up, couldn't he!

**Jim** - August 26, 2017 at 05:01 PM

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“ Coach T was a great man. He was kind and loved coaching and his athletes! I have many fond memories of playing softball for him and keeping his score book for the BLUE WAVES! May he hit the superfecta in his new found glory!

**Andrea Pekar** - August 15, 2017 at 12:13 PM



“ I remember those Softball Days!...Lori Hulse and I were just discussing those memories at a recent graduation party! He always had a a rolled up newspaper in his hand....

Sharon Bogdan Okula

**Sharon Bogdan Okula** - August 15, 2017 at 02:20 PM



“ We were so sad to hear of George's passing. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to each of his wonderful children and to Lavinia we send our strength and love. I have known George for 40 years since he taught my daughter Heather. We both liked sports "a lot" and played golf, cards, and went to sporting events as well as the "occasional" horse and later dog race. We both retired to Florida though on opposite coasts. We went over to West Palm a few years ago for lunch with Lavinia & George at the races & had a great time. I would always call him on his bday which was two weeks after mine, but I missed last year. Sorry "T"- See you down the road - Michael & Laura Shene

**Michael Shene** - August 16, 2017 at 01:31 PM



“ He coach a lot of people in sports I'll remember him as the person who taught me how to play chess RIP Mr. T

**Derrick Parker** - August 17, 2017 at 01:32 PM



“ We all remember going to the games when Dad would throw his keys after a questionable call! Mr. Shene, we told many stories that included you, the Tuesday card nights, the trip to Atlantic City, when you stepped on the curling iron...so many laughs! Thanks for always being a great friend to our dad. He loved you so much and loved telling of your antics.

**Jody (Triandiflou) Foster** - August 19, 2017 at 11:17 AM



“ Although we met George only a few years ago through a mutual friend we immediately felt a warm connection as did our dog "Fergie" who always climbed on George's special recliner and sat by his side. We enjoyed his company as well. Thinking of Vinni and family and hoping you too will find comfort in sharing special memories. Elaine & Bill Cittadino

**Elaine & Bill Cittadino** - August 19, 2017 at 11:32 AM



“ Thank you Andrea, Sharon, and Derrick. You're right about that newspaper Sharon... that and his huge ring of keys.

**Jim** - August 26, 2017 at 05:04 PM



“ Big Mike Shene! So good to hear from you. I have great memories golfing with you, my Dad, and Mr. Brown. You were a great friend to my Dad. Hope life is treating you well.

**Jim** - August 26, 2017 at 05:13 PM