



George Thomas Eanes

October 21, 1935 - May 17, 2020

Mr. George Thomas Eanes, 84, of Matthews, passed away on Sunday, May 17, 2020.

Arrangements are in the care of Heritage Funeral Home, Weddington Chapel.

Comments



“ Dear Nancy, Chris and Family. Carol and I wish to express our sympathy to all of you on the loss of your dear husband, father, grandfather and our good friend George. We shall always cherish the good times we had on our visits over the past 30+ years. He will be greatly missed by all you and his many friends.

One of the great pleasures of my life is having the opportunity to get to know George and having him as one of my dearest friends. George was the quintessential "man who never met a stranger". To meet George was to know George and to have the opportunity to spend some time with him was to have a friend for life. It was not difficult to make friends with because he did all the "making" that was necessary. He had an infectious outgoing personality that was easily spread to others. You couldn't not like George! He was always upbeat, enthusiastic, optimistic, kind, patient, and compassionate. Whenever I was having a bad day I would give him a call and by the time we were ready to hang up, I was sure I was destined to win the lottery.

These attributes and others are what made him a successful sales manager for Maxwell House. He loved selling Maxwell House Coffee and loved the people with whom he worked. He was admired and respected not only by his peers but, also by members of the grocery trade in the Charlotte District. It was these attributes and many successes that earned him the high honor of being inducted into the Maxwell House Master's Club.

George, Ray Kostick, Jim Keller and I continued to enjoy a friendship in retirement that began about 50 years ago. For the past 30 years we have gotten together once or twice a year for a few rounds of golf and a "gadzilla" games of gin. It all began in May 1990 with a golf trip to Ireland and, of course, the almost never ending gin games. George and Ray I wish I could get back some of the money you took off me in both golf and gin but, it was a lot of fun! Wish we could do it again.

As much as George loved selling coffee and his friendships, it pales in comparison with his deep genuine love and devotion for Nancy, Chris and Grandchildren. You were his life, heart and soul. May you keep all the good memories in your heart and God bless you. We shall all miss him.

Andy Anderson May29 at 11:55 A M

Charles A Anderson - May 29 at 12:56 PM



“ Dear Mrs. Eanes and Family. Although I have never met any of you, I knew George from my association with him in General Foods. I became familiar with George in the early 1970's. He was part of that long lineage of great managers that resided in North Carolina during segments of their careers. Gentlemen like Carlos Burns, Sam Ligon, Ed Johnson, Billy Reames, Ray Bettge, Joe Polite, Harold Akeridge, etc. George was a true gentlemen and superb business manager. He had the experience and ability to

cut through the detail and execute solid longterm solutions. He had a calming effect on troubled situations and gave his subordinates, peers and senior management confidence that Charlotte was in good hands. Over the years I would see George at meetings and later at the GF sales reunions. He was always pleasant and I enjoyed his company. God bless his soul. Richard Wesolowski

Richard Wesolowski - May 27 at 05:10 PM



“ Dear Nancy, Chris and the entire Eanes family, I wish to extend my deepest sympathy to all of you on the loss of your husband and father and our good friend George. He was one of a kind and was just a wonderful man and I know how much we all will miss him.

I was fortunate to work with George for many years at General Foods. He was a very special kind of guy who loved sales and was very good at it. He was the only person that I know of that was promoted to District Manager without being in a staff assignment - largely due to his ability and the efforts of Gene Cook. George moved from Sales Supervisor in New Orleans to Charlotte and then was promoted to Charlotte District Manager and he was one of the best I ever knew.

George was a great Customer man. He knew all the senior management at every one of his customers - and he had access to every CEO or President and they welcomed him. He could see Food Lions Ralph Ketner or BI-LO's Jack Outlaw or Landy Laney of Ingles, often without an appointment. George was a big North Carolina basketball fan and started a customer event in conjunction with the NCAA games and every one of his top customers attended. It was an outstanding customer event for Maxwell House.

After we retired, George, along with Andy Anderson, Ray Kostick and I would get together, usually twice a year to play golf, play Gin and just enjoy being together. Once each year usually was at the GF Reunions - the other was in one of our home areas with spouses. What wonderful times and lasting memories - George will be dearly missed.

Jim Keller - May 27 at 12:09 PM



“ George will be missed. Always a big smile to go with that huge sense of humor. A true General Foods legend here in Charlotte. Rest in peace George.

Glen Wayer

Glen Wayer - May 26 at 04:55 PM



“ Nancy, Ronda and I are so saddened for your family’s loss. I fondly recall my time as the Dessert Division DM in Charlotte. George and Billy Reames made this a great time and our lunches at the Elks Club were the days highlight. I can still hear The special way George had of saying “Billy” and that unlit cigar was a fixture. Our thoughts and prayers are with everyone.
Ed and Ronda Smith

Ed Smith - May 26 at 04:27 PM



“ My condolences to George’s family. I worked with George in the Charlotte office as a Frozen District manager for GF in 1988. George was very helpful when we moved in and always encouraging around the office. I loved his laugh and always a genuine smile. RIP

Paul Thompson

PAUL THOMPSON - May 26 at 02:56 PM



“ I am sorry to hear of George’s passing. As a fellow District Manager and Master Club Recipient we shared many times together over our years at Maxwell House. God bless you George.

John Fuller

John Fuller - May 26 at 02:23 PM



“ Dear Nancy & Family,
I worked very closely with George 1982-1983 in the Maxwell House Division. I was Staff Assistant to Jim Keller and then Dave Anstine. We met several times during that assignment. George taught me so much about business & life in general. George was a mentor and a wonderful friend throughout my Maxwell House years and beyond. He was gracious and genuine. I had the pleasure and honor of having dinner at your home in Charlotte during one of my Charlotte District visits. My wife Elaine joins me in sending our deepest sympathy. You are all in our prayers.

Phil Lauria
Wilton, CT

Phil Lauria - May 26 at 02:16 PM



“ Nancy and Family,
I am deeply saddened to hear of George's passing. I worked for and along side George for several years in the Maxwell House Division of General Foods. There was never a finer gentleman than George. A great sales person but a much better person. He will be missed!

Steve Custenborder - May 26 at 02:02 PM



“ Nancy, Chris, and all family: George was my husband Kelly's oldest half-brother...Kelly died 2009. I did not meet George, you, Nancy, and Chris until the late 1990's...and so glad that I did. I am remembering especially, Nancy, the weekend in 2002 when the Eanes siblings and partners spent a long weekend together at Holden Beach. You guys won a special place in my heart at that time. Got to know you better...so enjoyed you two! And George was so upbeat, positive and inspiring....so wishing I had known you two many years before. Wishing you comfortable and peaceful times ahead.
Cecelia Eanes

Cecelia Eanes - May 23 at 06:38 PM



“ Hello Mrs Eanes and Chris and Family : i am so very sorry for your loss, I know it has be very difficult on you all, my deepest sympathies to you both and your families. I wanted to add to what my dad mentioned, I am so very grateful for the opportunity that George provided me... he took a chance on a skinny, little shy, fresh college grad at Maxwell House in 1986 ' which turned into a 27 year career at Maxwell House - General Foods - Kraft. Because of the opportunity that he provided, i have lived in 6 cities, visited many more, have a large network of coworkers and friends - I am forever grateful for the opportunity.
My deepest sympathies George Stiff

george - May 23 at 05:40 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss Nancy and chris.
As you know, George hired my George in his first job and I will always be most appreciative.
Sue, Alan and his family and I send our condolences.
George

george stiff - May 23 at 08:22 AM