



George S. Sfair

September 11, 1927 - September 5, 2017

George S. Sfair age 89 of San Antonio passed away Tuesday, September 5, 2017 due to complications of Parkinson's disease. He was born September 11, 1927 in Laredo, Texas to Julia (Karam) and Salomon Sfair who preceded him in death. He is also preceded in death by his siblings, Fred, Phil, Mike and Adele (Dodo). George is survived by his wife, Helen Brailey Sfair; stepson, Robert Brailey and wife, Rosemary; sister-in-law, Joeanna Sfair; two nieces, Susan Thompson and Emily Kory; and nephew, Phil Kory.

He was a member of St. George Maronite Catholic Church where his father, Salomon was one of the founding fathers of this Lebanese immigrant colony in San Antonio. His father helped establish the three different moves of St. George Maronite Catholic Church until the Church settled on its now present grounds on Babcock Road.

George graduated from Brackenridge High School in 1944 and a few months later he enlisted into the U.S. Navy. He worked all his adult life with the nightclub business from the time he was discharged from the Navy in 1947. He owned many quality nightclubs in San Antonio, namely, the "Merry Go Round", the "San Antonio Club", the "Rickshaw Club", the "Sfairs Clubs" and "The Red Baron Club" with his brother, Fred. He also owned the members only club - the "Navy Club" with his brother, Phil. George later on his own, opened another members only club, the "Commanders Room". Many judges,

attorneys and downtown businessmen plus police department members frequently made visits. The club was known for after hours and live bands which were great for dancing. At times it was so crowded, customers would wait for hours to get in. Celebrities including John Wayne, Mickey Mantle and Joe DiMaggio made visits. When asked about his long term connection with nightclubs; George said, "that's all I ever wanted to do...". He had a great sense of humor and a wonderful friendly personality. Someone said, "To know George is to love George!" and "He loved people, and would never say or hurt anyone intentionally."

He was a member of the Downtown Businessmen's Association and the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce.

George's family would like to thank the caregivers as well as the staff of Kindred Hospice who gave special attention to his needs.

SERVICES

Visitation will begin at 6:00 P.M. with a Rosary to be recited at 7:00 P.M. on Wednesday, September 13, 2017 at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North, 3401 Cherry Ridge Drive. A Graveside Service with Military Honors will be at 11:15 A.M. on Thursday, September 14, 2017 at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery. George's Honorary Pallbearers are Leo Solis, Ernest Karam, Hon. Sol Casseb, Hon. Michael Mery, and Adam Lahood.

Cemetery Details

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach
San Antonio, TX 78209

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 12. 6:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Cherry Ridge
3401 Cherry Ridge Dr
San Antonio, TX 78230
(210) 349-1414
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Rosary

SEP 12. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Graveside Service

SEP **13**. 11:15 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

MM

“ My wife was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease at age 59. She had severe calf pain, muscle pain, tremors, slurred speech, frequent falls, loss of balance, difficulty in getting up from sitting position. She was put on Sinemet for 6 months and then Sifrol was introduced and replaced the Senemet. During this time span she was also diagnosed with dementia. She started having hallucinations, lost touch with reality. This year, our family doctor started her on Tree of life Health Clinic Parkinson's Disease Herbal mixture, 1 month into treatment she improved dramatically. At the end of the full treatment course, the disease is totally under control. No case of dementia, hallucination, weakness, muscle pain or tremors. all thanks to Tree of Life Clinic, Visit Tree of life Health Clinic website www.treeoflifeherbalclinic.com She is strong again and able to go about daily activities.

Maclean Makon - March 15, 2021 at 08:54 AM

TA

“ Mr. George was a pleasure to care for. He always treated me and anyone else he came into contact with, with the upmost respect. Thank you for the opportunity to care for you and I know your last days were happy because Ms. Helen and I, made sure of it. To know you was to truly love you, and you will truly be missed. Love Teva!!!

Teva Andrews - September 12, 2017 at 12:09 PM

MG

“ Garza, Martin H. & Esther,
Our thoughts and prayers are with the family during this difficult time.

Martin Garza - September 10, 2017 at 08:51 PM

GW

“ My deepest sympathy to George's family. George, we spent a lot of evenings over a lot of years. The bar business in San Antonio will never be the same without you. It always amazed me how you could remember so many names. I don't know anyone who spoke ill of you. Rest in peace old friend.

George Weaver

George Weaver - September 10, 2017 at 04:43 PM

CM

“ George, indeed, was the gentleman of gentlemen and always had a smile for everyone. He is respected by many which will continue through his memory. Downtown San Antonio will never duplicate the Commander's Room energy or memories. Deepest condolences to George's family on the passing of their loved one. Cheryl Marshall

Cheryl Marshall - September 10, 2017 at 12:03 PM

MA

“ Millie, Rebekah, and Sarah Anne. purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of George S. Sfair.



Millie, Rebekah, and Sarah Anne. - September 09, 2017 at 10:58 AM

RR

“ George, you taught me what being responsible meant. You were a wonderful boss and a father figure to me. You didn't always tell me what I wanted to hear, but you told me what was right! Thank you George for everything. Love you.

Roxy Morriss Ross - September 08, 2017 at 11:22 PM

JS

“ My sincere sympathy to the family of George Sfair & may you rest in heaven with the rest of your family!
You were always a delight to be around.
Sincerely, The Strickland Family (Julie & Frances).



Julie Strickland - September 07, 2017 at 10:47 PM

DH

“ If you look up the word "gentleman" in the dictionary George Sfair's face should be there.

Debi Hayden - September 07, 2017 at 07:56 PM

JH

“ George from the time I was 24 till I was 40 years old you and Mike were the Dads I never had. I worked for you for 15 years daybar at Sfairs cocktails. I use to call it boot camp of bartending because of your strict ways you ran customer service and with that you had years and years of successful establishments. You taught me respect and helped me in so many ways of life obstacles that as a single lady had to deal with. I trusted you with my life. Seems so long ago but my condolences to Helen and the rest of the family. Maybe all you brothers in Heaven is planning a opening a bar in the heavens now. Rest In Peace Geo ! Love ya



Janyce Hanefeld - September 07, 2017 at 05:05 PM



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Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - September 07, 2017 at 01:32 PM