



## George J. Flick, Jr.

May 30, 1940 - June 3, 2023

George J. Flick, Jr died in Blacksburg, VA on Saturday, June 3, 2023, at the age of 83. He was born in New Orleans, LA, and attended St. Mary of the Angels Elementary, Jesuit High School ('58), and received his bachelor's, master's, and doctorate degrees from Louisiana State University. After graduation in 1969, he was employed by Virginia Tech and retired in 2010 with the rank of University Distinguished Professor. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Charlene Rieder Flick (Blacksburg), daughter, Lesley Moore (Thomas Glenn) of Fredericksburg, sons George (Rebecca) of Leesburg and Jason (Timothy Jancel) of Washington, D.C., and four grandchildren, Katelyn Moore, Allyson Moore, George (Rob) Flick and Reese Flick.

He was a visiting professor at the Department of Marine Biochemistry at Tokyo University. He received many professional honors and awards, including the Institute of Food Technologist's (IFT) Myron Solberg Award for Excellence in Government Collaboration, IFT's Lizabeth Fleming Steir Award for the pursuit of humanitarian ideals and unselfish dedication, the Department of Army's Certificate of Appreciation, the Gamma Sigma Delta Extension Award of Merit, the Atlantic Fisheries Technology Society's Earl P. McFee Award and the Lifetime Achievement Award, the Pi Kappa Phi Lifetime Service and Achievement Award, and the Virginia Tech Alumni Award for Extension Excellence. He was elected into the Virginia Tech College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Alumni Hall of Fame. He received the USDA

Secretary's Honor Award, the USDA Secretary's Group Honor Award, and the USDA Certificate Point Alliance.

He was a Cub Scout Cub master, youth soccer coach, President of the University Club, and Newman Community at Virginia Tech Leadership Council member. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and the American Legion.

A funeral Mass will be held at St. Mary's Church in Blacksburg on Saturday, June 10th at 11 am. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to The ALS Association which provided support and information for our family. Donations can be made online at [als.org/donate](https://als.org/donate) (Choose the Virginia Chapter) or mailed to ALS Association 7330 Staples Mills Rd. # 306 Richmond, VA 23228

# Previous Events

## Funeral Mass

JUN **10**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary's Catholic Church

1205 Old Mill Rd

#3705

Blacksburg, VA 24060

# Tribute Wall

BS

“ Please send me the information about the celebration of life event this coming Sunday, time place etc. Bill Sieling cbsia@comcast.net 410-507-3249

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**Bill Sieling** - October 10, 2023 at 11:53 PM

KG

“ Dear Charlene and Your Family, I just learned about your loss and I am so sorry. I know that the last few months have been very difficult and I am doubly sorry that you all had to go through that. My heart is with you.

Karolyn Givens

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**Karolyn Whittlesey Givens** - June 13, 2023 at 11:44 AM

AB

“ Charlene and Family: I was so sorry to hear about George's passing. I haven't seen him in a long time but memories of him always seem to pop up when I am working on something. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Tony Bimbo

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**Anthony Bimbo** - June 12, 2023 at 03:05 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy to Dr. Flick's beloved family and cherished friends. I was blessed to have had the opportunity to serve with George on a long-term committee assignment, and learned from him in many ways. His humor, intellect and insight were always at the forefront. Dr. Flick's dedication to the industry was both a professional and personal pursuit of excellence. He has left an indelible mark on all of us who had the privilege of working with him.*

*Karla Ruzicka*

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**KR Kfish** - June 12, 2023 at 02:09 PM

DM

“ *So sorry to hear of your loss. George was a friend and mentor early in my career. I have many fond memories of working with him on committees, symposia, and grant review panels. Our favorite conversation topic was sharing a memory or two of our respective times in New Orleans. He was a giant in the seafood science space and I'm so glad to have been touched by his kind hand.*

*Douglas Marshall*

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**Douglas Marshall** - June 12, 2023 at 01:33 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of George J. Flick, Jr..*



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June 12, 2023 at 10:08 AM

BC

“ *Bill Ceiling purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of George J. Flick, Jr..*



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**Bill Ceiling** - June 11, 2023 at 10:49 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of George J. Flick, Jr..*



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June 11, 2023 at 10:49 AM

ME

“ *It has always been a pleasure to get to know both of you. We wish you strength and good memories. Marion, Roger and Daniel Ehrich*

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**Marion Ehrich** - June 10, 2023 at 08:07 AM

BG

“ *Charlene and Family - My heart is so sad that my dear friend is gone. We started to work at VA Tech together in 1968 - 55 years ago - and remained friends throughout all these years. Lots of special memories. You guys have been like family!!! George was the most selfless and considerate person I have ever known. He always put others ahead of himself. His passing has left an enormous void in our hearts, but we will see him again on the other side. You guys are in my thoughts and prayers for God's comfort and peace. R.I.P. my dear, special friend!!!!*

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**Betty Greene** - June 09, 2023 at 08:10 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of George J. Flick, Jr..*



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June 07, 2023 at 11:38 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of George J. Flick, Jr..

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June 07, 2023 at 11:38 PM



“ *Kecia C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of George J. Flick, Jr..*

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**Kecia C.** - June 07, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *Charlene, George was such a bright light. We always enjoyed seeing him and talking at every occasion we saw him. My deepest condolences to you and your family. George lived life abundantly and his love for you radiated so bright. Love, Heather*

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**Heather Nicholson** - June 07, 2023 at 09:41 PM



“ *Charlene, Lesley, George, and Jason – I’m so sad to learn of George’s passing. He was one of the finest faculty I ever worked with and a special friend. I am blessed to have known him. He left an exemplary legacy and lots of happy memories. May God bless you with comfort, peace, and strength.*

*Suella Wolfe*

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**Suella Wolfe** - June 07, 2023 at 03:10 PM



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June 06, 2023 at 08:31 PM



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June 06, 2023 at 08:31 PM



“ *Our loss is Heaven's gain and boy, oh boy, was the package huge this time. He always stood for what he believed, treated everyone with respect, gave generously and graciously and could tell the best stories of true events! Even in the sadness of death, his memory brings a smile. I'm gonna miss him. Prayers and hugs to Charlene and the family and all of us he touched.*

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**Trna Pauley** - June 06, 2023 at 05:26 PM

LS

“ Heaven has gained a "super star" George was such a wonderful person. He had such a positive attitude about life and he shared it with all of us. I worked for him in state technical services. You could not ask for a better "boss". He never criticized or complained about any of my work. When he came back from New Orleans he would always bring me fresh seafood.

*I will be praying for God to be very close to you and comfort you in the days ahead as you grieve the loss of such a wonderful person. He lived out the Golden Rule and showed us what it means to be a true Christian.*

*Love and prayers,  
Linda Scott*

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**Linda P. Scott** - June 06, 2023 at 04:10 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of George J. Flick, Jr..*



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June 06, 2023 at 03:27 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of George J. Flick, Jr..*



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June 06, 2023 at 12:58 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of  
George J. Flick, Jr..



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June 06, 2023 at 10:19 AM