



Dr. Edward Albert George

May 26, 1937 - May 9, 2024

Dr. Edward A. George was born on May 26, 1937 in Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada to George Essef

George and Isabel Nassim George (Zaher), immigrants from Mount Lebanon, a predominantly Maronite Catholic region in what was then Syria but now Lebanon. He passed away peacefully at home on Thursday, May 9, 2024, in Katy, Texas.

Dr. George was preceded in death by his parents, George and Isabel, and his 6 siblings, Helen Roman (John), Louis George (Roberta), Joey George (Bev), Mary Manatakos (Pete), Tony George (Rosemarie), and Elizabeth George.

He is survived by his wife Katherine (Kathy) George and his 5 children, Gregory George (Raquel), Karla George, Derek George (Lisa), Eddie George (Amy) and Kristina Hugenberg (David) and his 13 beloved grandchildren who loved their "Papa" dearly. He also leaves behind countless friends, former patients, and people who were just touched by his love, generosity, and unique sense of humor.

Dr. George was born with both feet affected by a disorder called clubfoot, which was inherited from his father who was also born with a clubfoot. He spent 13 years commuting via a 12 hour train trip to Montreal with either his father or his mother, being left for treatment of his feet. This was really hard for him to be without his family for many months at a time, but it made him mentally stronger. He has fond memories of his travel with his father, like taking him to the Montreal Lebanese club when they were in town. After dropping on Dad, his father would climb the famous steps outside of the St. Joseph Oratory in Montreal on his knees to offer up his suffering in prayer for his entire family, especially Dad.

After his treatment ended he went on to be a star athlete in high school and college in his hometown of Fredericton, playing both rugby and baseball. Despite his short stature, he excelled thanks to his God-given gifts, determination, and competitive spirit, not to mention the strength he built after being on crutches for so many years. He earned spending money in his adolescent years shining shoes and selling newspapers on the street corner near his family's apartment. In his university years, he earned some money to help pay for college by playing drums in a celebrated local jazz band. He would go on to play drums for various jazz bands for the rest of his life.

After he graduated university, he chose to follow a medical career and enrolled in Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia, which is one of the most prestigious medical schools in Canada. After a careful discernment, he chose to pursue orthopedic surgery after graduating from medical school.

In pursuit of his orthopedic training, he felt obliged to return to the Shriners

Orthopedic Hospital in Montreal, where he then trained for years under the same doctor who treated him for his feet.

He married the love of his life, Kathy, who he met through his youngest sister Elizabeth when they were living in Halifax. Elizabeth invited Kathy to a jazz concert where Dad was playing drums and set up the opportunity for Mom to be asked to dance by Dad. The rest is history as they lived happily ever after.

Dad was told he would never have kids as a result of a reproductive issue that he had, but they continued to live a life of faith and hope. After corrective surgery, they had five children and 13 grandchildren.

Dad began his orthopedic practice in his hometown of Fredericton, Canada, where he thoroughly enjoyed being surrounded by family and pursuing his passion of orthopedic surgery. He quickly built a reputation for being one of the best orthopedic surgeons in Canada. He was very quickly recruited by many orthopedic groups in the United States, and ultimately chose Houston given its Medical Center and multicultural characteristics.

He was one of the first surgeons in the United States to use cement for joint replacements, where he learned in Canada because the procedure was already approved there. This put him at a significant advantage as his skills were in high demand in the expectation that the use of cement in surgery would be approved soon.

He was a pioneer in a knee procedure that revolutionized the total knee replacement: the Oxford Knee. He was one of four surgeons in the country chosen to jointly develop the knee replacement to travel the world in pursuit of its perfection. That was one of his proudest moments in his professional life.

He completed a private practice in orthopedic surgery for 3 years in Canada and 34 years in Houston. He touched so many people's lives in such a positive way. Many of his patients could not afford medical care, and he did a significant amount of work at no-cost for these patients. Dad was known for his genuine approach to his bedside manner and gave each patient the time they needed to feel cared for while never looking at his watch. Many of his children's friends were treated by Dad and remember to this day how loving and generous he was and what a positive effect he had on their lives. To many he was a father figure and was looked up to for his generosity and care.

His professional accomplishments as an orthopedic surgeon are evidenced by the framed accolades that adorned the walls in his medical office. Although he was very proud of these, nothing was more important to him than his family, who he cared for and loved deeply. Dad would regularly provide pearls of wisdom to us, especially at times of need. He was famous amongst us for sending notes that seemed to fit exactly what we were dealing with at the time. He was committed to his Catholic faith, planting the seed of this faith in his family through his devotion to worshiping and serving our Lord Jesus Christ day to day in everything he did. Dad's father had tremendous love for St. Jude and his healing powers for people with impossible cases and therefore adopted him as his patron Saint and remained devoted to him his entire adult life.

Dad provided all of his children with a Catholic education from elementary school all the way through high school, and for some, through university. His faith was at his core and he owed everything that he benefited from to God. He would often pray the night before complex surgeries as part of his preparation routine. He would ask God to guide him through his procedures so he would be able to perform at his best and draw on his decades of training.

After he retired in 2007, Dad devoted his life to his wife, children and grandchildren where he found the most love, satisfaction and pride. Everything he did was all in the name of God.

Dr. George passed away at his home peacefully surrounded by family on May 9, 2024 after a long battle with an illness that, for the first time in his life, he could not beat.

Dearest Eddie, Dad, and Papa you will be dearly missed by all. We pray that you are welcomed into the Kingdom of Heaven and reunited with your parents and siblings and friends.

A viewing and visitation will begin at 10:00 a.m., with a Rosary at 10:30 a.m., followed by a Funeral Mass at 11:00 a.m., on Wednesday, May 15, 2024 at Our Lady of Cedars Maronite Catholic Church, 11935 Bellfort Village Drive in Houston, Texas.

Honored to serve as pallbearers are Eddie George, Joey George, Pierce

George, Ryan George, Andrew George, Braden Hugenberg, and Matthew Parker.

There will be a reception immediately following the funeral Mass at Cedar Hall where lite bites will be provided.

Dr. George will be laid to rest at Magnolia Cemetery in Katy, Texas.

For those desiring to contribute, please consider a donations to Our Lady of the Cedars Maronite Catholic Church and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Tribute Wall

BC

“ We are truly grateful for his medical attention given to our new born son Jeff in 1970, and until Dr Eddie left Fredericton. Jeff was born with club feet also.

Bonnie and Garfield Curtis

Bonnie and Garfield Curtis - March 23, 2025 at 10:54 PM

MO

“ I have wonderful and fond memories of Dr. George and his beautiful wife Kathy from their days in Fredericton when I babysat for them and had a wonderful connection with the George family through St. Dunstan's church. He was a kind and gentle soul and had a committed love to God. Sending my most sincere condolences to his family. Rest peacefully Dr. George.

Mary Gallagher Osmomd - March 23, 2025 at 10:53 PM

AM

“ DEAR FAMILY, FRIENDS AND COLLEGUES OF DR. EDDIE GEORGE. My sincere condolences and sympathy as you travel this sad journey and celebrate the amazing life of Dr. Eddie George. I have left Fredericton many years ago--but I remember Eddie and his drum concerts in the 1960 s. Brother Tony was our Latin proff in FHS. I really feel , that new Canadians in 2024 would do well -to achieve, even a quarter of the success in building a new life in Canada -- and, can only hope to gain the love of Fredericton---the way the whole City loved and respected ,all the George Family. May Dr. Eddy rest in peace--May his memory be a blessing.

. Annie MacKinnon Class of 1960
Fredericton High School

Anne McKinnon - March 23, 2025 at 10:52 PM

BW

“ *To the Family of Dr. George*
I remember 'seeing this person around' when I was a teenager. He was three years older than I.
I have a physician friend who was at Dalhousie Medical School when they were both medical students. My friend was telling me once about the rigor of medical study, and that occasionally there was temptation to drop out. He said 'Eddie George packed his bags three times'.
The world can be grateful that he didn't pack them and follow through.
Bill Walker

Bill Walker - March 23, 2025 at 10:50 PM

CC

“ *June 2, 2024*
Deeply saddened to hear of the passing of my old high school and university buddy. Although we had lost contact over the intervening years, the memories of those great “old days” come flooding back. Wonderful to hear of his Christian commitment - when it's all been said and done, that's all that really matters. See you soon my friend
Charlie Colwell

Charlie Colwell - March 23, 2025 at 10:50 PM

JP

“ *I recently learned of Dr George's passing. He was an inspiration and a mentor to me in my younger days.*
He taught me many things about life, that to this day, I remember and keep dear to my heart. He had a kind and loving soul and I am so sorry for our loss.

Joseph Palasota - June 10, 2024 at 08:05 AM

GG

“ Thank you Frank for your very thoughtful note. I remember visiting your deli near Hobby airport and loved looking at all the photos on your wall from your ski vacations. After we would accompany dad for his rounds, we always asked to go to Mandola's deli and I loved watching how you both interacted.

Gregory George - May 20, 2024 at 06:53 PM

NR

“ Dear Mrs. George and Family,

I am so sorry you lost your dear husband and father. I met Dr. George when I worked at Memorial Southeast Hospital. He was a wonderful doctor who was so kind to his patients and the staff. He never seemed to be in a bad mood. But we were also neighbors and had a mutual dear friend Doti Sawyer (remember the beer bread and cream pies?). You lived in Bay Oaks and John and I were nearby in Bay Forest. We helped you with protecting your plumbing during a freeze one winter. One Christmas Eve when I was working at the hospital and my husband was home splitting logs a piece of metal broke off the wedge he was using and it traveled through 2 sweatshirts and hit an artery. A friend brought him to the hospital and you treated John. You had to cut into his skin to find the sliver of metal, remove it and suture him back up. We were so grateful you were available to help us.

I wish I had known you were living in Katy and we also live in Katy now. It would have been nice to visit with you once again. We left the Clear Lake area to live overseas for 13years for John's work and when we returned we relocated to Katy and sold our house in Clear Lake. Your children were so handsome and lovely and I am sure they all have families of their own now and are successful. I will cherish my fond memories. Rest in peace dear Dr. George.

Sincerely,

Nancy and John Rebeck

Nancy Rebeck - May 15, 2024 at 11:39 PM

RA

“Zamboltine!!

What a great man, and profound influence on my life. I'm very lucky to have him as such a big part of my life while growing up. He will always hold a special place in my heart.

Rauli - May 14, 2024 at 07:56 PM

NW

“Our prayers and deepest condolences to you Derek and the entire George family.

Love, Nadia and Tony Wright

Nadia and Tony Wright - May 14, 2024 at 04:47 PM

DV

“Kathy and kids, Carla and I are so sorry for your loss, but wanted you all to know how much we loved Eddie and how much we learned about generosity just by being in his presence. Truly a wonderful friend and a treasured child of our living Savior. Well done good and faithful servant!!

Dave and Carla Vanderweide - May 13, 2024 at 10:58 AM

DK

“ I have known Eddie for 65 years. It began at Dalhousie Medical School when he was on the next anatomy table. I got to know him then as a funny guy, and he was affectionately known as the class comedian.

Shortly after emigrating from Canada in 1983, I was standing in line at a Mexican restaurant in S.W. Houston, I thought that I had heard someone shout my name. Yet, I thought that could not have been possible as I did not know anyone in Houston at the time. I did.

Eddie George had recognized me among the crowd some twenty years after medical school. It reignited our friendship.

Eddie was very funny, witty, and mischievous, and lived life fully. He was a kind, caring and compassionate person. He was a good and loyal friend.

I am so sorry to hear of Eddie's passing and extend my sincere condolences to Kathy and the family.

David and Renda King

David King - May 12, 2024 at 10:56 AM

BD

“ My prayers are with each of you, comfort & strength for each day..
Love,
Troy, Becky & Josh Danz 🙏

Becky Danz - May 12, 2024 at 08:32 AM

MW

“ Many fond memories of Dr. George over many years. Rest in peace, Eddie George.
Michael Wellman

Michael Wellman - May 11, 2024 at 12:59 PM

AG

“ Dear aunt Kathy, cousins Greg, Karla, Derek, Eddie and Kristina,

My deepest condolences on the passing of uncle Eddie. He exemplified perseverance, professionalism and love of family.

Thinking about you at this difficult time as you grieve the loss of your husband and dad.

*Love
Andy*

Andy George - May 11, 2024 at 11:20 AM

CK

“ May God bless and welcome Uncle Eddie Home in Heaven
*My thoughts and prayers are with you all.
Love your cousin Cathy George Kileel xoxo*

Catherine Kileel - May 11, 2024 at 09:19 AM

MG

“ Dearest Uncle Eddie, God has been your protector on Earth, He is now your protector in Heaven. Thank you for your constant love, and for the many wonderful memories we made together, embraced by heartfelt conversations and laughter. I love you Uncle Eddie, and will dearly miss you! To Kathy, Gregory, Karla, Derek, Eddie, Kristina, and to your entire family, I pray God bless each of you with strength and peace with each passing day as you endure the passing of your dear Husband, Father, Father-in-Law, and Papa. I love you all. Love Michael George. ❤️

Michael George - May 11, 2024 at 09:17 AM