



DR. GEORGE FOTI

November 11, 2020

Dr. George Foti age 73 of Boca Raton passed away peacefully on November 11, 2020. Beloved husband of R. Susan Foti; Loving father of Andrew (Marisa) Foti and Stacey (Bruce) Herzer; Cherished grandfather of Dylan, Brennan, and Juliette; Dear Brother of Tom (Pam) Foti. Private Services will be held on Sunday, November 15, 2020. Donations may be made to Your Favorite Charity.

Dr. Foti was born in Győr, Hungary, and spent his early childhood years in post-war Budapest. In 1956, the freedom fighters through unimaginable sacrifice and valor overthrew the Soviet occupation for a brief period of time, and the family planned their dangerous escape. They set out on foot with all the clothes and valuables they could carry. They were picked up by an open truck of Freedom Fighters who were also heading out to the country near the border with Austria. After crawling through muddy riverbanks amidst flares and gunfire, they made it across the border. After getting a ride to Vienna, they miraculously met their Uncle Paul who had fled to America before the war and travelled to Vienna in hopes of helping the family escape. Together, they all immigrated to Queens, New York. George was nine years old at the time and studied hard to learn the language and culture. Educational pursuits soon followed, and he attended Long Island University on the CW Post campus. There he met and fell in love with Susan, his golden haired girl. But first, he had to win her heart. The chase was on. After a five-year courtship, they got married and moved to Maryland, then Connecticut, and Albany while he completed his medical training. They finally settled in Florida where George became a well-respected trauma and plastic surgeon. He ran a successful practice for 25 years, but in the summer of 1999, at the age of 52, he suddenly became ill with kidney cancer, heart disease, and stroke. He went on to survive a serious motorcycle accident the following year. After saving too many lives to count, but unable to continue operating, he retired and was free to pursue his other passions in life-- especially, his fidelity music, spending time with family, and exploring North America by motorcycle with Susan and sometimes Andrew. Over the last twenty years, he and Susan logged nearly 150,000 miles on his two motorcycles, the Honda Valkyrie and the Ural. He rode from Florida to Nova Scotia and back; out west to California and back; up to Vancouver and back too-- but his crowning

achievement with Susan was riding from Florida to Alaska and back at the tender age of 60! To celebrate and commemorate these amazing trips, George and Susan wrote two books and were working on a third one. Truly an amazing legacy gift that will be cherished always. Most recently, their trips were to camp in the Georgia mountains near the Appalachian Trail. He was taken too soon but lived life with gusto, weathering the storms, savoring the sweetness, and modeling the toughness, courage and grace to overcome pain. His wit, wisdom, tenacity, grit, and love will be in our hearts always.

Comments



“ Sending peace, love, and good vibes! Dearest Foti, may you continue to ride through this life with your contagious spirit and positivity. Keep dancing your heart out, George is watching and smiling. Condolences from my entire family to yours.



Alana Spilman - November 20, 2020 at 10:14 AM



“ gail troy zakroff & Riley is following this tribute.

gail zakroff & Riley - November 16, 2020 at 08:23 AM



“ Wishing you a happy birthday in heaven George. We will always remember your smile... sending love through the universe

Gail & Chuck Zakroff - March 24 at 01:42 PM



“ What a beautiful celebration of life. George must be so proud of his family. We have so many happy memories of our times spent together and of his wonderful poems!! Rest In Peace George
Love, Betty and Steve

Betty Steve - November 15, 2020 at 02:16 PM



“ Dear Sudan and family
I am Pam Foti 's dear high school friend When I saw th this obit All I could say is would have loved George!!!! I was warmed by Georges memory of his brother Tommy at the zoom shiva several weeks back
About the Elvis and their search for just the right products to use
It put a smile on my face as I was undergoing A bone marrow Transplant at Johns Hopkins staying their or 9 weeks at least T got to see George in zoom
My deepest condolences may the brothers memories be a blessing
Fondly karen oerkins

karen Perkins - November 18, 2020 at 03:08 PM



“ So kind of you stop and share with me your kind words while you are suffering “the slings and arrows of life yourself”. So glad we could bring a little warmth and light into your life in your hour of need. Perhaps our paths may cross in Paradise if it exists.
Susan Foti

R Susan Foti - November 21, 2020 at 04:47 PM



“ Always so friendly and in good spirits! Best neighbor anyone can wish for. So sorry you are gone.
~ Polyanovsky family

Galia - November 15, 2020 at 01:10 PM



“ George, the great entertainer. When George told a story he took everyone on the ride with him. I have vivid images of his motorcycle trips, the people he and Susan met, the narrow escapes, treacherous weather, breathtaking scenery, and the exhilaration of being on a motorcycle, a big motorcycle flying down the road to another adventure.

George always made me feel special and then I realized he did that for everyone. Always a smile, a laugh, a perspective that turned the light up in the room. I treasure the time we spent together.
Love and Sadness at his passing,
Mij and John

Mij Byram - November 15, 2020 at 12:55 PM



“ Beautifully said and yet I thought it was us who had joined your fan club.
XO
Susan

R Susan Foti - November 21, 2020 at 04:49 PM



“ We spent so many Happy NewYear's Eves together and he always wrote us a poem!! You will be missed Betty and Steve

Betty and Steve - November 15, 2020 at 12:53 PM



“ Thank you for all the happy celebrations. Do you still have any of his poems?
R Susan Foti - November 21, 2020 at 04:53 PM



“ We had such great times together for so many years. We will dearly miss you. Love,
Barbara and Robert Eisenberg

Barbara Eisenberg - November 15, 2020 at 11:35 AM



“ For sure, and I hope he is in heaven, if it exists, and creating the greatest adventures and stories of us all to share in some very distant future.
XO Susan

R Susan Foti - November 21, 2020 at 04:59 PM



“ Dear Susan,

Bob and I were so sorry to get this news about George. Our hearts go out to you and all the family.

We just want you to know we have such fond memories of our time together camping in Letchworth State Park many years ago. It was one of the most memorable highlights in all of our years of camping.

We are so sorry for your loss. George was truly an amazing and wonderful man with a great sense of humor. What an incredible life story and legacy he leaves behind. He will be missed by many!

Love,
Mary Ellen & Bob McLewee

Bob - November 14, 2020 at 10:39 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Beth Israel Memorial Chapel - November 14, 2020 at 08:56 PM



“ Oh gosh, we are so sorry to get this news. What an amazing life and wonderful man. We were fortunate enough to camp next to George, Susan and Andrew while in Letchworth state park in New York nearly 20 years ago. We all really hit it off. We were so impressed that they were traveling across country on motorcycles. Bonding with them was one of the highlights of our many years of camping. Our hearts go out to Susan and the entire family. George was a very special man. Love, Mary Ellen & Bob McLewee

Mary Ellen McLewee - November 14, 2020 at 07:19 PM



“ I will always remember George and Susan’s on-stage tandem storytelling about their adventures. George clearly had a huge heart and talent and love of life.

caren neile - November 14, 2020 at 06:18 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Miss you George!!



Carol - November 14, 2020 at 11:08 AM