



George Robert Giovannetti

May 4, 1929 - June 28, 2024

George Robert Giovannetti, 95, passed away peacefully in his residence on Friday, June 28 surrounded by his family. He was born May 4, 1929, in Seneca Falls, NY to Peter and Adelma (Galletti) Giovannetti. Upon graduating from Mynderse High School in Seneca Falls, where he was a standout football wide receiver on an undefeated team, he entered the U.S. Army Air Corps serving from 1947 to 1950. After his discharge, he returned to Seneca Falls to begin his career.

George worked for Goulds Pumps in Seneca Falls for 16 years before he was promoted to General Manager of the Lubbock, Texas, branch. He successfully ran the Lubbock plant for a decade before taking a job with Pacific Pump in Oakland, California. From his tenure at Pacific Pump, he accepted a job back in Lubbock at Valley Pump where he ran the Lubbock branch for several years before being recruited by Merck to troubleshoot at several of their companies. His work with Merck included stints in Conway, Arkansas, Canton, Ohio and Huntington, West Virginia. He retired from his successful management career in 1991.

He married Elizabeth Mary (Betty) Hughes on April 24, 1954. Together they raised six children, all born in New York. As his career advanced, he moved the family to Lubbock where they found a home at Christ the King Catholic Church. They were continually active in the church throughout their lives

together. He never remarried after her untimely death in 1978. Upon his retirement, George returned to Lubbock where he joined and was active at Holy Spirit Catholic Church. He volunteered several days a week at Holy Spirit until his declining health limited his mobility.

He was known for his charm and presence; he commanded every room he entered. He would walk into any venue and people believed he belonged because of his demeanor. Throughout his life, George was fascinated by gadgets, radios, cars and computers. He was an avid reader. He loved playing pool, poker and dominoes with his friends in retirement. He loved all sports. He attended every Texas Tech game until he could no longer make the physical effort. Although he loved all sports, his true love was baseball, and he was a devoted fan of Texas Tech Baseball and the Cincinnati Reds.

George was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Betty, his parents, Pete and Adelma, his brothers Peter, Carlos and Richard and his sister, Elvira. He is survived by his brother Benito, his daughter Patty (Mike) Yantis, son Pete (Ruth) Giovannetti, daughter Kasey (Todd) Thompson, daughter Susan (Jeff) Butcher, daughter Linda (Alex) Grice and son Robert (Donna) Giovannetti, 13 grandchildren and 25 great grandchildren.

The family will host a visitation at Sanders Funeral Home on Tuesday, July 2 at 6 pm, a Rosary will immediately follow at 7 pm. A funeral mass will be held at Holy Spirit Catholic Church on Wednesday July 3 at 10 am. A private burial will be held following the funeral.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Lubbock Meals on Wheels.

Cemetery Details

Resthaven Memorial Park

5740 West 19th Street
Lubbock, TX 79416

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 2. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Sanders Funeral Home
1420 Main Street
Lubbock, TX 79401
(806) 763-6433
director@sandersfuneralhome.com
<https://www.sandersfuneralhome.com>

Rosary

JUL 2. 7:00 PM - 7:45 PM (CT)

Sanders Memorial Chapel
1420 Main Street
Lubbock, TX 79401

Mass

JUL 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Holy Spirit Catholic Church
9821 Frankford Avenue
Lubbock, TX 79424

Graveside Service

JUL 3. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

Resthaven Memorial Park
5740 West 19th Street
Lubbock, TX 79416

Tribute Wall



“ Sanders Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of George Robert Giovannetti



Sanders Funeral Home - July 02, 2024 at 09:37 PM



“ Team TFPR purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of George Robert Giovannetti.



Team TFPR - July 03, 2024 at 11:16 AM



“ Team TFPR planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of George Robert Giovannetti.

Team TFPR - July 03, 2024 at 11:16 AM

TT

“ Tracy, Taylor, Bryce and Kyle Thompson purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of George Robert Giovannetti.



Tracy, Taylor, Bryce and Kyle Thompson - July 02, 2024 at 04:26 PM

LF

“ Love, The Durbin Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of George Robert Giovannetti.



Love, The Durbin Family - July 01, 2024 at 10:01 PM

LF

“ Love, The Durbin Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of George Robert Giovannetti.

Love, The Durbin Family - July 01, 2024 at 10:01 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of George Robert Giovannetti.



July 01, 2024 at 09:36 PM

LC

“ Love, Matt, Jenn and Children planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of George Robert Giovannetti.

Love, Matt, Jenn and Children - July 01, 2024 at 09:36 PM

EI

“ Edward & Ruth Pina (Matt Yantis' inlaws) purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of George Robert Giovannetti.



Edward & Ruth Pina (Matt Yantis' inlaws) - July 01, 2024 at 05:03 PM

EI

“ Edward & Ruth Pina (Matt Yantis' inlaws) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of George Robert Giovannetti.

Edward & Ruth Pina (Matt Yantis' inlaws) - July 01, 2024 at 05:03 PM

UF

“ Uncle Ben and family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of George Robert Giovannetti.



Uncle Ben and family - July 01, 2024 at 03:07 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of George Robert Giovannetti.



June 30, 2024 at 03:35 PM



“ *The Hughes Family* purchased the *With Distinction* for the family of George Robert Giovannetti.



The Hughes Family - June 30, 2024 at 06:51 AM



“ *Aaron and Jennifer Butcher* purchased the *Crystal Cross Bouquet* for the family of George Robert Giovannetti.



Aaron and Jennifer Butcher - June 29, 2024 at 09:49 PM



“ *Aaron and Jennifer Butcher* planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of George Giovannetti.

Aaron and Jennifer Butcher - June 29, 2024 at 09:49 PM