



# George Vomvoris

APR 24, 1940 - NOV 18, 2016



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## **George Vomvoris**

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**G**EORGE JOHN VOMVORIS (76) passed away on November 18, 2016, with his family by his side in Waxahachie, Texas. He was born in Bangor, Maine on April 24, 1940, to John and Anna Vomvoris. He graduated from Husson University in 1962 with a BS degree in Business Administration and a minor in History. He had a long career with the Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) retiring as Chief of the Services Branch in 1993. He enjoyed coaching soccer, officiating baseball and soccer games at the recreational, high school and professional levels. He was proud of his Greek heritage which he joyfully expressed through his passion for food, music and love of entertainment. He was married for 56 years to his beloved wife Gloria. He is preceded in death by his parents John and Anna Vomvoris and his sister Arite Tomarakos. George is survived by his wife Gloria, his children: John, Melissa, Stephanie, and Matina. His grandchildren: George (Johnny) and Lacey; Kian, William (Kewa), and Ana Nia; Sophia; Damien, Melina and Nickolas; his great grandchildren: Kennlea, Cash and Everly; and brother, William (Bill) Vomvoris. George reveled in his role and title as “The Patriarch” of the family, bestowing his wisdom and antidotes to all that had the pleasure to meet him. He would grace you in song, lesson or story in the most appropriate of times and with great humor. His imprint and legacy will be long lasting in the hearts of many. His greatest joy is his grandkids and knowing he left his footprint in their hearts. A wake will be held on Monday, November 21, 2016 at 7:00pm at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church. The funeral service followed by graveside service will also be held on Tuesday, November 22, 2016 at 11:00am at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, 13555 Hillcrest Rd, Dallas, TX 75240. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Restland Funeral Home and Memorial Park, 13005 Greenville Avenue, at Restland Road, Dallas, TX 75243.



## Tribute Wall

**George Vomvoris**

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SV

**Sophia Vomvoris** posted:

I miss you more than words can describe. I would give anything to hug you and hear your voice. I miss coming to visit you and Yia Yia every single weekend, dinners at the table, your cooking, and watching movies with you. She misses you too. Every now and then I hear her talking to you. I can't help but wonder if you listen or whether you are too busy in Heaven spending time with your parents. I listened to Frankie Valli today and I wanted so badly to hear your voice alongside mine singing. You had the best voice and will always be my favorite singing partner. I always sit in your chair when I go to Yia Yia's, but it's been so long it doesn't feel like yours anymore. Nothing does. I could use your words of wisdom nowadays and commentary on the state of our political landscape as I am living in D.C. Give Koda Bear a squish and kiss on the brown spot of his cheek for me. I know big dogs made you nervous but he's the best boy, take care of him for me in Heaven.

June 26 at 5:42 PM

MV

**Melissa E Vomvoris** posted:

Miss you Dad

May 19 at 2:39 PM



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MK

**Mk** posted:

My Papou, I will never forget the way you called my name when you would ask for ice or a back massage. I will never forget the way you hugged me, each and every time just a little weaker than the last. I will not forget the way you loved and how hard you loved everyone, despite their doings. I will always think of you as one of the strongest men in my life— even though you aren't here. You were my first loss. I never knew a pain of such that would make my ribs ache and my stomach churn that it brought me. It still amazes me how it took your death to bring our family together— and how it would make us fall apart. Between the plans of the funeral and the "I want this, I knew him more, he loved me more" arguments, I felt alone. Everything was spinning and I was in the middle— completely and utterly alone. Less than two weeks later, my Pawpaw was taken too. He apparently came home and left peacefully — but the "peace" never made sense to me. How can someone leave this world in peace knowing they would crush everyone else around them? I was twelve when you passed. I could never bring myself to use the "d" word, because it would really seem like you were gone, and I didn't want that. With every single day that passed, I felt my heart sink more and more. The first time I spoke of you to anyone I was 14. Now, closer to sixteen than anything, I don't regret anything I said except the way I described it: "{You} My Papou had died when I was in seventh grade". I hadn't come to terms with it, even now, as a sophomore. Looking back to seventh grade, I was in an inevitable, wild storm that knocked me down, blow after blow. Vividly I recall my mother looking through my closet and holding a grey dress (which I had worn the day you passed unknowingly) and told me "this would be nice for a funeral". Thanksgiving isn't the same. Dances aren't the same. Greek lifestyles aren't the same without you. It tears me apart every time that you won't be there when I get married, or when I start my own family. You won't be there to meet any of my boyfriends or for any more family dinners. I love and miss you always, Your MK.

November 17 at 7:00 PM

SV

**Stephanie Vomvoris** posted:

Today, on Father's Day, a reminder of your absence but also a flood of memories of you dad. I miss you pop, it is not easy. I have international soccer tournaments in full swing (women's world cup, copa and concacaf) and would trade anything to sit beside you watching the games. Happy Father's Day! Oh and my adventure....it was truly spectacular!

June 16 at 7:06 AM



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SV

**Stephanie Vomvoris** posted:

Just a week away pop. I know you guided the universe from behind the scenes to line it all up. I also know this will be so cathartic for me, but you know that too. Every thing I see and take in, all the meals I have, the people I interact with will remind me of you. I cannot wait for this adventure as it is my way to connect to who you are and thus, who I am. Oh and the cigar smells dad, don't ever stop making that happen. It comforts us.

May 9 at 3:56 PM

SV

**Stephanie Vomvoris** posted:

On my way home from work I still find myself reaching for the phone to call you to talk politics. What I would not give to have your wisdom and worldly opinion today Dad. Grief softens over time but that sense of longing for those moments is tough. I play out those conversations of what and how you would say over and over. It's not easy pop, I guess coming here and adding to you memorial page provides some comfort, but your absence is hard. Listening/watching political spin shows has become this obsessed cathartic routine for me. I still follow the same line up you did. I think back of my early college years and those nightly Crossfire shows we watched together. You schooled and help shaped my political views. I marveled at not only your stellar memory of political history but also your sound positions and arguments. "You have to understand..." as you would preface your opinion so often. Dad , I don't understand and long for your viewpoint.

February 6 at 7:52 PM

SV

**Stephanie Vomvoris** posted:

Dad you are missed so very much. I am reminded daily of your influence on each of us and the legacy you have left behind. What a presence you were and your personality shows up frequently through expressions we all make that are classic "dad" expressions. It is your footprint and I am comforted in knowing that it will be passed down just as you passed down so many mannerisms and expressions that you inherited from your father. Family lineage, traditions and trademarks will live on. I just miss you pop.

November 30 at 4:42 AM

RD

**Restland Of Dallas** posted:

Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of George Vomvoris.

August 24 at 7:57 PM



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MV

**Melissa Vomvoris** posted:

Thank you Hayley. My Dad was so blessed to have such great care from you. He is/was a very special man to so many.

August 24 at 7:37 PM

HG

**Hayley Gilliland** posted:

I'm glad you're not in pain anymore. When I picture you... I see you with your iPod, listening and singing, talking about Greek food and sports. My favorite memory is the way both you and Dr. Moss would light up when you guys were talking sports. I loved the connection you two shared. It made me smile. To our most popular person that came to our department..... you will be missed!!

August 24 at 6:36 PM

TF

**The Herbertson Family.** posted:

The Herbertson family. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of George Vomvoris.

August 24 at 6:33 PM

MV

**Melissa Vomvoris** posted:

Thank you Peggy!

August 24 at 5:03 PM

RD

**Restland Of Dallas** posted:

Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of George Vomvoris.

August 24 at 1:39 PM



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SV

**Sophia Vomvoris** posted:

Words cannot express how blessed I was to have you in my life Papou, You were not only my hero, best friend, and favorite duet/dance partner, but someone I looked up to as a father figure. You were there right from the start and continued to be one of my #1 fans as I grew up. You opened up the world of music to me, and started my passionate love for musicals and jazz which I hope to one day pursue in honor of you. Some of my favorite memories that we share were made right in the garage, sitting at the piano singing anything from musicals to good ole classics such as Frank Sinatra to Christmas music. You taught me how to swing dance, tango, foxtrot, you name it, and I loved watching you tap along and pretend you were dancing with Ginger Rogers. Road trips to doctors visits or even restaurants were always a favorite with you. Whether it was the smell of your cigar, listening to you sing, or just being in the front seat by your side, I truly treasured those moments. I will never forget sitting in the Olympia Theatre watching movies such as The Godfather, Oklahoma, South Pacific, The king and I, West Side Story, High Society, Guys and Dolls, Sound of Music, etc. and watching what joy it brought to your eyes. Because of you, those movies are some of my favorites and I now feel very confident I can quote most all of them. I don't think there was ever a time I came to visit where you didn't have a movie recorded or on the table for you to watch with me. I will miss walking in to say hello and hearing you shout "Look it's the It Girl!". I will miss you yelling across the house "Sooopppphhiiiaa!", only for me to walk in and you ask for a famous back scratch or fill up your cup with crushed ice. I will deeply miss just having you around and knowing you're there. I love you with all my heart Papouy, and I hope to continue to make you proud in everything I do. My Eyes really do adore you Papou, and I will always know who loves me baby (Jersey Boys). I promise to always have a reserved seat for you at my performances. – Your favorite, Sophia

November 17 at 7:00 PM

RD

**Restland Of Dallas** posted:

Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of George Vomvoris.

August 24 at 1:15 PM



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MV

**Melissa Vomvoris** posted:

Dad....I am going to miss you so much...there are so many memories that are racing through my head of you coaching me. Running up and down the field shouting "Run in to space!" Me getting mad at you because I felt embarrassed but oh how today they leave me with a rush of emotional self importance. Dad, you always made me feel important and that I could accomplish anything that I set my mind to. I remember when I made the varsity soccer team at Duncanville my freshman year and you were so proud that you bought me new "diadora's" and showed up at practice to give them to me. My teammates were so jealous! I just beamed because I had the best Dad ever! Our soccer days together, playing, coaching, and referee'ing are memories I will cherish forever. I remember one year when I surprised you and Mom for Christmas you came home from work with a "Boom Box" for me. It was the hottest gift for Christmas at that time. You always made me feel so special. Dad, your words of wisdom will always be a part of me and I hope to pass on to my children. Your knowledge of "I know everything but I don't know everything" is exactly how I want to be. I will continue to be the last person in the movie theater just to watch the credits looking for the Greek names and then shout "The Greeks...they're everywhere!" You are and always will be the "Patriarch" of our family. No one can replace that. Your words will ring through our children's children for generations. Your love for entertainment and the Godfather will continue in us all. "Do you spend time with your family? Good. Because a man that doesn't spend time with his family can never be a real man." "Never let anyone outside the family know what you're thinking." "I'm gonna make him an offer he can't refuse." "It's not personal, Sonny. It's strictly business." "Leave the gun, take the cannolis" And your all time favorite – waving us over...in a whispering voice..."Where's Michael?" Dad, you were a truly amazing father and husband. Your memory will be forever eternal. S'agapo! Melissa Dissa

November 17 at 7:00 PM

MV

**Melissa Vomvoris** posted:

Nickolas David Smith was added to the Family Tree.

August 24 at 12:09 PM

MV

**Melissa Vomvoris** posted:

Melina Kassiani Smith was added to the Family Tree.

August 24 at 11:26 AM

BL

**Blaine** posted:

I love all you guys and am thinking about you all.

August 24 at 10:57 AM



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MV

**Melissa Vomvoris** posted:

Damien Michael Smith was added to the Family Tree.

August 24 at 10:43 AM

MV

**Melissa Vomvoris** posted:

Sophia Anna Vomvoris was added to the Family Tree.

August 24 at 9:37 AM

MV

**Melissa Vomvoris** posted:

Ana Nia Vomvoris was added to the Family Tree.

August 24 at 9:12 AM

MV

**Melissa Vomvoris** posted:

William Kewa Vomvoris was added to the Family Tree.

August 24 at 8:55 AM

MV

**Melissa Vomvoris** posted:

Everly James Graffigna was added to the Family Tree.

August 24 at 8:34 AM

MV

**Melissa Vomvoris** posted:

Kian James Graffigna was added to the Family Tree.

August 24 at 8:17 AM

MV

**Melissa Vomvoris** posted:

Cash Wayne Clemmer was added to the Family Tree.

August 24 at 8:00 AM



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RD

**Restland Of Dallas** posted:

Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of George Vomvoris.

August 23 at 7:48 PM

MV

**Melissa Vomvoris** posted:

Lacey Clemmer was added to the Family Tree.

August 23 at 7:45 PM

SV

**Stephanie Vomvoris** posted:

The flower arrangements from everyone were so incredibly beautiful. We were moved to tears to see so many. Thank you to each and everyone of you. You helped bring comfort in our family's time of need and we are so very appreciative of your kind gestures.

August 23 at 7:16 PM

KM

**Kay Moody** posted:

Dear Gloria, I'm so sorry to learn of your husband's passing. I wish you well and may God and your family help you through this sad time. Peace and prays to you. K.Moody

August 23 at 7:16 PM

GV

**Gloria Vomvoris** posted:

I just want to thank everyone who has reached out to me and my children during this most difficult time. I am touched by all of your words of comfort and love for my husband. Thank you to those who came to the service, sent such beautiful flowers, provided food, my cousins who sent me a wreath from Maine, and all the posts and stories shared here on Facebook and on our memorial page. My children and grandchildren have been such a source of strength. I am so very blessed. George has to be such a proud patriarch watching how we have all come together.

November 17 at 7:00 PM

GV

**Gloria Vomvoris** posted:

Kay, thank you for remembering me. Gloria

November 17 at 7:00 PM



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GV

**Gloria Vomvoris** posted:

Mary thank you for remembering me. Gloria

November 17 at 7:00 PM

GV

**Gloria Vomvoris** posted:

Mary, thank you for remembering me at this time. Gloria

November 17 at 7:00 PM

SV

**Stephanie Vomvoris** posted:

Matina, our sweet baby of the bunch, Dad had to have set the stage to bring some humor to you and I to remind us to get the show on the road. I am so grateful we shared that together and yes, Dad will have something to say about it when we see him again. Missy was my rock but you are my sail.

November 17 at 7:00 PM

SV

**Stephanie Vomvoris** posted:

Blaine, thank you for your words. It has touched our family so to see the beautiful thoughts and loving support extended to us.

November 17 at 7:00 PM

SV

**Stephanie Vomvoris** posted:

Peggy, thank you for your outreach.

November 17 at 7:00 PM

SV

**Stephanie Vomvoris** posted:

My rock during this time, our father is so very proud of you.

November 17 at 7:00 PM



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SV

**Stephanie Vomvoris** posted:

Thank you cousin. Your words mean the world to our family.

November 17 at 7:00 PM

SV

**Stephanie Vomvoris** posted:

Words cannot begin to express the level of care and outreach Baylor, Scott & White (Waxahachie) has given to my father. The friendships that were formed and the way in which he was looked after meant the world to our family. We would tease him that he was treated like a rock star there. "Mr. George".

November 17 at 7:00 PM

ML

**Mary Long** posted:

Gloria, I just found out today that George has passed. I am so sorry for your loss. My deepest sympathy to you and your family. May your many years of wonderful memories comfort you during this difficult time. Mary Long

November 17 at 7:00 PM

MS

**Matina Smith** posted:

Thank you, Peggy.

November 17 at 7:00 PM

CO

**Carla Odom** posted:

Melissa, my thoughts & prayers are with you & all the Vomvoris family during this difficult time. It was an honor getting to know your Dad and being a part of his care. He will be truly missed in this world. Carla Odom, PCT Baylor Scott White, Waxa.

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EL

**Ellen** posted:

This man, Uncle George, was kind to me as a young woman and as recently as last winter when I visited Texas. The legacy of his family is the garden he tended so well. Love to all my Greek cousins and their mother from Maine . . .

November 17 at 7:00 PM

MV

**Melissa Vomvoris** posted:

Thank you Blaine.

November 17 at 7:00 PM

RD

**Restland Of Dallas** posted:

Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of George Vomvoris.

November 17 at 7:00 PM

PW

**Peggy Wade** posted:

Keeping the entire, extended Vomvoris family in my thoughts during such a difficult time. He was a great man who loved his family so much. Even after all these years, I can still remember being enthralled by his stories. -Peggy Wade (childhood friend of John Vomvoris)

November 17 at 7:00 PM

PB

**Peggy Whigham And Charlotte Bailey** posted:

Peggy Whigham and Charlotte Bailey purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of George Vomvoris.

November 17 at 7:00 PM

JF

**Joe & Glenda, Nanny & Marvin, Amy, Dt & Family** posted:

Joe & Glenda, Nanny & Marvin, Amy, DT & Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of George Vomvoris.

November 17 at 7:00 PM



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DB

**Deneen Burton** posted:

Rest in heaven George dance with the Angeles you home now.

November 17 at 7:00 PM

KC

**Ken & Wendy Clemmer** posted:

Ken & Wendy Clemmer purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of George Vomvoris.

November 17 at 7:00 PM

MS

**Matina Smith** posted:

Dad...there are no words to express how much I am going to miss you. You have been such a wonderful dad and the biggest influence in my life. My heart aches knowing that I will never hear you sing. Or listen to your political rants. Or talk to you about one of your favorite subjects...my kids, Damien "El Capitan", Melina "MK", and Nickolas "Mr. Nick". Thank you for always be there for me. Whether it was as my soccer coach, assisting you as a linesman while you referee, or just helping me grow up. Daddy, I love you. Until I see you again, know that you will always be with me in my heart.

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SV

**Stephanie Vomvoris** posted:

My heart is incredibly broken. My father was truly my favorite fellow. When I was in high school, I had this interest in mobsters and had read a book in which Frank Sinatra was mentioned. I did not know anything about him and went and purchased his Strangers in the Night album to educate me. I was playing it in my room and my dad came in and had this spark in his eye and said to follow him. He showed me his reel-to-reel collection of Sinatra music and down our path we went for our mutual love of Sinatra, music, gangster movies, and all things show business. He was Mr. Show Business as he liked to call himself, and I was his sidekick. My dearest moments with my father are when we watched movies. High Society, The King and I, My Fair Lady, The Godfather, Scarface are just a few that we watched many times over singing and quoting. It was our connection. A connection that has passed through to my daughter, whom my father has introduced to her to the same world that he and I shared with our musical and movie interests. My pop was truly a classic personality that managed to leave his indelible style with his children and grandchildren. There is not a quote we don't know and repeat of his. There is not a song we don't know that he would sing. There is not words of wisdom that we don't reflect on and pass on to others. He was the best story teller and he was never short of sharing. I will always watch movies and read the credits looking for Greek names. When the FBI warning comes on, I will always shout out "The FBI" in the way that he would. I will always say, "I just work here" in his accent when things are chaotic around me. I will leave the gun and take the cannoli's. I will honor him by echoing everything that he did and said. After all, I am my father's daughter and I could never be more proud of the life he lived and gave to each of his kids. I am especially blessed to have had a man who showed my daughter what a gentleman, father figure, a spiritual guide and role model is. Here is looking at you, Dad. You are my Fred Astaire and I will always be your dancing partner, Ginger.

November 17 at 7:00 PM

MV

**Melissa Vomvoris** posted:

Kennlea Marie Vomvoris was added to the Family Tree.

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MV

**Melissa Vomvoris** posted:

George John Vomvoris was added to the Family Tree.

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**Melissa Vomvoris** posted:

Matina Marie Vomvoris was added to the Family Tree.

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MV

**Melissa Vomvoris** posted:

Stephanie Diann Vomvoris was added to the Family Tree.

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MV

**Melissa Vomvoris** posted:

Melissa Elaine Vomvoris was added to the Family Tree.

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MV

**Melissa Vomvoris** posted:

John George Vomvoris was added to the Family Tree.

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MV

**Melissa Vomvoris** posted:

Gloria Ann Vomvoris was added to the Family Tree.

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MV

**Melissa Vomvoris** posted:

Arite Tomarakos was added to the Family Tree.

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MV

**Melissa Vomvoris** posted:

William (bill) Vomvoris was added to the Family Tree.

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**Melissa Vomvoris** posted:

Anna Azimopoulos Vomvoris was added to the Family Tree.

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