



## George Pappas

October 30, 1947 - September 24, 2012

George Gregory Pappas, Sr., 64, of Norwich, OH died Monday, September 24, 2012. He was born October 30, 1947, in Zanesville, OH.

George graduated from Zanesville High School Class of 1965.

He married Hilda Marie Felton on February 20, 1971 in Coshocton, OH at St. John's United Church of Christ by Rev. Rezasch and Father Menelaos Papageorge of the Martin's Ferry Greek Orthodox Church.

George was President of Lumi-Lite Candle Co., Inc. He was a former president of National Candle Association. He received the 2010 NCA Hall of Fame Award for his accomplishments and contributions to the industry. He was a member of several committees including the ASTM fire safety committee and holds several patents improving candle safety. He also worked tirelessly to protect the industry from unfair foreign trade practices and testified several times in Washington DC on behalf of the industry.

He was a member of St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Zanesville, OH.

He is survived by his wife Hilda and two children Natasha of Portland, OR and George II, his wife Angie, their daughters Alexis and Alaina of Norwich, OH; brother, Pete of Zanesville, OH; nephew Zane, his wife Alison and their son Soren of Westerville, OH.

George was preceded in death by his parents Gregory George and Catherine (Sharpino) Pappas and sister-in-law Verne Pappas.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, September 27, 2012 from 2-4 & 6-8pm with Christian Vigil at 7:45 followed by an opportunity for comments from

family and friends at Hillis & Hardwick Funeral Home, 935 Forest Avenue Zanesville, OH.

Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated Friday, September 28, 2012 at 1:30 pm at St. Nicholas Catholic Church, Zanesville, OH, with Father Martin Ralko as celebrant. Burial will follow at Mt. Olive Cemetery.

To sign the online register book or to send a personal condolence note please click on the link at top of page.

# Tribute Wall



“ *George Pappas*

October 06, 2023 at 04:22 AM



“ *Hilda, you are all being prayed for always, consider yourselves hugged a lot!*

October 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *I had the pleasure of meeting George at the World Candle Congress and the last NCA Congress in Las Vegas. He was charismatic, kind and knowledgeable about industry matters. He will always be remembered by all of us who had the opportunity to meet him, if only briefly. My condolences to the family on behalf of ALAFAVE.*

**Luis Beuth** - October 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Hilda and Family, I am so sorry to hear of your loss and a loss to so many other people... he was such a positive influence in my life in many ways and will never forget him. Feel free to call with any needs. Sincerely Joe Clark*

**Joe Clark** - October 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ I will always be thankful for all that George did for the U.S. candle industry. He has made an impact on thousands of lives not just in fire safety, but also in the number of jobs he helped preserve thru his work to insure the Candle tariff was enforced. Thank You George. Burt Hanna

Burt Hanna - October 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EH

“ Dear Hilda, George, and Natasha - we are all so blessed to have had George in our lives - he really was larger than life. I have so many wonderful, cherished memories of George and will miss him forever, but will always be grateful for the smile he will bring to my face when I think about him. I am proud to say he was my great friend. Sincerest condolences, Hilda, to you and your family. xxoo

Eileen Hedrick - October 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ My Family used to love in Norwich, were Mr Pappas used to do fireworks for the fourth of July for our town

Doug Compston - September 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Our sincere condolences. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Jim graduated with George in 1965. Lynda and Jim Sharrer

Lynda Sharrer - September 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ Dear Hilda and Family, We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. With Deepest Sympathies, George and Alexis Hatzis

Alexis Hatzis - September 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ *Hilda, George and family, my thoughts are with you on the passing of George Sr. I had the honor and privilege to work with him and will keep fond memories of him.*

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**Linda Weinberg** - September 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ *We were saddened by the sudden loss of George Pappas. George was a man of honor, integrity and passion. Working with him as part of the ASTM and NCA was inspirational and his candor was refreshing. He will be greatly missed. Our thoughts, prayers and deepest sympathies are with his wife and family.*

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**Mischa Pillon** - September 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ *Hilda and family, George was one of the first members of the NCA that I met 15 years ago. His passion for the art and science of candle making only became stronger since then. I feel confident that you have many wonderful memories of this man to sustain you through this difficult time.*

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**Carole Cottrill** - September 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Hilda and family, Truly sorry to hear about the loss of George. Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers are with you all through this difficult time. Much Love - Maria Batalis and family*

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September 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ Dear Hilda, Natashia and Pete: We just today received the message of George's passing. Paula Koinis wrote us. We had so hoped to get together over the summer months. So sorry that we didn't make more of an effort. May God be with you as you grieve. Our prayers are with you. May His peace be yours at this sad, sad time. Our love  
- Bill and Judy

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**Bill and Judy Daniels** - September 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ Hilda and George Jr. & Natashia, I am so sorry for your loss. I respected George immensely. He was a good soul and will be missed by many.

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**Rhonda Baldwin** - September 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ Dear George II, Mrs. Pappas, and family--I am so sorry to hear of the loss of George. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. May you find comfort in this difficult time. Candace Susa Haudenschild

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**Candace Haudenschild** - September 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ To Hilda and family, So sorry to hear of George's expiration. This is a very hard time to go through so please feel free to call anytime you need a good word. May God be with you.

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**Jean Baird Graap** - September 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ George & Family, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your father. I remember his as a kind, thoughtful man with a ready chuckle. We will be praying for you all.

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**Maria** - September 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ Dear Hilda and Family, We are so saddened and sorry for your loss. The memories you have will help to keep him close to you. We will keep you in our prayers. Our deepest sympathy to all of you

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**Lynne and Richard Bassetti** - September 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Hilda and family, We are saddened to hear of your loss. We are praying for you all as you go through this. May God fill you with His peace and comfort. The Gary Ballantine Family

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September 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ Mrs. Papas and Family, We are so sorry for your loss, our thoughts and prayers are with you. We went to high school with him. George was always friendly and at our reunions it was nice talking with him. God Bless.

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**Mark and Cindy Lang** - September 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ Hilda and family, My deepest sympathy. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Susie Kussmaul** - September 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ *Hilda and family, Mom and I wish to express our sorrow with George's passing. We are praying for you and the entire family. Mary WILSON AND Ted Paulus*

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**Mary** - September 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Hilda, Natasha, Peter, George, Angie and families, Please accept my deepest sympathy on your great loss. May his memory be eternal. Good night dear cousin, Angie (Pappas) Batalis*

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September 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Hilda, so sorry to hear about your loss. I only got to meet him the one time at the genealogy meeting. We had an interesting conversation and I was very impressed. My prayers go out you and your family.*

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September 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ *Pappas Family: I am so very sorry to hear of George Senior's passing. I am just at such a loss, I cannot begin to imagine how you feel. I will ALWAYS remember my time with Lumi-Lite fondly and all that I learned from George as well. I learned something everytime I spoke with him. He was definitely a role model to me as he was so passionate about what he did and what he believed in. He will be greatly missed. Praying for all of you. P.S. I still have the copy of the pic of him and the lab guys dressed as bakers at Kennedy's Bakery framed and in my kitchen. I love that picture.*

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**Barbara LaFollette** - September 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PR

“ *May God bless you and your family in this time of sorrow.*

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**Peggy Riley** - September 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

HH

“ *Shirley and I, along with the Zion Reformed family of faith, want you to know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Dr. & Mrs. Herbert Hicks*

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**Herbert Hicks** - September 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ *Goerge Pappas was one of the most thoughtful and caring individuals I have ever known. He was both passionate and humble. A man who had his loves of his life in order..God, Wife, Children,family, friends. He loved and lived his life taking it all in and giving all he could. Truly a mentor to many. We are all so fortunate to have known him. I feel personally blessed to say, George Pappas was my friend and business associate. George fought the good fight...He finished the race...He kept the faith (2 Tim 4:7)Rest in peace, my dear friend.*

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**Greg Hart** - September 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ *Dear Hilda, Natasha, George and Family,We are so sorry and saddened by your sudden loss. May God comfort you and bring you peace.Love to you and your family,Barbara and Jack Hansen*

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**Barbara** - September 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *Hilda and family, sympathies on your loss. Many years ago (70's) we rented an apartment on Sunset Ave. My roomie Donna and I have talked of our memories of this part of our college experience. Condolences to the family at this difficult time.*

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**Janie Morgan** - September 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ *Dear Natasha and Family, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I spent many weekends at the Pappas house growing up. Sending thoughts, prayers, and love your way.*

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**Allison Parent** - September 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *Hilda and Family,I was surprised and saddened to hear about George. I didn't have the pleasure of working closely with George but the times I did pass him in coming and going to the warehouse he was very kind and considerate and always had a smile for everyone. I'm sure he will be greatly missed. All who knew him will remember him in their prayers and thoughts. GOD BLESS you all in your time of grief. Debbie and Fred Stillions*

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**Debbie Stillions** - September 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ Dear Hilda and Family: My deepest sympathy for your loss. I knew George during my tenure as the Executive Vice President of the National Candle Association (NCA) and was fortunate to be part of the ceremony that recognized George with the NCA Hall of Fame Award for his significant contributions to the candle industry. I spent many hours with George on conference calls and at meetings and will offer that he was a leader of the candle industry, respected by his peers for his contributions, and selfless in his passion for candle safety. He may be gone, but his contributions are long lasting - and Saint Peter now has the best, and safest, candles in Heaven.

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**Allen Weidman** - September 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Hilda & Family, I was so saddened to hear of George's passing. I will miss his warm smile and quiet sense of humor. He was always there to help when needed - especially when the lights went out at the Cake Stand!! We have definitely lost a special person and he will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Please know that you will be in my prayers now and in the days ahead.

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**Diane Hoffer** - September 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Dear Hilda, Natasha, George and Angie: I am so very sorry for your loss and extend my deepest sympathy to you at this time of George's passing. The suddenness of George's passing has left many of us, his friends and colleagues, in shock. Mere words cannot begin to describe the sorrow you must feel at this time I hope you can find some comfort in that we all share that sorrow. George touched so many people's lives it is impossible to measure the impact he had in this world. George was a dear friend and mentor to me and I will always be grateful that I got to know him, and you, and shared a friendship over these past 14 years. Our family will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Bob Moss** - September 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Dear Hilda, George, Angie & family I am so sorry for your loss. I know there are no words at this time that can take the hurt or the empty feeling away, but it helps to know others care and are thinking of you. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. With Deepest Sympathy Denise Cunningham

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**Denise Cunningham** - September 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Dear Hilda, George, Angie & family I am so sorry for your loss. Please know that I am thinking of you and keeping all of you in my prayers. With Deepest Sympathy, Denise Cunningham

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**Denise Cunningham** - September 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ I've known George for over 20 years through the NCA. I worked with George on many of the committees, and through the ASTM. George was a good friend and colleague! I will miss him terribly. My thoughts and prayers are with the Pappas family.

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**Peggy Hanley** - September 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ Dear Family, I'm sorry about your loss and you all in my thoughts and prayers. I met him during the last 10 years on almost every NCA meeting and I really appreciate every time together.

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**George Huebler** - September 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Hilda I can say it will be hard missing Georges smile and kindly ways, however you and the children can cherish his memories. May GOD hold you up during this hard time. My prayers are with you.  
SUSAN SAYERS MILLER

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September 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AV

“ George Pappas

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**Anthony Valinotti** - September 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ Mrs Pappas and family, I am so sorry about your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Angie Hall-Beem

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**Angie Hall** - September 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KY

“ Just a thought that someone shared with me a few years ago: Death leaves a heartache no one can heal; love leaves a memory no one can steal. I hope it brings you comfort during this time of sorrow.

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**Karen Young** - September 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ I knew George through Starlight Industries and through the years George was always willing to give individuals with disabilities the opportunity to work. Whether in his plant or at Starlight. I admired his need for a good and safe product. I always looked forward to meeting with George and discussing possibilities. George will be missed in many ways. My thoughts and prayers go out to all of his family, friends and business associates.

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**Sharon Jacobs** - September 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ So sorry to hear of George's passing. He was a great and caring neighbor. The Heineman's

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**Phyllis Heineman** - September 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ George II and Mrs. Papas, I am so sorry for your loss. You will be in my thoughts and prayers. Katie Miller Susil

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**Katie Susil** - September 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ So sorry for your loss. Sincere sympathy with prayers and love. Joe and Judi Dale and family Joe and Jennifer Schaumleffel and family

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**Joe and Judi Dale** - September 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ I first met George in 2008 when I started working for the NCA. I learned a lot about the industry from him and he was an invaluable mentor. My thoughts and prayers are with the family. He will be greatly missed.

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**Kimbra Morgan** - September 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TE

“ We are very sorry for your loss. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Terri** - September 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you. I am so sorry. Love, Nancy Pappas

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September 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ We are so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Kathy Carnes** - September 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ Dear Hilda and Family, I was so shocked to hear that George passed away. I will always be grateful for my time spent working at LumiLite. You and your family are in my prayers.

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**Linda Kight** - September 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EH

“ I was so sorry to hear of your loss. The thoughts of many are with you at this time of sorrow.

Ed Huff - September 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Went to high school with George. He was always such a nice, friendly person. So sorry for your loss. Jane Shelton Dugan

September 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ We pray for George's soul to be enlightened as he was in this world. His hat and his smile will always be remembered. Our deepest sympathy to family members, but we know he will be lighting your paths of life always. Malen Sid- Brasil

Malen Sid - September 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CU

“ George, you will be missed so much. Thank you for your over the top passion for the candle industry. You set the bar for commitment to protecting what we stand for at the NCA. Your commitment will live on in many of us that you have touched. Hilda, our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.

Curt - September 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ We were both shocked to hear of George's passing. We are so glad that we came to the festival and talked this summer. George will be in our hearts and memories. To Hilda and the rest of the family, may the love of those around you help you through the days and years ahead. May his memory be eternal.

Argrios Ragias - September 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ I am both saddened and shocked to hear of George's passing. I knew him from the NCA and ASTM committees. I will miss him, his hat, his warmth and his stories. It was a pleasure to know him. Thank you George for all you have done for Candles, may peace be with you. My best wishes and prayers to Hilda and the entire family.

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**Dan Cap** - September 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ To Hilda and the family of George Pappas. I am so very sorry to hear of George's passing. I knew George from the NCA. He was a very inspiring man and truly passionate about his work and the candle industry. I will surely miss seeing him at the NCA meetings every year. May you all find peace in your hearts during this time of great sadness.

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**Traci McClung** - September 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ Hilda & Family, I worked at Lumilite candle and also knew George from St. Nicholas Church. I am so sorry for your loss and will be keeping you in my prayers. Sharon Duffy (Paulus)

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**Sharon Duffy** - September 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LI

“ Grief can be so hard, but our special memories help us cope. Remembering you and your loved one today and always.

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**Lisa** - September 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ Dear Hilda and the entire Pappas family, I am saddened to hear of the death of George a neat gentleman who I feel blessed to have known in my life. When I went to work for STAC some fifteen years ago my brother always spoke so high of the Pappas family and one of my first trips with the company was to Norwich. Getting to know George and Hilda was a delight, even though we live miles away I consider them dear friends and fine and decent people. People that make people around them better. I ask the God of Abraham and Isaac the God that knew us before we were born to look after the soul of George and to grant him everlasting life. I also ask the he look kindly on those that loved George especially Hilda and his family and those that George loved. May this good kind man and friend of mine rest in peace. With deepest sympathy from Bob Pfister and wife Kathy Pfister, Jasper, IN

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**Bob Pfister** - September 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Hilda & family- I worked with George on the Board of the National Candle Association for many years. I left the Board in 2005, but the memories I have of George bring a smile to my face. His passion for the candle industry, for his company and mostly for his family are what I respected the most about George. I was deeply saddened when I heard the news of his passing. I will miss him. Linda Webster (SCJohnson & Son, Inc.)

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**Linda Webster** - September 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ To the Pappas family, my thoughts and prayers are with you. May God comfort you and give you peace at this difficult time. I just lost a brother on Sept. 7th and I know it is hard, but remember the good times and put your self in the hands of the Lord.

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**Tom Armbrust** - September 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ I am deeply saddened by George's passing. I only knew him for a year and a half through my work for National Candle Assn, but I will miss him greatly. Condolences to Hilda and the rest of the Pappas family.

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**Carol Freysinger** - September 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ I lost my husband suddenly this past February, and I know what Hilda is experiencing. You knew that one day you would be alone, but you NEVER thought it would be TODAY. Take comfort in the support you get from your friends and family and know that EVERYONE is there behind you (even those of us who are far away). I knew George for a LONG time, through the National Candle Association. I thought of us as 'old friends'. We've had many a lively conversation through the years and I'll miss his "larger than life" presence at our gatherings!

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**Karen Mack** - September 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ George was one of my most cherished friends. He mentored me in the candle business from the year I entered it back in the 90's. In a world where business execs increasingly alter facts to fit their goals, George was steadfast instead in setting his goals based on the facts. He held to the highest possible standard in business integrity, as well as loyalty to his partners and associates. He was someone to be counted on. As we celebrate his life and his contributions, we will also miss him dearly. Personally I loved him as if he were family; actually, he was family in all the ways that count. As he rests safely in God's hands now, George will be remembered and loved by all of us here.

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**Kathy LaVanier** - September 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ To the family and loved ones of George Pappas, my thoughts and prayers are with you. May God comfort you and give you peace at this difficult time. I knew George from the National Candle Association ... considered him a friend and respected him as a colleague. May God rest his soul. He will truly be missed.

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**Michelle Harper** - September 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ I knew George through the National Candle Association and am saddened to hear of his loss. He was a tireless worker for the Association and was larger than life in the history of the candle industry. My deep sympathy to the Pappas family.

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**Rick Contino** - September 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM