



George Alfred Olsen

May 31, 1953 - May 15, 2026

George Alfred Olsen, age 72, of St. Augustine, Florida, passed away suddenly at home on May 15, 2026.

George was born on May 31, 1953, in Jacksonville, Florida. As a boy, he loved snakes and reptiles, once keeping a baby alligator as a pet. He was a graduate of Fletcher High School and an alum of the University of Florida, earning a Bachelor of Science in Building Construction, a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering, and a Master of Science in Structural Engineering. A talented and accomplished engineer, George helped to shape buildings and structures across the world.

George's career spanned decades and continents. A licensed Professional Engineer in six states, he worked across an extraordinary range of disciplines - from petrochemical and industrial facilities to high-rise commercial buildings, oil and gas structural design, and residential development. He managed complex international projects and led construction teams around the globe, including military support contracts in Kosovo, Afghanistan, Macedonia, and several countries in Latin America, holding security clearance for Department of Defense and Department of State project work.

He married Mamita on May 19, 1979. Together they have two sons, Jeffrey and Kevin.

George lived a life full of generosity, laughter and love. He was always thoughtful and giving and had a rare gift for making everyone around him laugh. He spoke his mind with honesty and conviction, and never worried much about political correctness - a quality those who loved him found refreshing and deeply characteristic of the man he was. He was a devoted member of the YMCA, attending several classes a week. George had a passion for the kitchen and a deep appreciation for good wine, and he hosted many wonderful gatherings overflowing with food, drink, and conversation. His warmth, hospitality, and cooking will be missed by all.

He will be lovingly remembered by his wife of 47 years, Mamita, sons Jeffrey (Kori) and Kevin (Casey), grandchildren Genevieve and Nicholas, sister Georgia, sister-in-law Pilar, and many friends around the world.

A Memorial Mass will be held on Wednesday, May 20, 2026, at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of Good Counsel, 5950 FL-16, St. Augustine, FL 32092. A reception will follow at Caddyshack St. Augustine, 455 S. Legacy Trail E #106, St. Augustine, FL 32092.

Those desiring may leave messages of sympathy and encouragement by going to his tribute page at: <https://www.stjohnsfamilyfuneralhome.com/obituaries/george-olsen-7/#!/TributeWall>.

St. Johns Family Funeral Home of St. Augustine is assisting the family with arrangements.

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

MAY **20**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady Of Good Counsel
5950 FL-16
Saint Augustine, FL 32092

Tribute Wall

ER

“ I didn't know George very well but we often exchanged class experiences at the Y. He was ALWAYS the one to help set-up step/weight stations for everyone in class, always a happy and engaging guy. I was so saddened to hear of his passing this morning, after a return to the Y from vacay. Wow, what a light he was - I will miss seeing him. Condolences to his wife and sons.

Erin Reed - June 03 at 11:47 AM

JO

“ George, Big George as I called him, was such an integral part of the Y. He set the pace for many of us who wanted to exercise without moving too much. George was always in the front row, working at 100% and sweating through his clothes. He was always friendly and polite; putting out chairs in Chair Yoga and collecting them at the end of class. The mood was quiet today at the gym, not much laughter as word spread about our loss. He will be missed. Condolences to his family, we have all lost a good man.

Judy O'Connell - May 20 at 11:35 PM

RA

“ Mamita, George was a kind man and I will deeply miss him and his sense of humor. The Y will not be the same without him. Prayers and condolences to you and your family, Robin Ambrose

Robin Ambrose - May 19 at 05:39 PM