



# George Andrew Matroni

November 6, 1961 - March 6, 2020

George Andrew Matroni passed away peacefully surrounded by love, affection and undying appreciation after a fearless battle with pancreatic cancer on March 6, 2020.

George was a jovial giant with a booming voice, commanding presence and an insatiable sweet tooth hidden behind his wry smile. A New York native, behind his Brooklyn bravado was a benevolent family man who took pride in providing for his wife and three children.

A born engineer, George met life with a solution-oriented mindset. A twenty-three-year veteran of Cisco, he took great pride in his self-appointed role as mentor to new hires. His TAC team became a second family for George who welcomed his fatherly role with honor and satisfaction.

At home, George was a true patriarch who consistently put his family's needs before his own. He led with confidence and by example. A calming presence, George loved deeply with kindness, patience and forgiveness.

His sarcastic, good-natured banter made him a favorite among staff at the Duke Cancer Center where George remained optimistic throughout his medical journey. Tough and resilient, his positive energy was contagious, routinely turning tears of sadness into tears of joy.

George's spirit will endure through his bride and soulmate Lisa, eldest son Andrew (Qiuyi), daughter Danielle (Thomas), son Joseph (Amie), sister Lisa and his first grandchild due later this year. Gone from this world but never forgotten, his legacy is eternally etched into the minds and hearts of all who knew him.

A memorial service to celebrate George's impact on this world will be held Wednesday, March 11 at 3:00 p.m. at The Summit Church in Apex. A viewing will precede the service and begin at 1:45 p.m.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that any donations be made to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network who work tirelessly to attack pancreatic cancer on all fronts. Donations may be arranged at

[https://secure.pancan.org/site/Donation2?df\\_id=2681&mfc\\_pref=T&2681.donation=form1](https://secure.pancan.org/site/Donation2?df_id=2681&mfc_pref=T&2681.donation=form1).

# Events

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**MAR** **Visitation** 01:45PM - 03:00PM

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The Summit Church - Apex

3000 Lufkin Rd,, Apex, NC, US, 27539

**MAR** **Memorial Service**03:00PM - 04:00PM

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# Comments

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“ I sat in the cubical next to George in the TAC. He gave me the nickname vittles because of my southern accent and I loved to eat. George could eat a moon pie in 2 bites, and look at me and smile and say 'mighty tasty vittles'. George was a kind person and always full of cheer. Made the days fun and full of jolly laughter. Before I moved to DC I spent a lot of time with George and I already miss our chats. Goodbye my friend.

**Will Ellison** - March 16 at 09:05 PM

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“ Every morning, when I worked in Cisco's RTP-12 building, I looked forward to George's bright contagious smile, positive attitude, and a "Caaaaarlooos" warm and welcoming call-out. It brightened my day, set it on a good start, and gave me a smile to pass it forward. I admire George's helpful and compassionate attitude of doing the right thing, always. Like me, he made many friends because of his authenticity and openness. He made things better, and more importantly made us better with his generosity and selflessness. I will miss you and remember your smile!  
Carlos Pignataro.

**Carlos Pignataro** - March 12 at 01:15 PM

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“ I will always remember George's kindness, his smile and sense of humor. There are many who will deeply mourn his passing as his life was of service, love and compassion. George will be missed but not forgotten. May you rest in peace.  
Lynn Rogers

**Lynn Rogers** - March 11 at 06:04 PM

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“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of George Andrew Matroni.



March 11 at 10:52 AM

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“ George made such an impact and impression to so many during his time with us. I personally have very fond memories of our discussions at Cisco when we worked together over his love of authentic Italian food and how proud he was of his wife and family. On his trips to New York with his family, he would often return to work in North Carolina with a bag of food from an Italian deli he loved in New York that he would share with others. His smile and dry wit was one that always made people laugh and smile. He was a true light in this world through his generosity of spirit and support to others. Thank you, George, for making me and others better people. We all miss you so very much. Prayers and comfort to the family. <3



Naomi Takeuchi - March 11 at 06:35 AM

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“ Its true that George lit up the room at Cisco TAC building 1. I recall one TAC routine, was the morning trip to Chik Fila or BoJangles for biscuits ! One day he said he was so busy with a customer, that he trusted me to do the biscuit run, and I felt privileged that he would ask me to do it. Then he thanked me for doing it, a simple but important job.

mark hayek - March 10 at 04:30 PM

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“ "Big George" I am saddened but I know you are in good hands now with the best in the Universe! your friend "Mr Mullan"

brian mullan - March 10 at 01:14 PM

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“ From Larry Brown and Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of George Andrew Matroni.



From Larry Brown and Family - March 10 at 08:17 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of George Andrew Matroni.



March 09 at 09:38 PM

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“ Prayers from Colorado, Elaine Forgeron and Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of George Andrew Matroni.



**Elaine Forgeron** - March 09 at 09:08 PM

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“ Danielle,  
Our family is thinking of you and yours over the loss of your Father and Patriarch of the family. May GOD keep you in the palm of HIS hand and comfort you by HIS everlasting love.  
The Clifton Family



**Sara** - March 09 at 06:13 PM

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“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of George Andrew Matroni.



March 09 at 04:05 PM

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“ Heart's Companion Bouquet was purchased for the family of George Andrew Matroni.



March 09 at 12:38 PM

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“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of George Andrew Matroni.



March 09 at 12:17 PM

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“ Like so many, I had the pleasure of working with George at Cisco, in the TAC. He was SUCH a kind person. He will be missed. Prayers of comfort to the family.

**Nan Toppin** - March 09 at 12:00 PM

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“ So sorry for your loss. I know he fought as hard as he could to be with his family for as long as possible. Our condolences to the whole family. Joan Delgiorno

**Joan Baren Del Giorno** - March 09 at 11:37 AM

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“ I think George will always remembered for his laugh. It always seemed to light up any room he was in. He was a very hard worker and fiercely proud of his children. He was like a second father to my son. I think we are all better people for knowing him.

**Bob Payment** - March 08 at 02:47 PM



“ Big George is my brother in law, but was more like a brother to me for 40 years, he was a great husband, father and loved by all.

They didn't make many like him. We will all miss him.

**sal tinervia** - March 12 at 10:18 AM