



## George Ivory

July 27, 1940 - November 23, 2018

George Ivory, 78, of Greensboro, NC died peacefully Friday, November 23, in view of the ocean and surrounded by family. He was at Kure Beach, taking part in a Thanksgiving tradition he began 13 years prior. For him, one day of giving thanks was not enough. Each year, he rented a house on the beach and invited family and friends to join him for seven days of togetherness, laughter and good food.

It was his strong desire to make it to this cherished event that drove him in his final days. With the help of New Hanover Regional Medical Center EMS, he made it to the beach, where he could enjoy the serene beauty of the ocean as well as the joyful conversation of friends and family reunited. He said grace over his last meal of turkey dinner and basked in the love and appreciation of all those gathered.

When he slipped gently away the next morning, it seemed it was according to his plan. George Ivory was a man who charted his own destiny. Born July 27, 1940 and raised in Queens, New York, he pursued his education with a sharp mind and strong work ethic. He earned a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Colorado and a master's degree in economics and a graduate certificate in East Asian Studies from the University of Southern California. He served in the Air Force and worked for the Defense Intelligence Agency as a Chinese analyst.

Upon his retirement from the Air Force, he left the Pentagon to work in Massachusetts, until warmer temperatures and the desire for a simpler lifestyle drew him south, eventually to be closer to his grandchildren, Cameron and Nicole Auger of Greensboro, and Justin and Carson Fisher of Wilmington, NC.

In addition to his grandchildren, George is survived by his wife, Pat Ivory, daughter Judy Auger and her husband John, and daughter Carolyn Fisher and her husband Gary. He is also survived by his siblings, Robert Ivory, Anne Korfmann, and Rita Connor and their extended families.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Raymond and Sarah Ivory, and sister, Mary Swislosky.

A service will be held 11 a.m. Friday, November 30 at St. Pius X Catholic Church, 2210 North Elm Street, Greensboro. A burial will be held at Arlington National Cemetery in spring.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks gifts be designated to NHRMC EMS in honor of George Ivory through [www.nhrmcfoundation.org](http://www.nhrmcfoundation.org). These gifts will help purchase a beach wheelchair and help more people nearing the end of life experience the warmth and soothing power of the beach, the ocean, and the company of those who love them.

# Cemetery

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**Arlington National Cemetery**  
Arlington National Cemetery  
Arlington, VA, 22211

# Events

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**NOV**  
**30**

**Mass of Christian Burial**

11:00AM

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St. Pius X Catholic Church  
2202 N. Elm St., Greensboro, NC, US, 27408