

George Charles Gergulas, 94, was called Home to be with the Lord on Friday, January 26, 2024.

George was born November 14, 1929, in Orange, NJ, to Charles and Estelle Gergulas, who were Greek immigrants. The youngest of their three sons, he graduated from Central High School in Newark, and then worked as a machinist's apprentice for Westinghouse in Bloomfield. From 1950-1954, he served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War, given Q clearance while working stateside on the atomic bomb. It was during this time that he came to know the Lord Jesus Christ as his Savior, and the following Scripture verse shaped his life for the rest of his days: "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."

After his military service, George attended Barrington College in Rhode Island, graduating with a degree in history; upon graduation, he returned briefly to Westinghouse. A few years later, he began his career working for the Union County Public School system as a high school industrial arts teacher and retired in 1993 after 30 years there.

George married his dear wife Elsie (Heintz) in August 1966, and shortly thereafter, moved to their home in Stirling where they raised their family. Many happy memories were made in this home; it was from here that Elsie was called home to Heaven in 2017, and where George lived for a total of 55 years. After an illness last spring, he recovered in the home of his daughter Marilyn, her husband Courtney, and their children, which was a time cherished by them all. In July 2023, he relocated to Victoria Mews Assisted Living in Boonton; he thrived in this new community, seeking to be a friend to others and also leading a weekly Bible study while his strength allowed.

George enjoyed reading and studying his Bible, spending hours taking notes and delving deeply into God's Word; praying faithfully through the many prayer lists he kept; traveling extensively across the continental USA numerous times with his family; and creating a variety of projects at his school and at home. He was a skilled woodworker and machinist and spent a long stretch of his retirement years volunteering at the Veterans Affairs Hospital wood-shop in Basking Ridge. He was a committed member of Trinity Baptist Church in Montville, NJ, for over 56 years, a faithful husband to Elsie, devoted father to Valerie Kamps and Marilyn Woodhouse, and beloved grandfather to Matthew, Benjamin, Rachel, and Anna Kamps; and Olivia and Nathaniel Woodhouse.

George Charles Gergulas

(November 14, 1929 – January 26, 2024)



In Loving Memory
Trinity Baptist Church, Montville, NJ
February 10, 2024

*Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.
Psalm 116:15*

May the Mind of Christ, My Savior 568

Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus. Philippians 2:5

1. May the mind of Christ, my Sav-ior, Live in me from day to day,
 2. May the Word of God dwell rich-ly In my heart from hour to hour,
 3. May the peace of God my Fa-ther Rule my life in ev-ery-thing,
 4. May the love of Je-sus fill me As the wa-ters fill the sea;
 5. May I run the race be-fore me, Strong and brave to face the foe,
 6. May His beau-ty rest up-on me As I seek the lost to win;

By His love and pow'r con-trol-ling All I do and say.
 So that all may see I tri-umph On-ly thro' His pow'r.
 That I may be calm to com-fort Sick and sor-row-ing.
 Him ex-alt-ing, self a-bas-ing- This is vic-to-ry.
 Look-ing on-ly un-to Je-sus As I on-ward go.
 And may they for-get the chan-nel, See-ing on-ly Him.

Optional last stanza setting

6. May His beau-ty rest up-on me As I seek the lost to win;

And may they for-get the chan-nel, See-ing on-ly Him.

Memorial Service

Prelude

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Pastor David Chanski

Hymn

“May the Mind of Christ, My Savior”

Eulogy

Valerie Kamps, Daughter

Scripture Meditation

Matthew and Anna Kamps, Grandchildren

Eulogy

Marilyn Woodhouse, Daughter

Hymn#387

“I Love to Tell the Story”

Meditation from God’s Word

Pastor David Chanski

Hymn#730

“No Night There”

Closing Prayer

You all are warmly welcomed to join us for a luncheon in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the service.

Blessed is the man...whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night. He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper. ~ from Psalm 1