

Sad news indeed. George was one of the all-time Betan greats and will be missed.

I will be drinking some limoncello in his honor tonight.

Keith Brand

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George lived with my family for a while in the early 90's when he first came East from Indiana. This was my daughter Megan's reaction to the news of his passing:

"There's one less person on this earth who loves us completely and unconditionally. Considering how few people we could actually say that about, the loss is even more profound and completely overwhelming. He was your brother and family to all of us. I love him and hate that he has gone, the world was better when he was in it."

Henri Raub

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I too will miss his "Fugly Mug" having known him since 1969 when he purloined a bed in my triple in Curtis along with Henri. Sad that he had several rough months, but glad he died peacefully in his sleep.

Hats off to Dana who took such good care of him. I'm deeply sorry for her loss.

RIP dear old friend ❤️😔

UncleT

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Very sad to hear this news. George was always a fun loving yet quiet and thoughtful man. He will be missed.

Tim Clemens

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As another George said, "All Things Must Pass" and so has our Brother and friend George Lombardo. Fortunate indeed have we all been to have shared bits of time and space with him. That we will miss him is a given, but I suspect that, behind that wistfulness will be a smile and warm memories. Profound sympathies to his entire family.

George and his first wife and Diana and I would frequently engage in very spirited games of Trivial Pursuit. George was pretty good, but was never able to best me. One game I will always remember. I was going for my last piece of "pie". George drew a card with question he was absolutely positive would stump me: "What kind of apple is pictured on The Beatles' Apple label?". When I responded, "a Granny Smith" the only response George could muster as he fell back into his chair was "urk". The rest of us nearly pissed ourselves laughing.

Bill Burkey

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I am sad to read this. George was a good friend to me over the years. I share the pain of his loss with all of you. The world could use more like him. I hope I can find a way to attend his memorial service.

Love to you all,

Frank Stickle

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I'll certainly miss George He was one of the good guys. We both grew up in Plymouth valley. Next time we're all together we'll have a drink to absent brothers

Vince Gravina

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George was such an easily likeable person. Anyone that met him immediately liked him. He smiled easily and never had a bad thing to say about anyone. I'll remember him best for our long evenings around the bridge. Table. I wish he didn't have to go, and he was still here. Goodbye George, we will always remember you.

Mike Injaian

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As for George, I hope he found a good seat at the Ma and Pa's up there. As to your reaction. I don't think there are many dry Betan eyes right now.

Dave Ruff

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Have many fond memories competing with George on the Ursinus Track Team. A very fine long jumper who wore his Ursinus uniform with pride and grace.

Joe Muscara

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My shock after our email conversation below is just now tempering enough to recount my wonderful and dear memories of George. He was a very kind person and as many have said, totally non-judgmental and welcoming to new people he met especially young freshmen at Ursinus like me. He always greeted you at reunions with a solid handshake and a big hug, his classic smile and asked you how you were. You felt cared for and missed by a longtime friend. He was also a buffer for many of us when fraternity discussions got a little heated or targeted and was the one to bring reason back into the conversation. Between Roy and George, they tried to explain bridge to me, I was always too thick to get it, however Hearts they taught me and I still understand that and still not a good team player. I will dearly miss George and wish we had more time to say goodbye. Thank you, Bob, Mary, Max and Henri, for visiting George and Dana yesterday. Henri's daughter's comments were touching and as Bruce said, "spot on".

I will miss him, RIP buddy.

I'm still trying to get my heart off the floor.

Fraternally

Peace

Rick McQuillan

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Well said by everyone. George was a true brother. He was a big part of making Ursinus special. Prayers continue for Dana and his family.

Smoky Panepinto

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What devastating news. George was the nicest and kindest person I knew. He will be missed. A very sad day.

John Fabian

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Saddened to read this. A good man gone. His smile and laughter and warmth will be missed by us all.

Bill Steward

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How do you say goodbye to a man who saved your life?

This exceedingly kind, generous YOUNG man came into my life when I was a young child. He saved both myself and my mom, at the time....just a mere welp himself, but he had such a good strong spirit.

Looking back over our lives.... it really doesn't surprise me that he took on a woman and her child. He was just like that! He knew how to care for people! He knew how to GIVE of himself. I am who I am today, in large measure..... due to this human being!

He lifted me out of the mire!

That is who he always was to me. He was certainly human, but for me, he carried a halo and wings. 🙏

He was my driver's ed instructor, Spider hunter, financial coach, and therapist at times! As an adult, we became, truly friends.

We shared many family losses over the years, and talked much of death and dying, regularly.

I have so much peace and comfort in those conversations. I could talk to my Pop about anything. I will deeply miss our talks. He loved to reminisce about the old days and I enjoyed it too! It kept us connected to our past. I appreciated that he did that!

I love this man with all my heart.

In my world, there has been a distinct cracking of the planet.

I have not yet been able to hear correctly over the sound. Or is that my soul crying? I can't be sure.

I just know there is pain.

His absence has changed me, profoundly.

I miss him being here with us, terribly.

I do know, my relationship with him is not ended, only transformed!!

I am deeply grateful to Dana, for the devoted care that she gave my Dad! There was so much involved and she kept everything straight and was always on top of things. That allowed her to keep me abreast of developing changes.

To all the many people who feel his loss as well, I am deeply sorry for your loss, as it is a significant one. ❤️❤️❤️

George's daughter Missy

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My first memory of Brother Lombardo is hell night for the pledge class before mine, the fall of 1970. Like many of you, George and I developed a deep friendship and in the fall of 1971, George set his cot up in my room. I followed him as treasurer of Beta Sig. After I graduated (1974) we set up residence outside Norristown; George, Walt Denkowski, and Nancy and I became closer friends. We grew apart after crazy Mary Kay tried to have him declared psychologically unfit, but the friendship never dwindled. That is because George is... well George.

I loved you yesterday. I love you today. And I will love you you tomorrow, brother.

Next time I see you we must share "a small one, perhaps."

Love and Peace.

Roy Hallowell

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Wow. What a beautiful expression of love. How it makes me wish I had come to know George better. But I believe I knew this of him: he was a man of great faith in our Lord. He was a better man for that, and helped us all to be just a little better ourselves. Although he is "gone", he is alive in our memories, in our hearts and I believe in heaven.

Bruce Kerr

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It has been over a week, and I can think of George and my vision finally remains clear. The mind turns to the warm memories, and this is a great place to post them so more of us smile as we remember our time with George. With our pledge class now halved, my memories go back to getting to know my brother as we met that day we accepted our bids at the old library. One night in Bomberger basement we must have disappointed pledgemaster Burkey because he really turned us over to the kind ministrations of the assembled brothers. After Todd, Ken and I were finished being verbally abused it was George's turn in the spotlight. Harry Dolbow took over, and screamed incredibly varied observations and opinions George's way. He was completely in George's face as the kids today would say. I then, out the corner of my eye, saw a barely noticeable smile come over George's face. I then realized Harry had been shouting in George's deaf ear!! I heard some choked laughter from the back (probably Henri) It was all I could do to not urinate with laughter. That was George. Mr Subtle. Enjoying the little things RIP my brother.

Dave Ruff