



Dr. George R. Mace

June 3, 1934 - June 11, 2014

Dr. George Raymond Mace, age 80 years, a resident of Goreville and a former resident of Carbondale, passed away while visiting his family Wednesday, June 11, 2014. George was extremely supportive and proud of his family. He is survived by his daughter- Pamela L. Ruzich of Ozark, IL; 3 sons Andrew K. Mace of Calvert City, KY, Raymond M. Mace of San Francisco, CA, Benjamin T. Mace of Miami Beach, FL; 3 Grandchildren- Jereme A. Lence, Nicole L. Lence & Taylor M. Mace. As a loving father, grandfather, professor, and friend, George will be greatly missed.

George was a world-renowned scholar and author highly regarded for his studies in western political and legal theory, democratic theory, and American constitutional history. He published two books during his extensive career.

George was born in Pueblo, CO but grew up in Fresno, CA. He was a U.S. Army Veteran of the Korean Conflict service from December 1, 1954 to November 30, 1956. He received his Ph.D. in Political Philosophy from Claremont Graduate University. He was in administration at Southern Illinois University of Carbondale including Vice President for Administration and Campus Treasurer, Vice President for University Relations, acting Vice President for Fiscal Affairs, but preferred to be known as a teacher.

A Memorial service will be held Sunday afternoon, June 22, 2014 at 2PM at

the Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. Military honors will be accorded by the Beggs-Gurley VFW Post #5222 and by the Illinois National Guard Burial Honors Details.

Family may receive friends from 1:30PM-2PM Sunday at the Bailey Funeral Home.

George was a member of numerous organizations, but was a big supporter of the Wounded Warrior Project where contributions may be made to, PO Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675

Previous Events

Service

JUN 22. 2:00 PM (CT)

Bailey Funeral Home
705 North First Street
PO Box 695
Vienna, IL 62995
(618) 658-2311
baileyfhinc@hotmail.com
<https://baileyfh.com>

Visitation

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Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. George R. Mace*

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ *I was a political science student of Dr. Mace at Southern Illinois University in 1979, the year he published his book on Locke and Hobbes and the Federalist Papers, I found him to be most gracious and willing to share his knowledge of political theory freely and openly. I went on to earn graduate degrees in Public Administration and Public History. I still have a copy of his work and find it to be most insightful on the American system of government which is neither Lockean nor Hobbesian, but an amalgamation articulated by Hamilton and Madison in Publius. I am most thankful that I benefited from his courteous wisdom as a 19 year-old undergraduate. Thanks George!*

Robert Michael Browning

Mike Browning - August 31, 2022 at 03:58 PM



“ *Remembering you on your birthday, George. You were a good man. From someone who knew you long ago.*

Susan Gray - June 03, 2015 at 06:55 AM


Melanie
Drew

“ George was a man of wisdom - the one thing I remember him saying was that "Life was 7 years on the lean and 7 years on the fat". I see how so true it is as I've gotten older. Dear friend, we hope you spend the rest of eternity on the fat side of life.

Sincerely,

Melanie & Orien Drew

Melanie Drew - June 23, 2014 at 02:04 PM


Mary
Cook-
Wallace

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Mary Cook-Wallace - June 23, 2014 at 09:28 AM


Mary
Cook-
Wallace

Not only was he a scholar, but he was the most excellent grandpa to Taylor Marie Mace. Thank you, George. We will always miss you.

Mary Cook-Wallace - June 23, 2014 at 09:29 AM

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“ George was my neighbor for a period of 3 1/2 years in Goreville. My sympathy to his daughter Pam and the rest of his family.

Norma Adami - June 18, 2014 at 09:07 PM

JC

“ Pam, Andy, and Ray I remember the old days with your Dad. God Bless! You all.

James C Crouse - June 18, 2014 at 04:29 PM

LC

“ George Mace was a class act! He will be missed, so sorry Pam and family, Prayers for peace for all of you.

Linda Cox - June 18, 2014 at 03:19 PM

AS

“ George Mace was the Frank Sinatra of university administration. The Chairman of the Board, and everything that comes with it. He will be remembered on earth. He has joined the rest of the Rat Pack for eternity.

Alva S. - June 18, 2014 at 12:45 PM

TP

“ I met Mr. Mace when I while working as his advocate when he lived in Carbondale. It was a privilege to know and serve him. I feel fortunate having been considered his friend and ally. He was smart, witty and knowledgeable in so many things and so proud of his military service. To those he has left behind, God bless you. He will be missed but not forgotten. Tina Cerny Penrod



Tina Cerny Penrod - June 18, 2014 at 09:53 AM

LS

“ Pam, Bob and family, Just wanted to let you know we are thinking of you guys, please accept our sympathy! Jim & Linda



Linda Simmons - June 13, 2014 at 05:47 PM

RH

“ I am sooo sorry Granny Pam and family. Prayers to you guys.

Robin Harper-Whitehead - June 12, 2014 at 01:56 PM