



George Pavelonis

June 28, 1943 - October 15, 2018

Charles “George” Pavelonis (1943-2018)

CEDAR FALLS – Charles “George” Pavelonis, 75, of Cedar Falls died Monday, October 15, 2018 at UnityPoint-Allen Memorial Hospital.

He was born June 28, 1943 in Harrisburg, Illinois, son of Charles and Wanda (Hafford) Pavelonis.

He graduated from Harrisburg (Illinois) High School in 1961 and earned his BA from SIU. He served in the U.S. Army during Vietnam; was employed as an interior designer at Murray State University and then Interior Design Services Coordinator at UNI from 1985 until retiring in 2009.

Survived by: his partner, John Skipon of Cedar Falls; a brother, Robert (Cindy) Pavelonis of Harrisburg, IL; three nieces: Rhonda Crosby, Rena Jones and Roni Pavelonis; seven great nieces and nephews; four great-great nieces and nephews; many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Preceded in death by: his parents.

Family Directed Celebration of Life will be held Thursday, December 6, 2018 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at the Elks Lodge #1058 in Harrisburg, Illinois (220 Vince

Ashley Drive, Harrisburg 62946).

Memorials may be directed to the Pavelonis family.

Condolences may be left at www.richardsonfuneralservice.com.

George loved his very special longtime friends, Deno and Jo Curris, and cherished keeping in touch with his 1961 classmates. He loved mentoring his design students, spending time on the beach in Florida, traveling, and being outdoors in his yard or working on his house, "Crap On!"

Previous Events

Family directed Celebration of Life

DEC 6. 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM (CT)

Elks Lodge
220 Vince Ashley Dr
Harrisburg, IL 62946
(618) 252-5000

Tribute Wall

FC

“ *From John Skipon's Cousins purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of George Pavelonis.*



From John Skipon's Cousins - December 05, 2018 at 03:17 PM

JR

“ *Not sure why I thought about George, but I decided to look him up. I worked with George for a number of years while at UNI. He was extremely talented, and always had a good spirit. You are missed for sure.*

Jeff Rose - November 11, 2018 at 11:41 AM

JH

“ *We worked closely with George during the early 80s and his tenure at Murray State. He was always great to work with and also a good friend to enjoy talks of family and fun times. Our sincere condolences are extended to his family and friends upon his passing. He will be missed.*

Jerry and Sandra Henry - October 24, 2018 at 11:27 AM

CB

“ Worked with George at UNI back in the late 80's. We became instant friends. Amazing personality and a huge heart. Excellent at his craft. Had one of the best music systems I have ever heard. This earth lost a beautiful Spirit that I know is still burning brightly up above. Gonna miss ya pal....but will never forget you or your key phrase!
RIP Friend!!!!
Craig

Craig Bravender - October 22, 2018 at 01:11 PM

VT

“ I very much enjoyed working with George when I worked in what was then called Facilities Planning. I too always got a kick out of his "Crap On" saying. RIP my friend!

Vickie Turner - October 22, 2018 at 10:09 AM

CA

“ Gonna miss seeing you at IOC for our sidebar conversations and laughs. I love your famous line. Crap on, crap off. Peace my friend. You will not be forgotten.

Cathy - October 21, 2018 at 10:09 PM

TH

“ Charles was a Cedar Falls American Legion #237 Post member. On behalf of our Legion members we extend sympathies to Charles family.
Thank you for your service to our country in the US Army in Vietnam.

Cedar Falls American Legion #237

tom Hagarty - October 19, 2018 at 03:27 PM

JS

Thank you!

John Skipon - October 20, 2018 at 08:08 PM

CM

George was a great man ! He was fun to work with he will be missed by many! Crap on! Rest inPeace George!

Cathy McRoberts - October 21, 2018 at 10:20 AM



We always enjoyed working with George. We especially liked his "crap on" phrase, whether things went wrong or right! He will be missed!

Diane Headington - October 21, 2018 at 04:53 PM



I enjoyed working with George at UNI. I appreciated his sense of humor. My sympathy to his loved ones.

Debbie Hartley Burroughs - October 22, 2018 at 03:50 PM

KC

Our sincere condolences and prayers for peace and comfort to John and other loved ones. Karen (Stockdale) and Bill Colasinski

Karen Colasinski - October 22, 2018 at 08:39 PM

MM

The Cedar Valley lost a tremendous creative talent with George's passing. I worked beside George for 30 years at UNI and his creative influence molded much of what you see at UNI and will see for years to come. A talented guy with a wonderful personality. My condolences and prayers. morris mikkelsen, retired University Architect/ Assoc VP facilities.

morris mikkelsen - October 23, 2018 at 09:49 AM

NL

I am so sorry to hear of the passing of George. Both Don and I loved him dearly and Don loved working with him at MSU. They did beautiful work together for the University. I am so proud that we got to meet you John and want you to know that I will dearly miss George. My thoughts and prayers are with you John and the family. Take comfort in knowing that we all loved George. Nancy Lovett, Murray, KY.

Nancy Lovett - October 24, 2018 at 08:35 AM

BM

*I just learned of George's passing. Worked closely with him for many years on campus. He always listened, always explained himself. He was a great colleague.
Bill McKinley*

Bill McKinley - October 24, 2018 at 05:09 PM

RA

*George, I recently went to pass along the death notices of a couple of former colleagues from MSU...and discovered you had passed in October. I'm afraid at some point I lost track and it is regretful. I enjoyed your dedication and talent at MSU. Sadly, I never took the time to visit your digs at UNI. Our visits to Neocon in Chicago were our opportunities to catch up once I had moved to Louisville, KY. You always spoke fondly of your UNI friends and those who were former MSU people such as the Dino Curriss and Bill Lew and their spouses. I know you were happy there and also loved visiting the beaches of Florida. I always hated your favorite term and but never questioned its origins, but it was all yours.
You are missed, my friend.*

*Rick Arrowood
MSU 72-76, 79-84*

Rick Arrowood - March 19, 2019 at 10:50 AM