



## Mr. Harry Clifford Geisinger

October 31, 1932 - May 1, 2015

The Honorable Harry Clifford Geisinger, House Representative District 48 (Roswell), passed away on May 1, 2015, he was 82. Born in Cincinnati, Ohio, on October 31, 1932, he was pre-deceased by his parents: Robert William Geisinger of Troy, Ohio, Verna Cragg Geisinger of Cincinnati, Ohio and his first child Catherine Monique.

Harry spent most of his formative years raised in Chicago growing up with younger brother, Bill. Geisinger served in the United States Navy from 1953-57 during the Korean conflict with three tours on the U.S.S. Roanoke as Quartermaster. He chose the Navy after spending so many marvelous hours of sailing on Lake Michigan as a boy and his enjoyment of the open waters and sailing after his honorable discharge never faded.

Geisinger became a "Georgia son" when he and wife Pat eloped to Atlanta in 1959 after meeting at the Delta Zeta house on the University of Cincinnati campus where he earned a BA in Business/Arts. Harry and Pat had four children and lived in the Atlanta area during their entire 55-year marriage. In the early years the family spent most every weekend at soccer fields, playing and coaching games. Like in all things that captured Geisinger's attention, he wanted Georgia to have the best and be the best. And he gave his time and energy to see that happen. He spearheaded the first college scouting soccer program to promote local high school players for scholarship. In 2006 he was

inducted into the Georgia Soccer Hall of Fame.

Public service and politics were Harry's two greatest passions in life. He embraced and combined them when he successfully ran for the Georgia State House of Representatives - District 72 (Doraville, Chamblee, Dunwoody) in 1968. Geisinger was one of 24 Republicans serving at the time in the Democratic Deep South. He used to joke that their caucus meetings could be held in one room. He was also elected the House Minority Whip in 1970. He was one of 50 legislators in 1972 nominated by the press and selected by Rutgers University to attend the prestigious Eagleton Institute of Politics. Geisinger resigned his seat in 1974 to run as "the Common Sense Candidate" for Governor.

Geisinger had many business interests and private political efforts during his life: advertising consultant, coal broker, radio and pharmacy salesman, and then as a media consultant in a multitude of local and state campaigns over the decades. He loved serving as the Georgia state campaign manager for Phil Crane's presidential bid in 2004 and working closely on Newt Gingrich's 2012 presidential bid in Georgia.

In 1980, Geisinger was appointed to the Southeastern Power Administration as Administrator with the Department of Energy under President Ronald Reagan. He held that position until 1988. During his stewardship, the Southeastern Power Administration thrived; Geisinger had the honor to address the US Congress more than once, and was always thrilled to have breakfast at the White House while visiting DC.

In 2004, when then Governor Sonny Perdue tapped Rep. Tom Campbell for an opening on the Fulton County Superior Court, Geisinger was asked to run for Campbell's open seat in House District 48 (Sandy Springs, Roswell, Dunwoody) . Geisinger has been the District 48 Representative these past 10

years and was serving his sixth term when he passed this week.

Geisinger sponsored many important bills during his two tenures in the House. His focus included horse racing; nature and marshland conservation; funding for trauma centers; correction of the Georgia-Tennessee border and access to the riparian rights of Nickajack Lake, TN; ending the “birthday tax” for vehicle registration; exploration of current and new energy sources; the Constitutional Amendment to allow for the creation of the new municipalities paving the way for Sandy Springs, Dunwoody and Johns Creek.

Geisinger was 32nd Degree Mason and Shriner, member of the Roswell Rotary, served on a multitude of boards for many organizations including: Atlanta Boy Scout Council, Georgia State Soccer Association, and American Cancer Society.

Harry enjoyed time with his family and grandchildren, cooking, fishing, discovering new wines, savoring a fine cigar, and a good conversation with friends.

Rep. Geisinger is survived by wife Patricia Virginia Capdau Geisinger and daughter Donna Geisinger of Roswell, GA, son Clay (Alicia) Geisinger of Charlotte, NC, daughter Tricia (Wade) Parker of Gainesville, GA, grandchildren Kathleen Geisinger, Samuel Geisinger, Jacob Parker and Eden Parker, brother William (Barbara) Geisinger of Elk Grove Village, IL, brothers-in-law Donald Capdau and James Phillips of Roswell, GA, niece Laura Lyn (Andrew) Nicoletti and grand-niece Sara Nicoletti of Yorkville, IL and cousins Mark Geisinger of Troy, OH and Pam Geisinger of Virginia Beach, VA.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, May 9th at 2pm and family visitation on Friday, May 8th from 6-8pm at the Northside Chapel , 12050

Crabapple Road, Roswell. Rep. Geisinger's life was enlivened and sustained by many units of whole blood and platelets. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you support your local blood bank by donating blood or a financial gift.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 8. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Northside Chapel Funeral Directors & Crematory  
12050 Crabapple Road  
Roswell, GA

## Memorial Service

MAY 9. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Harry Clifford Geisinger*

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *Harry was a friend I'll never forget, he helped get the first proclamation for PKD recognized in U.S., he will truly be missed by many!*

**brenda Bass** - May 14, 2015 at 11:22 PM



“ *Tracey and I found out about Harry's passing last night. He was a good man and from what I could tell a great husband and father. I always knew him to be kind and giving, especially willing to put himself on the line for what he believed in. I pray that your mourning is eased by the wonderful memories of him I'm sure you have. May those memories be a blessing to you all, now and forever. Love and condolences, Kevin and Tracey Brabant*

**Kevin Brabant** - May 13, 2015 at 12:56 PM



“ *Love, Li-Chin, Chin and ML purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Mr. Harry Clifford Geisinger.*



**Love, Li-Chin, Chin and ML** - May 08, 2015 at 03:27 PM

MG

“ Pat.....  
*Dick joins me in extending our deepest sympathy to you and your children. We will always remember our dinner at the Licksillet and the fun days at UC.*  
*Mary Goodrich*

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**Mary Goodrich** - May 07, 2015 at 10:03 AM

KK

“ *Katherine C Flint (Kay Kay) purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Harry Clifford Geisinger.*



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**Katherine C Flint (Kay Kay)** - May 06, 2015 at 09:26 PM

KC

“ *to the Geisinger family the Casey family is so very sorry for your lose. Harry was such a great man and I am sure a great dad and husband. There are so many memories of us growing up together and I will always cherish them .*

*love you guys*  
*kevin casey AND family*

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**kevin casey** - May 06, 2015 at 03:59 PM

SB

“ Dear Clay and family,

*Heartfelt condolences and sympathies to you and the family. I have great memories of spending time at your parents house as a kid and all of the great food and fun. Much peace and love to you all.*

*Staci Blaire Rothman*



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**Staci Blaire** - May 06, 2015 at 10:22 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Harry Clifford Geisinger.



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May 05, 2015 at 05:08 PM

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“ Too many to write down

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**susan** - May 03, 2015 at 09:48 AM