



## George Warren Minnich

October 13, 1954 - August 23, 2020

George Minnich was welcomed into this world on October 13, 1954. Born in York, Pennsylvania, George's love of York Peppermint Patties started early. After moving with his family to South Florida, George began his lifelong passion of being a paramedic and firefighter at age 16 when he volunteered as a Junior Fireman. This early volunteer work turned into a career that saw him rise through the Pompano Beach Fire Department ranks to become a Division Chief. After 30 years, he retired with a wonderful send off. While George loved his job--his family, his friends and his hobbies were his greatest passions.

George had a passion and zest for life. Golf was a lifelong love and his enthusiasm for golf was contagious. He sought to pass this onto the next generation through volunteering as a golf coach at First Tee and Pope John Paul High School. George consistently gave to others and lived a life of service. He was very civic minded and was a proud community leader and a pillar of the Pompano Beach Chamber of Commerce.

George was an exceptional cook, a skill he learned over the decades to become a master chef. George loved fine wine and was a regular visitor along with Barbara and her son Ken to Napa Valley. George had a love of learning that was illustrated by his joys of traveling with Barbara—whether to Russia, China or the best national parks. Wherever he went, his smile and positive

attitude accompanied him.

George's two greatest loves were his daughter Marissa and his wife Barbara. Marissa is married to Bryan and George loved Bryan as a son. George would proudly talk about Marissa to everyone around him and he felt she was his greatest accomplishment and legacy.

George's true lifelong love was his wife Barbara. After meeting at a firemen retirement party, George asked Barbara out and the rest is history. Over 31 years of blissful marriage resulted in thousands of priceless experiences and memories. Barbara always called meeting George the best fringe benefit of her job. With Barbara's encouragement, George enrolled and graduated from Florida Atlantic University with Honors.

George was amazingly close to his family. He loved and frequently visited his mother Loyetta, his brother Steven, his sisters Sue (married to Steve) and Kathi. George was predeceased in death by his brother Mike. He was honored to be an amazing uncle to Mikey, Matthew, Brittany, Jen, Tyler, Tiffany, Jordan, Bruce, and Zaya. Barbara's father Howard, her son Ken, and Ken's children Graham, Gensen, Gatsby and Grey loved and were loved by George.

While sorely missed by the multitude of those who love George, we will all get solace picturing him happily golfing in heaven. Though he is gone, he will live on forever in our hearts and minds and for all of those who were fortunate enough to know and love him.

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Lawn North Cemetery

200 W Copans Rd  
Pompano Beach, FL 33064

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 29.** 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

L.C. Poitier Funeral Home  
317 NW 6th Street  
Pompano Beach, FL 33060  
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## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ L.C. Poitier Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of George Warren Minnich



L.C. Poitier Funeral Home - August 29, 2020 at 02:43 PM



“ L.C. Poitier Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of George Warren Minnich



L.C. Poitier Funeral Home - August 27, 2020 at 01:32 PM

PA

Will this webcast be available for viewing from the website? Thank you.

Paula - September 01, 2020 at 08:52 AM



“ George Warren Minnich

September 27, 2023 at 05:27 AM

RF

“ *My heart felt condolences to the Minnich family. I am saddened with the passing of George and will miss him greatly. For many years, George was a special volunteer for First Tee of Broward. The children loved him and we always had a lot of fun teaching the participants and at all of our events together. He will be missed but never forgotten and I know that God has a special place for him in heaven. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Robert Ferzoco  
First Tee Broward*

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**Robert Ferzoco** - September 04, 2020 at 09:51 AM

MW

“ *Mary Waters lit a candle in memory of George Warren Minnich*



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**mary waters** - September 01, 2020 at 07:33 PM

CC

“ So many memories coming flooding back to me when I think of George. As a good friend of his wife, Barbara, even before she met George, I was privy to all the intrigue and romance they enjoyed while they were dating and the excitement when they decided to marry. I have never seen Barbara happier and it was because she was so in love with George. I was there for the pre-rehearsal wedding dinner, for the rehearsal dinner, for the shower and for the wedding. Barbara loves purple and even had a purple wedding dress and to his everlasting credit, sweet George gave her a purple stone in her wedding ring. He was so thoughtful! We shared many memories though out the years, Thanksgiving and Christmas celebrations, weddings, funerals, all the good and bad. I shared many emotional events with Barb and George over the years and that is what makes a lasting friendship. The last time I saw George was when I was a guest in their lovely home two years ago and George was as welcoming as ever. We enjoyed out walk down memory lane. I will always remember his quirky smile and generosity of spirit. I will miss him.

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**catherine coven** - September 01, 2020 at 01:53 PM

DW

“ My heart felt condolences to the Minnich family, my name is Darrell Welker, I am a golf professional at Eagle Trace golf club. I had the privilege of knowing George for many years and once in awhile helped him with his golf game. George was a very good player and loved the game !! George and I also worked together for the past 6 years helping the First Tee kids at many different locations !! George had a special talent helping the kids with his kind and soft demeanor !! May God ease the pain for George's family and friends at this difficult time. George will be greatly missed but always remembered !!

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**Darrell Welker** - September 01, 2020 at 11:07 AM

TH

“ *Tawana Harris lit a candle in memory of George Warren Minnich*



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**Tawana Harris** - August 29, 2020 at 10:53 PM

JH

“ *I worked with George at PBFR. When his office was in Fire Prevention, George always had the lad test and greatest from MicroSift. He got to try out the new software. Shortly after moving to Georgia, I called George because I new he could help me with Excel, tying multiple books together.*

*I see why you liked Napy. Al and I was able to make our first trip to Napy Valley. You and him would have a lot to talk about.*

*Barbara, George will be greatly missed.*



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**Julia Holt-Laster** - August 29, 2020 at 06:05 PM

JB

“ *George was first a volunteer with us and then he became a certified coach with our organization, The First Tee of Broward. He was an exceptional coach but bigger than that was his heart to teach kids the values that are inherent in the game of golf such as honesty, sportsmanship, courtesy, perserverance and more. Also over the years, we became friends and I will miss him for sure. So will all of our kids at First Tee.*

*Jack Bloomfield  
Director of Operations  
First Tee Broward*

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**Jack Bloomfield** - August 29, 2020 at 02:51 PM

DK

“ DC Kiyemba lit a candle in memory of George Warren Minnich



DC Kiyemba - August 29, 2020 at 02:26 PM



“ 469 files added to the album LifeTributes



L.C. Poitier Funeral Home - August 29, 2020 at 02:23 PM

JB

“ *Barbara, Barbara, Barbara - Always remember that you are not alone. You're on my heart, so I'm asking God to take extra-special care of you today and always.*

*Your Twin Birthday Friend  
Jennie Barther*

Jennie Barther - August 29, 2020 at 01:59 PM

JB

“ *Jennie Barther*



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**Jennie Barther** - August 29, 2020 at 01:58 PM

RC

“ *Dear Barbara, our hearts are heavy for your loss of your beloved husband, George. I remember meeting him a couple times... once at a play that a group of us went to and I believe it was Wicked, and the only way I remember that is because I think you dressed up as the wicked witch! I think I even took a picture of you and I believe I asked George where his costume was and he just laughed :) Another time I met him at your home and I was asking him about golf because Ronald was just getting into it big time and I wanted to know what the hype was all about :) One thing I know is that you were very loved by George and vice versa, may God give you the strength and peace to stay strong and to know that you have lots of family and friends support. May you cherish the sweet memories of George and may God continue to bless you!*  
*MIZPAH,*  
*Ronald and Karen Chin*

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**Ronald & Karen chin** - August 29, 2020 at 12:47 PM

RK

“ *Barbara,*  
*God knows the depth of your love and only He can bring the comfort your heart needs. Praying He'll be your strength and give you peace as you go through this 🙏*  
*Love, Robert and Goldie Kintchen*



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**Robert and Goldie Kintchen** - August 29, 2020 at 11:37 AM

RK

“ *Robert And Goldie Kintchen lit a candle in memory of George Warren Minnich*



Robert and Goldie Kintchen - August 29, 2020 at 11:31 AM

KM

“ *Kim Maddox lit a candle in memory of George Warren Minnich*



Kim Maddox - August 29, 2020 at 09:24 AM

DR


“ *Dear Barbara, We are so sad and heart broken over the passing of George. We all enjoyed seeing you both everyday during our morning walks with Charlie and Archie. You both always took the time to chat with us and George always sat down to pet our pups. He is truly missed. We are here for you with anything you might need. George was a one of a kind special person! You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Love always, Rick, Debbie, Travis, RJ, Skyler, Charlie and Archie*

Debra Ryckewaert - August 28, 2020 at 03:14 PM

JF

“ Dear Barbara,  
It was an honor to know George, even though we didn't see you all that often. But Gary and I do remember his great cooking for the times we joined you and others at the Winker home for special celebrations. We send our love to you and Ken and the rest of your families. As you move forward, please know that we are here to support you with love, prayers, and any small services that we can offer.



Love,  
Gary and Jane Faysash

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**Jane Faysash** - August 28, 2020 at 01:40 PM

JL

“ I don't believe I ever met George. But I have known Barb for years. If George was anything like Barb, the Lord is surely celebrating his passing to eternal life. Barb, please know that your friends from Bible Study, from Saturday morning prayer meetings, your Emmaus sisters and the parishioners who have heard and seen you as a Lector at 8 am Saturday and 9 30 am Sunday Masses are praying for your peace at this time. I pray that God gives you peace, and tat you especially know of and feel God's presence and allow God to carry you.

Love you.

Joe Lawrence

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**Joe Lawrence** - August 28, 2020 at 12:25 PM

TF

“ *The Winker Families purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of George Warren Minnich.*



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**The Winker Families** - August 28, 2020 at 12:15 PM

KT

“ *To Barbara, Marissa, and Family:*

*George will be remembered long after his death by all of us. From the first time we met, George was instantly liked. Since that time, "like" grew to "love." Always giving, sharing, and gracious best describe George in our time with him. We will never forget the good times we shared with George and Barbara. We count ourselves lucky to have known George. He will be greatly missed.*

*In loving memory,  
Ken, Gwen, Sarah, and Susan*

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**Ken Tull** - August 28, 2020 at 10:52 AM

NC

“ Good morning, My name is Nick Cupper. I am the Director of Player Development at The Club at Weston Hills. We are deeply saddened to hear of the news of George's passing. George would come down to Weston and Heron Bay and help us with our First Tee programs. He was such a positive person and I can say our program was always better when George was part of it. His memory will live on with our First Tee programs and I truly believe that his work with the kids in Broward County will be felt for years to come!!



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**Nick Cupper** - August 28, 2020 at 10:00 AM

BH

“ Barbara Harrison lit a candle in memory of George Warren Minnich



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**Barbara Harrison** - August 27, 2020 at 10:19 PM

BH

“ Barb

*I am so sorry to hear of George's passing, it was always great running into George just to say Hi! I so much Appreciated both your friendship hearing about your Trips and seeing your pictures. You both made each other glow with happiness.*

*So sad we can not be together to honor this good man but know you are all in my prayers.*

*With sincere sympathy,  
Barbara Harrison*

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**Barbara Harrison** - August 27, 2020 at 10:09 PM

CH

“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



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**charles hoover** - August 27, 2020 at 03:58 PM

CH

*Barb, words cannot express the sadness in our hearts for the passing of George. You and George will forever be in our thoughts and prayers. We truly lost a dear friend and a man that I called my brother. He will be missed. May he Rest In Peace. 🙏🙏*

*Chuck and Patty Hoover*

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**charles Hoover** - August 28, 2020 at 03:22 PM

PW

“ *Barbara and family. As you may know, George was one of my favorite people. He was always ready and willing to contribute his culinary skills to any event for which I was most grateful. Larry and I enjoyed many wonderful dinners thanks to George's skill and I marveled at his attention to every detail.*

*George was a positive influence and role model for both Ken and my son, Grant. He was able to calmly handle any situation such as when we were racing to get Ken and Grant to the airport on time to return to UCSB and they had to go back to Ken's home to get the ticket,*

*I was impressed that George and his friends would volunteer their time and skill to teach young people the game of golf. I also remember the joy this brought him as he described the project.*

*George seemed to stay up to date with the cutting edge of technology and was willing to share his knowledge with his "untechy" friends. .*

*Barbara and Ken, I am so saddened by your loss and Bob shares in sending his condolences. As circumstances continue to change in our lives, I will always treasure the relationship with you, George and Ken. I am holding you in prayer on your journey of loss. Love, Paula Winker*

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**Paula Winker** - August 27, 2020 at 11:14 AM

JJ

“ *Barbara,*  
*I am so sorry for your loss. I will always remember George as the guy who had the best of everything from golf clubs, bikes, and his wonderful wife. He will be missed and I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers during these difficult times.*

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**john jurgle** - August 27, 2020 at 09:44 AM

GW

“ One of the many great memories I have of George was of a special celebration at Ken's Mom's house where George was in charge of preparing a multi-course meal. It was an amazing and memorable dining experience for everyone in attendance.

*I enjoyed the times I had talking with George, and it seemed like he had something interesting and helpful to say about almost every topic. All of Ken's friends thought George was a great guy for Ken's Mom, and that appreciation we all had of George grew and grew over the years.*

*Barbara (Mrs. DeLeon), I am so sorry for your loss. You and George were great together, and the two of you were a great example to all of us growing up about what a well-matched and loving couple looks like. George impacted lots of people in a positive way, and he will truly be missed by many.*

Love,  
Grant Winker

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**Grant Winker** - August 26, 2020 at 11:51 PM

DE

“ Denise Engskow lit a candle in memory of George Warren Minnich



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**Denise Engskow** - August 26, 2020 at 09:01 PM

DE

“ Barb,

*My deepest sympathy for your loss of your beloved husband George. My heart aches for you. You and George have a special love and all who saw you together witnessed this.*

*My prayers are with you and my deepest sympathy goes out to you, your family, Ken and family, George's mother, George's daughter and as well George's extended family.*

*I will be praying for your strength especially in the days to come.*

*I will always remember George's love for life, golf, wine and his enthusiastic smile!*

*with love, caring and sympathy,*

*Denise Engskow*

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**Denise Engskow** - August 26, 2020 at 08:59 PM