

In Memoriam

George William Yavorsky

1943 – 2026

Funeral Mass on Saturday, May 16th at 11:00 AM

Celebration of Life following Mass

George William Yavorsky, son of William Daniel Yavorsky—a naval flight surgeon—and Mary Virginia Jamesson, was born on April 11, 1943 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and named after his grandfather. He was later joined by two brothers, Mark and John Wathan. The Yavorsky family later relocated to San Diego, where George and his siblings were raised.

George graduated from St. Augustine High School and went on to attend San Diego State University, subsequently completing his medical education at UC San Francisco. He practiced internal medicine in San Francisco for three decades, earning respect and satisfaction in his profession. In 1970, he married Alice Sefcik, and together they welcomed their children, Karen in 1973 and Will in 1977.

After surviving lung cancer in 1989, George devoted greater attention to his spiritual development and relationships. His faith inspired him to engage with Taizé practices and contribute to the Verbum Dei communities, fostering meaningful connections with others and strengthening his relationship with God. For over twenty years, George and Alice participated in annual retreats at the Taizé Community in France, appreciating the contemplative chants and forming lasting friendships.

In his later years, George attended lectures at the Fromm Institute at the University of San Francisco, including courses in writing and poetry. He served as a volunteer Sunday school teacher at St. John of God Parish, leading First Holy Communion and Confirmation classes for children. Additionally, he helped under-resourced elementary students by volunteering as an afterschool tutor with Breakthrough.

Known for his exceptional storytelling skills, George entertained friends and family with engaging anecdotes. He also pursued interests in cooking, video games, reading, and cherished time with his dog, Flora. Many will sorely miss George.

Donations in George's memory may be directed to the Verbum Dei Missionaries USA, St. John of God Church, or a charity of your choosing. Thank you.