



George Whitney Bulliss Jr.

November 30, 1939 - July 12, 2019

Glen Arbor - George Whitney Bulliss Jr., 79, of Glen Arbor and formerly of Grand Rapids, died Friday, July 12, 2019 at his home in Glen Arbor.

George was born on Thursday, November 30, 1939 to the late George and Velma (Link) Bulliss in Grand Rapids. Following high school, he began his college education but had to leave early to run the family retail store, George Bulliss Men's Store, which his father had started in 1941. Taking over the operation of the store in 1961, George would operate the business until it was sold in 1980. After moving north, George worked as a realtor for Peppler Realty, which later became Coldwell Bankers. George thoroughly enjoyed his work in real estate, his coworkers, and the people he met and chose to never fully retire from it.

He married the love of his life, the former Jane Livingston, on February 4, 1961 and would spend 41 years together before Jane's death on June 29, 2002. George missed Jane terribly and was still so very much in love with her.

Having spent summers up north for many years, George and Jane moved here permanently after the sale of the store. They enjoyed the Glen Arbor community and their annual trips to the Upper Peninsula. They especially cherished their home, from which they watched the weather, their "deer friends" and the seasons drift past the backdrop of the islands and dunes. Having family gather for dinner at home was a favorite event.

Fondly remembered trips George took, one early in life and one later, were to Philmont Scout Ranch and a 17 day visit to Alaska. The west was always a favorite destination and between his hunting trips and tours of the National Parks he covered a lot of miles out there, enjoying both popular destinations and those off the beaten path.

George is survived by his son George (Lauren) Bulliss III and daughter Katherine Anne (Tom) Axtell, all of Traverse City. His grandchildren, Samantha (Scott) Hansen of Traverse City and Owen and Anna Bulliss, also of Traverse City. Also surviving George is his sister,

Marcia Barnhart of Grand Rapids. He was preceded in death by his wife, Jane; his parents and brother in law, Jim Livingston.

A memorial service will take place at 11 a.m. Thursday, July 18 at Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home, with visitation one hour prior to the service. Memorial contributions may be directed to The Glen Lake Women's Club (which Jane was very involved in) The George and Jane Bulliss Memorial Fund, P. O. Box 412, Glen Arbor, MI 49636.

Cemetery

Maple Grove Cemetery

South Dune Highway at M-22

Empire, MI, 49630

Events

JUL **Visitation** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home

305 Sixth St, Traverse City, MI, US, 49684

Comments



“ Melanie and I first met George in 1992 when looking for a vacation and future retirement property that we could afford to purchase in Leelanau County. That was a tall order at the time but George found just the right place...a little place that has become the center of many wonderful memories for our family. George also connected with us immediately at a personal level and showed great interest in our long-time connection and deep roots in this beautiful area. We continued to need real estate advice and assistance from time to time, but we wanted to just stop in and see George whenever we were here. He was a gentleman and a gentle soul who was always welcoming and gracious. We did not know Jane, but we knew that George loved her very much.

To George's family: We pray for comfort in your loss of this wonderful man from your lives.

We also celebrate George's life and are grateful for having known him.

John Melanie Miner - July 17, 2019 at 11:08 PM



“ Sending deepest condolences to the Bulliss family at this time of loss. Years ago, at Grand Rapids South High, George, and Jane, and I were members of the Class of '57 during a time when school spirit - and good teachers - made high school a pleasure.

I'm grateful for the memory of good classmates from those times, even though they are no longer with us.

Rest in Peace - George and Jane

Mary Lou Smith; Grand Rapids

Mary Lou Smith - July 17, 2019 at 07:45 PM



“ I did not know George very well, but I knew him to be a kind, gracious man. His son and daughter-in-law are close friends of mine and because of this, I got to know George. Several times, he welcomed my family and me to Fourth of July celebrations at his home. He always made us feel like a part of his family. He had wonderful stories to share and my children and I enjoyed his company, especially my son, who shared his love of Philmont! I wish we had had the chance to get to know him better but I am grateful for having been able to call him a friend. We will all miss you! Rest In Peace, George.

Joan Carley - July 15, 2019 at 08:25 PM



“ I was one of the many that worked at George Bulliss Men's Store. He hired me while I was going to GRJC. My cousin was the bookkeeper and I helped her plus wrapped Christmas packages. I learned so much and was treated so very, very nicely. What a true gentleman . My thoughts and prayers are with you all.
Pam Oumedian Roach, Pentwater Mi.

pam oumedian roach - July 15, 2019 at 07:13 AM