



## Mr. John Guy Cesare Jr.

December 8, 1949 - January 8, 2014

John Guy Cesare, Jr. died, following his battle with cancer, in the Gilchrist Hospice Center in Baltimore, Maryland on Wednesday, January 8, 2014. Guy was born and raised into a large Sicilian family on his father's side and Scotch-Irish German family on mother's side, in the Catholic community in Vicksburg. He was- schooled by the Sisters of Mercy and Brothers of Sacred Heart and graduated from St. Aloysius High School (Vicksburg) in 1967 and Mississippi State University in Chemical Engineering in 1972 -

Guy was commissioned as a US Naval officer in the Officer Candidate School and interviewed by retired Admiral H.G.Rickover for the USN "nuclear power" program. He was accepted, trained, and served as commissioned officer (LTJG) on the USS James Madison (1973-1976).

The James Madison was a fleet ballistic missile submarine and patrolled for 70 day periods submerged near the end of the "Cold War", mainly in the N Atlantic, often above the Arctic Circle to remain undetected by the Russian navy.

Guy returned to college in 1977, Mississippi State University, and received his MS in Nuclear Engineering. From 1980-1992 Guy worked for Entergy one on the world's largest commercial nuclear reactor, Grand Gulf Nuclear Station (still operating, just south of Vicksburg), as a licensing engineer, providing interface between the utility and the government regulating agency (US NRC). From 1992-1994 he studied for the Roman Catholic priesthood in Baltimore, MD at St. Mary's Seminary and University. He decided to end his priesthood

study in

1994 and but finished the MA in Theology in 1995. From 1995-1998 he taught theology (Hebrew and Christian scriptures) and physics at Towson Catholic High School. Finally, from 1998-2013 Guy worked for ENERCON Services, an engineering consulting firm, where he was a senior licensing consultant.

Mr. Cesare has been an active volunteer in Baltimore's homeless ministries, including 8 years at Shelter at Old St. Paul's Church, and 20 years with Loaves & Fishes ministry, from his home parish, St.

Ignatius Church, Baltimore. He was also a charter participant in the Kairos prison ministry in Mississippi maximum security prison (Parchman). Guy once stated, "While I wandered in enthusiasm, I believe the love of God strengthens our most important purposes which are, support of family and of the poor around us." His interests included cooking, travel, camping, sailing, biking, pen and ink drawings with water color wash, photography, and guitar for family and church events.

Guy is survived by his beloved wife, Susan Dexter Cesare of Baltimore, MD, his devoted step-children, Audrey Comly Kennedy of Baltimore, MD and John Dexter Comly of Charlotte, NC, his parents, John G. Cesare, Sr. and Barbara Ellen Salmon Cesare of Vicksburg, MS and his dear grandchildren, Grayson Kennedy, Piper Kennedy, Robert Comly, Hadley Kennedy, Katherine Comly and Scarlett Kennedy. He is the devoted brother of Mary Cesare White of Vicksburg, MS, Carol Cesare Walker of Madison, MS, Charles David Cesare of Clarksdale, MS and the late Anne Elizabeth Cesare. Also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, cousins and many God-children.

Friends may call at the family owned Mitchell-Wiedefeld Funeral Home, Inc., 6500 York Road,(at Overbrook Rd), Baltimore, MD 21212 on Friday, January 17 from 2 to 4 PM and 7 to 9 PM. A Funeral Mass of Christian Burial will be offered on Saturday, January 18 at St. Ignatius Church, 740 North Calvert Street, Baltimore, MD 21202 at 12 Noon. A Memorial Mass will be offered in St. Paul Catholic Church, Vicksburg, MS at 11 AM on Saturday, February 1,

2014. Interment private in Arlington National Cemetery at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Mr. Cesare's name to Johns Hopkins-Sidney Kimmel Cancer Institute, 401 N. Broadway, Ste 1100, Baltimore, MD 21187.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 17. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Mitchell - Wiedefeld Funeral Home, Inc.  
6500 York Road  
Baltimore, MD 21212  
(410) 377-8300  
general@mwfuneralhome.com

## Visitation

JAN 17. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Mitchell - Wiedefeld Funeral Home, Inc.  
6500 York Road  
Baltimore, MD 21212  
(410) 377-8300  
general@mwfuneralhome.com

## Funeral Mass

JAN 18. 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Ignatius Loyola  
740 N. Calvert Street  
Baltimore, MD 21202

## Memorial Mass

FEB 1. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Paul Catholic Church  
Vicksburg, MS



# Tribute Wall

RF

“ 1 thru 12, I was year behind Guy. I too was an engineering major, and I lived in the same dorm as Guy. As stated in his obit, he "did" like to do pen and ink drawing. He had so many sail boats drawings on his dorm room walls that he had to pay to have it repainted before they would let him graduate. He went into Navy; I went into the Army. We shared an apartment and a mobile home in graduate school. He actually got me to go to church during the week. He was exceptional person with a huge heart. He touched a lot of people, and he will be missed by all that knew him.

*Ray Franco, PhD., PE*

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**Ray Franco** - January 19, 2014 at 09:01 PM

BR

“ *Dear Sue:*  
*Our sincere condolences and prayers for you & your family. Billy & I were so sorry to hear of Guy's passing. What a great guy and wonderful Christian! Guy will trully be missed by everyone that knew him. Guy was our Hero!*  
*Uncle Billy & Aunt Shirley Riddle*

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**Billy & Shirley Riddle** - January 17, 2014 at 03:53 PM

MG

“ *Dear Sue,*  
  
*My deepest condolences and prayers for you at this time. Guy was a wonderful student, human being, and Christian. The world poorer with him gone, but the church triumphant is much richer. Mike Gorman*

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**Mike Gorman** - January 16, 2014 at 10:22 PM

BW

“ I was saddened to see that Guy had passed away. May the Almighty comfort you among all mourners.  
Bob Weisman, NRC

Bob Weisman - January 16, 2014 at 03:09 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. John Guy Cesare Jr..



January 14, 2014 at 08:48 PM



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“ *My sincere condolences. I knew Guy from work and I have to say he was a most wonderful man to know and work with. May he rest in peace, and God bless his family during this difficult time.*

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**Angie** - January 14, 2014 at 09:10 AM