



## George Charles Pappas

May 29, 1921 - May 14, 2021

George C. Pappas, Tulare passed away peacefully on May 14, 2021, 14 days before his 100th birthday.

He was born in Pittsburg, CA to Charley and Harkilia Pappas on May 29, 1921. George was orphaned at the age of 16 and he and his brother and sister were then raised by their Aunt and Uncle in Tulare. He enlisted in the US Army and was station in Okinawa during WWII.

George received his teaching credential from University of Southern California in Speech and English and began his teaching career at Tulare Union High School where he met his wife, Annetta.

He went on to teach at College of the Sequoias for 29 years as a drama teacher and casted annual plays, beauty pageants and musicals. His love and commitment to teaching benefited numerous students, peers, and the community.

Upon retirement, he and his wife became very active in various cultural and community organizations throughout the county. They also loved to travel, going to museums, art exhibits, theaters and many popular and famous landmarks.

George was philanthropic, very giving and had a commitment of unselfishness to his students, community, theater, arts and charitable organizations. Donating time, energy and resources to all without reservation.

George was Tulare Man of the Year in 2000, he served on the Grand Jury Chairman Administrative Committee, was a member of Tulare Chamber of Commerce, Tulare Hospital Foundation, Tulare Library Foundation, past founding President, Tulare Historical Museum founding member, Cultural Arts Foundation founding President for 3 years, Salvation Army Advisory Board Member, College of the Sequoia's Hall of Fame, Cultural Arts, Fine Arts Division founding chairman and Music Theatre executive director. There are many others, as his energy was boundless and his passion for his students and the community was infinite.

George was preceded in death by his loving wife of 49 years, Annetta Kenyon Pappas, brother, Gus Pappas and sister Viola Harding.

He is survived by his neice Alyce L. Terry and her husband Ron of Idaho, nephew David Harding of San Leandro, several great nieces and nephews, companion and caregiver Zelia Snell of Tulare and longtime loyal friend Paul Bankston of Tulare.

Visitation will be held Tuesday, May 25, from 4-7 pm at Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel 127 E. Caldwell Ave, Visalia.

Graveside services will be held Wednesday, May 26, at 11 am at Tulare District Cemetery 900 E. Kern Ave. Tulare.

Arrangements are entrusted to Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel. Condolences may be offered by logging onto [www.salseranddillard.com](http://www.salseranddillard.com) <<http://www.salseranddillard.com/>>.

A Gentle Man has passed.



# Previous Events

## Viewing

MAY **25.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel  
127 E. Caldwell Ave.  
Visalia, CA 93277

## Graveside

MAY **26.** 11:00 AM (PT)

Tulare Cemetery  
900 E. Kern Ave.  
Tulare, CA 93274

# Tribute Wall

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“ My name is Alfred Pietroforte and a long time colleague of George. We both taught in the same department of Speech Communication at College of Sequoias. He has made a significant contribution to the college with his work in helping to produce many operettas which were favorably received by the community. Bless you George as you leave this life. Well done thy good and faithful servant.

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**Alfred Pietroforte** - May 22, 2021 at 12:49 PM

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“ George Pappas and his wife were good friends going back to the 1930s with Frances Bionda (my mother) and later also with my father, George Watry, after they met and married. TUHS and COS gave us many opportunities to watch Mr. Pappas in action. He was an extraordinary teacher and extremely valuable to the Tulare and Visalia communities. He will be greatly missed. May he Rest In Peace. Judy Watry-Dlugonski

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**Judy Watry-Dlugonski** - May 22, 2021 at 11:33 AM

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“ One of the most important classes I ever took in my life was with Mr. Pappas in Speech 101 at COS. I was back from the Army and Vietnam was still in my rearview mirror in 1975, and he was such an encouragement to me! His kindness to me personally and his wonderful supportive manner was such a positive influence! I have used those public speaking skills he taught me then throughout my life! He gave me, at a time when being a Vietnam was not popular, hope! God bless you George and your entire family!  
I am and will always be in your debt!  
Bill Goodreau

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**WILLIAM GOODREAU** - May 21, 2021 at 08:14 PM