



## George Everett Sagen

George Everett Sagen, 80, of Carolina Beach, North Carolina, went to be with his Heavenly Father, April 4, 2020.

George is survived by his three children, Melissa Johnston (Waring) of Simpsonville, South Carolina, Denise Sagen of Simpsonville, South Carolina, and Kevin Sagen (Dana) of Greensboro, North Carolina. Four grandchildren, Madison and Logan Johnston and Bailey and Tanner Sagen. Two sisters, Karen Weis (Tom) of LaCrosse, Wisconsin and Nancy DeBruin (Dennis) of Cumming, Iowa. Two nieces, Tami Wolden of LaCrosse, Wisconsin and Elizabeth Updegraff of Des Moines, Iowa. One nephew Mark Weis of LaCrosse, Wisconsin. George is predeceased by his parents, Oliver and Esther Sagen and sister, Judith Sagen.

George was born in Hixton, Wisconsin on May 25, 1939. After graduating in 1957 from Central High School of LaCrosse, Wisconsin he joined the Air Force and was stationed in Biloxi, MS. Here is where George got his first taste of southern ocean life. George's photography career led him to the coast of North Carolina, choosing Wrightsville Beach to settle down. Instead of retirement, George became everyone's entrusted handyman, known simply as "George" on his business card. Life for George was the water, living on his boat, fishing and crabbing, projects, the coffee club, and his treasured friendships. We all would agree he was a phenomenal character. He was kind and gentle and ready to listen, yet a prankster at heart. All that knew George would agree –he will find a way to continue his jokes from the other side.

George Everett Sagen, father, brother, grandfather and friend, will be greatly missed. We will embrace the cherished memories he has left for each of us. There will be a Celebration of George's Life at the Federal Point Yacht Club, to be announced at a later date. Condolences may be sent to the family in care of Melissa Johnston at  
100 Legends Way, Simpsonville, South Carolina, 29681

The family asks that you spend time with your loved ones and make a toast (perhaps with an ice cold PBR) to enduring friendships lifelong and beyond. That is what George would wish for you.

# Tribute Wall

JC

“ I am writing to pay my respects to the late George Everett Sagen. To those who knew him, George was not just a grandfather figure, but a mentor and friend on this journey to me in my formative college years (a college he got me into). To me, he was also a man who taught me practical life skills and values that I will always hold dear.

George had a talent for building anything from boats to workshops. I have so many fond memories of working with him in his extensive container workshop/boat lift, where we spent countless hours building and repairing vessels. It was during those years that I learned the importance of hard work, a good name, and a solid network.

To anyone who knew George, it was evident that he was a kind and compassionate person, always ready to lend a hand or offer a kind word. He had a warm smile and a twinkle in his eye, and he was always eager to share his knowledge and experience with others.

It was a privilege to have known George, and I will always remember him with gratitude and admiration. I will always cherish the years I spent working with him, and I am grateful for the lessons he taught me. He was a true friend and mentor, and he will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

*Jonathan Courtney-Soper*

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**Jonathan Courtney** - February 07, 2023 at 12:41 AM

BG

“ We thought the world of George and enjoyed being around him. Sorry to hear of his death.

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**Bobby and Lou Greer** - June 12, 2020 at 04:26 PM

MS

“ One of the best people I've ever met. Selfless, always there, a teacher, funny, story teller, lunch companion... Going to miss you George. So glad I have, and made so many memories together. RIP

Marc Strauss - June 04, 2020 at 09:36 AM

RB

“ Not sure what to write as it has been so long since I have seen you. Many from our class at Central have gone home and we miss them. Our parents were from the Hixton area and we always thought that we might be related. It sounds like you have had a rewarding life. I have lived in the same house in CA for over 40 years. Not like La Crosse, but a very nice community. You would have fit in very well. God be with you. Rest in peace. Roger

Roger Bates - May 02, 2020 at 07:05 PM

LM

“ Love & condolences to all as your Dad starts his heavenly life. Great picture on the water. Rest in peace George.

Lori Moynagh - April 16, 2020 at 04:48 PM

HG

“ What a loss for all who new George.

Hillman Godwin - April 13, 2020 at 07:59 PM

ND

“ Your father was one of a kind. He always had a joke and was never without a story to tell. We enjoyed hanging at the dock house with him and being entertained. Such a loveable character!

Nancy and Scott Dearnley - April 13, 2020 at 02:48 PM

VD

“ We will always remember all the good times at Seapath with you.

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**Venke and Glen Day** - April 12, 2020 at 06:53 PM

DH

“ George was a Friend that met you with a Smile. I loved to hear of the advents that George was having. He had so many Friends who felt blessed to have George in their life.  
He will be missed.  
RIP

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**Douglas Hewett** - April 11, 2020 at 10:42 PM

JJ

“ WE HAD THE PLEASURE OF KNOWING GEORGE FOR MANY YEARS AT SEA PATH YACHT CLUB. ALWAYS HELPFUL,, CHEERFUL, A REAL FRIEND. WE WILL MISS HIM!

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**JOHN GRABENSTEIN and Jonelle** - April 11, 2020 at 08:09 PM

KG

“ My heartfelt sympathy goes out to you. I'm so glad that I got to see George a few summers ago in WI. I have such great memories of our childhood with "The Sagens". I hope you can find peace in your cherished memories of him.

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**Kris (Merfeld) Glanzman** - April 11, 2020 at 07:13 PM

RF

“ Very dedicated and did a beautiful job restoring my boat to pristine condition

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**Robert Freedland** - April 11, 2020 at 02:37 PM

RM

“ *My condolences to your family. Many fond memories. Rest in peace, George.*

R. Scott Merfeld - April 11, 2020 at 10:12 AM

DJ

“ *RIP, best wishes and blessing to the family*

David Jones - April 10, 2020 at 09:43 PM

EB

“ *What a great human.  
We're gonna miss you buddy!!!*

Eli Bostic - April 10, 2020 at 04:43 PM

MP

“ *Im praying for during these difficult times. I love you and I am so sorry for your loss*

Melisa poppell - April 10, 2020 at 04:33 PM

GD

“ *Melissa,  
Your dad sounds like a great guy and a friend to all.  
Wishing you and your family much strength during this difficult time.*

Greg Dragon - April 10, 2020 at 03:11 PM

PH

“ *In life we cross many paths and meet many people... in my life George Sagen was one of the smartest and most practical person I knew. He loved life and and his friends and I was proud to be considered one of them. See you on the other side GS!*

Pete Hexter - April 10, 2020 at 03:00 PM

WC

“ Thoughts to George's family.

*It was such a blessing to know him!*

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**Windy Christy** - April 10, 2020 at 02:56 PM

DG

“ I loved George and miss his mischievous laugh already. He always loved to tell a good (and usually dirty) joke, and no matter how many times he told it, you still laughed. He loved his life and the people in it, and we were all the better for it. He was one of my favorite people ever and I'll miss seeing him when I walk down C-dock. Heaven got a good one this time, but then maybe in these crazy scary times, they needed someone up there who could tell a really good joke. RIP George. You will be so missed.

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**Debbie Gomez** - April 10, 2020 at 02:49 PM

LS

“ We loved Seeing George at Federal Point Yacht Club and the neighborhood around there. He always had time to say hello, have a quick chat or hang out for a while. George was a sweet, sweet man. We will miss him for now, but look forward to seeing him again some day.

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**Lesley And John Sloan** - April 10, 2020 at 01:31 PM

TM

“ Proud to call you a friend. You will be missed greatly. Love ya man

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**Tom Morgan** - April 10, 2020 at 01:27 PM

RA

“ *I sure wish I had known the last time I saw you was the last time I'd see you.*

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**Rodney Allison** - April 10, 2020 at 01:19 PM

RC

“ *It was a privilege to know George and to share a friendship with him - he was the most unselfish, kind and giving person - he will be greatly missed*

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**Robert and Krystl Clydesdale** - April 10, 2020 at 01:19 PM