



# George Gray Cunningham

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**G**eorge Gray Cunningham, 71, of Davidson, passed away Sunday, May 14, 2023, at his home. He was born on July 15, 1951, in Franklin, NC.

George was a seasoned attorney, with 47 years of experience, certified in Family Law, but practiced in many fields. He was retired from Lowe's Companies Inc. as Vice President and Associate General Counsel. After retirement, he was Of Counsel with the McIntosh Law Firm in Davidson, NC.

During his career, George was the Chairman of the Board of Elections for Wilkes County, the Attorney for Wilkes County, Chair of the NC Property Tax Commission, Chair of the NC Gaming Commission, a 32nd degree Mason, permanent member of the US Fourth Circuit Judicial Conference, member of the Sons of the American Revolution, and a lifelong member of the Presbyterian Church.

George never met a stranger! He was an amazing conversationalist and had a keen sense of humor.

In addition to his parents, John Frederick Cunningham and Betty Sue Gray Cunningham, George is predeceased in death by his wife, Christine B. Cunningham. He is survived by his loving daughter, Elizabeth Gray Cunningham; his brother, Milton Phillip Cunningham; and sister-in-law, Ann Cunningham.

George had many friends, including Gaither M. Keener and David A. Wijewickrama, along with many others too numerous to name.

The memorial service will be held Sunday, May 21, 2023, at 2:00 pm at James Funeral Home of Huntersville, NC. The family will receive friends after the memorial service. You are invited to come in bright colors or seersucker in celebration of George.



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In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the North Carolina Masonic Foundation by phone, (919) 787-2021; mail, 2921 Glenwood Avenue, Raleigh, NC 27608; or online at <https://mfnc.org/how-to-give/invitation-to-give>

James Funeral Home, of Huntersville, is serving the family and obituary lovingly written by the family.



# Events


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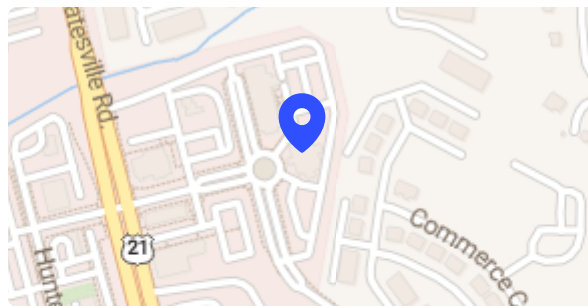
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## Memorial Service

 **Sunday**, May 21, 2023

 2:00 PM ET

 **James Funeral Home**  
10520 Arahova Dr, Huntersville NC 28078





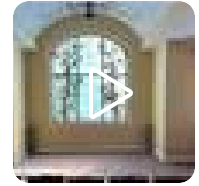
## Tribute Wall

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**James Funeral Home** shared a **Webcast Video**.



May 18 at 9:48 AM



**Dumont Clarke** posted:

I became friends with George after he came to Lowes, and we stayed in touch after he retired. He is the only person I know who would text me and ask if I had time to take a phone call from him! I can't remember a time when I didn't have time, and when I didn't enjoy time talking with someone more than I did with George. Yes, we talked a lot of politics, but we also both had roots in Western North Carolina and shared a love for it, although he was from "west of the Balsams" and I was not. I will truly miss the times we talked and laughed together, whether it was in person or on the phone. George was a wonderful man who gave much more than he took in this world. I am very sorry I didn't know about his passing and the service, or you can bet I would have been there wearing my seersucker suit, even though my midwestern wife hid it from me somewhere years ago. Dumont Clarke

July 8 at 4:37 PM



**Anonymous** sent a sympathy card to the Cunningham family.



May 22 at 8:50 AM



**Letitia Eileen Mcneil** posted:

Liz, Milton & family, George and I became friends in 1981 and I have cherished his friendship for all these years. George was a brilliant attorney and most of all a compashionate person. His quick sense of humor and willingness to listen was only a portion of his all round, outgoing personality. We spoke often and I will always cherish his friendship and loyalty. Rest in peace my dear friend. My sincere condolences to his family. Eileen McNeil

May 21 at 4:59 AM



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**Alan Hicks** posted:

I met George in the 1980's when both he and I were active in Democratic Party politics at the state level. He took an interest in, and assisted me in, my ultimately unsuccessful 1984 campaign for the N. C. Court of Appeals. We talked from time to time thereafter and I have always admired his activism. I am saddened by his passing and send sincere condolences to the family. Alan Hicks

May 17 at 11:34 AM



**Joyce Poplin** February 13 at 6:13 PM

I met George through 4-H. When he was running for an office in 4-H, I campaigned for him. A couple of years later, I saw him at UNC-Greensboro. I knew he became an attorney. I'm not surprised about his other accomplishments. I'm so sorry to learn of his passing and sorry I just found out in 2024. Prayers for his family and friends



**Robert Shook** May 21 at 5:11 AM

George and I started the first grade together. Through Boy Scouts, 4-H, and many school events I always knew he would achieve great things. As life has it we lost contact with each other. Sad to hear of his passing. Go rest high old friend. Robert Shook Franklin, NC.



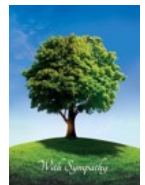
**Steve Plemens** May 20 at 6:15 AM

I was blessed to know George. We went through high school together. Even though we went our different ways after graduation, I still remember him well. God bless his family 🙏 The world had lost a great person but has gained a terrific soul 🥰



**Judge Linda M.** sent a sympathy card to the Cunningham family.

May 17 at 7:34 AM





# Media

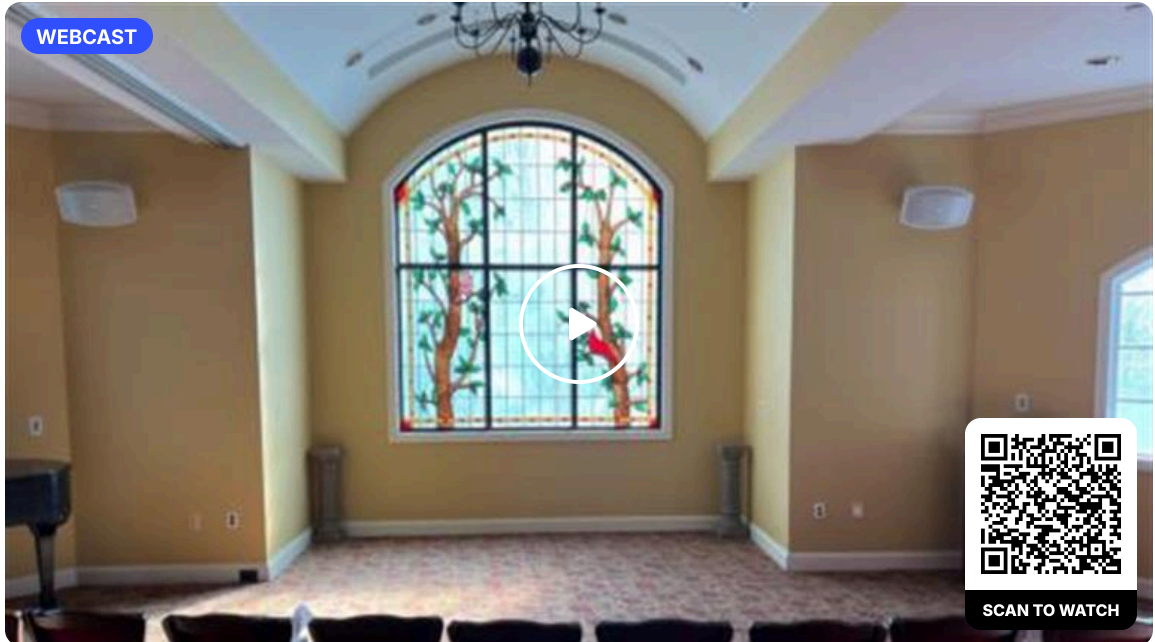
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**Ronald Story** February 13 at 12:53 PM

I worked for and with George's father in the NC Forest Service. I'm so saddened by hearing of his passing. He was an extraordinary individual along with his Brother Milton. There parents Fred and Betty Sue Cunningham have always been family to me along with George and Milton. Prayers to the family. rongstory@frontier.com



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