

George James Costello Jr.

July 20, 1945 - May 22, 2025

George James Costello Jr., age 79, of Wixom, passed away peacefully on May 22, 2025, surrounded by the deep love of his family.

Born on July 20, 1945, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, George was the cherished son of George Sr. and Agnes Costello. From a young age, George possessed a steadfast sense of duty and patriotism, values that led him to proudly serve his country in the United States Army. His time in the service was marked by honor and loyalty—traits that would define the rest of his life.

During his military service, George began corresponding with a young woman named Penny from Michigan. What started as a simple exchange of letters blossomed into a deep and lasting love. After their courtship by pen, George moved to Michigan to be with Penny, and the two were soon married. Together, they built a beautiful life and raised three beloved children: Annemarie, Joseph, and David.

George dedicated 35 years of his life to Ford Motor Company, where he was known for his strong work ethic, reliability, and integrity. A man of quiet strength and unwavering devotion, George always put family first. He was a loving husband, a devoted father, a proud grandfather, and a doting great-grandfather.

In his younger years, George loved to golf and spend time in the garden with Penny. Their yard became a source of pride and joy, a reflection of the care and beauty they cultivated together. He had a gentle, playful spirit—especially evident in his habit of feeding the local squirrels, all of whom he affectionately named “Whiskers.” A loyal fan of his hometown team, he never missed a chance to cheer for the Philadelphia Eagles.

When Penny passed away in 2007, George was heartbroken. Yet, true to his resilient spirit, he embraced life once more after moving into American House, where he was one of the first residents. He was known there for spreading cheer with his humor and warmth. It was there that he met Nancy, who would become his second great love. Together, they married and eventually settled in Wixom.

George will be remembered for his silliness, kindness, generosity, toughness, and deep devotion to those he loved. He had a unique ability to light up a room with his presence and made everyone around him feel seen and valued.

George leaves behind a legacy of love, laughter, and loyalty—a life well lived and a man deeply cherished.

Beloved husband of Nancy Costello; loving father of Annemarie (the late Ronald) Gress, Joseph (Dianna) Costello, and David (Rose) Costello; proud grandfather of Joey (Samatha) Costello, Kory Costello, Caitlin (Jared) Allen, Clarke Jeffers, Kade (Makenzie) Costello, and Breyahana

Costello; cherished great-grandfather of Ian Costello, Nathan Bailey, Jacob Bailey, Penelope Costello. Aubrey Jeffers, Braxton Allen, Brynlee Allen, Ambrose Costello, Harrison Smith, and Eloise May; dear brother of Rick Costello and John Costello.

George is preceded in passing by his dear wife Penny Costello and brother Joe Costello.

Visitation to take place on Wednesday, May 28 from 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM at Lynch and Sons Funeral Home in Milford. Funeral service to take place on Thursday, May 29 at the funeral home at 11:00 AM. Gathering time at 10:00 AM.

Events

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May

VISITATION

3:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors - Milford
404 E. Liberty Street,
Milford, MI 48381

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May

FUNERAL SERVICE

11:00 AM

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Gathering period at 10:00 AM

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Martha (Colegrove) Marikovics

My deepest sympathy to his family.



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was lit in memory of George James Costello Jr.

Light a candle

Show your support by giving a symbol of remembrance

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Annemarie Gress

When we came back from Japan I had to switch the kids clocks so they sleep at night. Caitlin struggled with this so she would find my dad and climb in his lap. He would not let me wake her up. She found her safe place. ??



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Annemarie Gress

We are going to miss you so much. I am thankful though that you will be with Mom now. No more struggles just peace.

