



George C. Camara

October 26, 1935 - March 1, 2011

WEST SPRINGFIELD, MA-George Camara, 75, of West Springfield, Mass., died March 1. He was the son of the late Francisco and Rose (Rodrigues) Camara. He was the husband of Catherine Camara of Westerly, R.I. Born in Mount Vernon, N.Y., he grew up in Bridgeport, Conn., graduating from Warren Harding High School in 1953. After three years in the Army, he attended Southern Connecticut State University, graduating in 1961. He earned his master's degree from Northeastern University in Boston and his Ph.D from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. He began teaching English at Westfield State University in 1964, and enjoyed a career of more than 30 years as a professor, teaching American literature, film and writing courses. He leaves his wife and his brother, Manuel, of San Leandro, Calif. He is also survived by his daughter, Christina Camara, son-in-law Michael Dawson and two grandsons, David and Blake Dawson. His daughter, Celeste Camara Hornbeck, lives with her husband, Scott Hornbeck, in Folsom, Calif. He also leaves numerous extended family members and friends. Visiting hours are from noon to 2 p.m. Sunday, March 6 at the Gaffney Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly, R.I. A funeral mass is scheduled for 10 a.m. Monday at the Immaculate Conception Church, 111 High St., Westerly, R.I. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Boys and Girls Club of Bridgeport Inc., 102 Park St., Bridgeport, CT, 06608, or Operation Smile, 6435 Tidewater Drive, Norfolk, VA 23509. New England Funeral & Cremation Center, LLC 25 Mill Street, Springfield, MA is assisting the family with the local arrangements.

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Tribute Wall

RR

“ So sorry for your lose, may your memories bring you comfort at this difficult time.

Robert & Michele Roy - February 14, 2023 at 10:33 AM

KJ

“ Death is life's greatest mystery. What happens when our soul leaves our body is the most important question in the world. The answer will affect how we live our lives. The world is plagued with the question of what comes after this. When we are faced with the death of a friend or relative, we are stunned with grief. We don't understand, he was here and now he's not, where did he go? Where does the spirit go? The truth is that our soul knows of its eternal nature. If we ask our souls this question in a real way, we will find that we know that we are made from the stuff of eternity.

kelly jerin - February 14, 2023 at 10:33 AM

CD

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Words are useless. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Cheryl Duade - February 14, 2023 at 10:33 AM

LM

“ We will remember all of the great times that we have shared. Aunt Cat, Chris & Celeste you are all in our prayers at this time. Rest in peace Uncle George.

Laurie Massaro - February 14, 2023 at 10:33 AM

BC

“ We are so sorry for your loss. I am sorry I never met your father, Celeste. I can tell from reading this and the nice things you have said over the years he was a very good man and was well loved. You and your family are in our prayers. \n\nBrad

Brad and Laurie Carlson - February 14, 2023 at 10:33 AM

NB

“ MY SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO ALL FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF GEORGE.\n\nI KNEW GEORGE FROM HIGH SCHOOL DAYS - VERY SORRY TO HEAR OF HIS PASSING.

Nancy Buiano - February 14, 2023 at 10:33 AM

A'

“ I was very sorry to hear of the death of one of my favorite professors at Westfield State. I don't recall him ever \"lecturing.\" He would sit down with his students and exchange ideas. It was a casual, easy style of teaching and learning that I found most effective. I have taken from his method with students I have taught in the past, and with my staff here at the Southwick Public Library.

Anne (Nunziato) Murray '71 - February 14, 2023 at 10:33 AM

DM

“ Rest in Peace Uncle George, we hope you're in a better place now. You will always remain in our hearts. We love and miss you very much.

Daniella and Luciana Massaro - February 14, 2023 at 10:33 AM

CM

“ Read in the paper of George's passing. Sorry for your loss, Cathy. Convey my condolences to your family. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Chris Marek - February 14, 2023 at 10:33 AM

CH

“ My Father. I miss you so much but I do not have the words to express that properly I miss talking to you. I miss you terribly.\r\n\r\nI am also here to let people know that my Dad's brother Manny died 5/31 and his wife (of 65 yrs) Aggie died on 6/13.\r\n\r\nNo, we were not going for the trifecta... it just happened.

Celeste Hornbeck - February 14, 2023 at 10:33 AM

SD

“ My wife and I recently became aware of Dr. Camara's passing.\r\n\r\n\r\nWe are sorry to hear this sad news, and please accept our sympathies.\r\n\r\n\r\nMy wife Mary Beth and I are English majors at Westfield about 20 years ago , and Dr. Camara was certainly my favorite English professor. I enjoyed his classes immensely. In particular, we often recall - and repeat - one of his literary truisms: \"if there is a gun on a table in the first act, it da__ well better go off by the end of the play.\" I also still use another Camara-ism that unfortunately appeared too often in his response to my essays: \"ADQ - answer the da__ question!\" Still very good advice, in any endeavor!\r\n\r\n\r\nMostly, I will remember his passion for literature. He was an excellent and enthusiastic teacher, and an important male role model in what was primarily a female-dominated faculty at that time.\r\n\r\n\r\nAgain, please accept our sympathies for your loss. I hope you are comforted in some small way to know two of his former students will always think warmly of Dr. Camara.

Scott Dziewietin - February 14, 2023 at 10:33 AM

JT

“ Mr. Camara was one of my favorite professors at WSC,so sorry to read of his passing in my alumni magazine.He really loved teaching and many of his observations I still remember many years later judging a fictional character by whether you'd want to drink coffee with them. I well remember his office hours, he always made time for his students. He wrote me a beautiful recommendation for grad school. I wish I was able to tell him in person how much he meant to me.\r\nMy sympathies to his family

Judy Tobey - February 14, 2023 at 10:33 AM