



## George Daniel Macielinski

April 22, 1938 - January 28, 2024

George Daniel Macielinski, Age 86 of Gainesville, VA passed away peacefully on January 28 at UVA Health Medical Center in Haymarket surrounded by his loving family.

George was born in Sanok, Poland and was the son of Emil and Christina Macielinski. The Macielinski family was of Ukrainian descent, and they immigrated to the United States in 1949.

George joined the United States Marine Corps after high school and served until honorably discharged in 1958. Then he attended Michigan State University earning a Bachelor of Science in Police Administration. After graduating he worked for John Reid and Associates in Chicago. He was accepted into the CIA as a polygraph examiner in 1965.

He worked as a polygraph expert and senior manager at The Central Intelligence Agency where he served with distinction until his retirement in 1994. George was awarded the CIA Distinguished Intelligence Award upon his retirement. He was also honored as the first CIA officer to be recognized with the President's Award for Distinguished Civilian Service in 1991. After his retirement from Federal service, George continued to train and mentor other junior officers and support the CIA Polygraph Program.

George was a lover and master of languages. He was fluent in English, Ukrainian, Polish, and German languages. He was also able to speak Russian and French.

His favorite activities included fishing and camping with his family and friends and exploring fine food and wines. He especially enjoyed many vacations spent with his wife and family in the mountains of Vermont or visiting Hatteras North Carolina beaches.

George is survived by his loving wife, Rose Mattioda Macielinski. He and Rose were married on October 17, 1964, in Marseilles, Illinois.

He is also survived by his brother, Ostap Macielinski, (married to Anna Macielinski), his son, Stephen Macielinski,(married to Angela Macielinski), his daughter, Lisa Russell, (married to Paul Russell Jr.) and son, Mark Macielinski. He was also the beloved grandfather of seven grandchildren: Kato, Rebekah, Anna, Robin, Rachael, Rose, and Laura, and was the great grandfather of Emmet.

Visitation will be held on Monday, February 10 from 6:00-8:00 p.m., at Pierce funeral home in Manassas. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, February 11 at 10:30 a.m. at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Gainesville. Interment will be at 12:00 p.m. at Stonewall Memory Gardens.

Memorial donations in George Macielinski's memory may be directed to Catholic Charities or Disabled American Veterans.

# Cemetery Details

## Stonewall Memory Gardens

12004 Lee Highway  
Manassas, VA 20109  
<http://www.stonewallmemorygardens.com>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 10. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home  
9609 Center St.  
Manassas, VA 20110  
(703) 257-6028  
[pfh@piercefh.com](mailto:pfh@piercefh.com)  
<https://www.piercefh.com>

## Mass of Christian Burial

FEB 11. 10:30 AM (ET)

Holy Trinity Catholic Church  
8213 Linton Hall Rd  
Gainesville, VA 20155-2997  
(703) 753-6700

## Entombment

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FEB 11. 12:00 PM (ET)

Stonewall Memory Gardens  
12004 Lee Hwy  
Manassas, VA 20109  
(703) 754-4210

# Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of George Daniel Macielinski.*



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February 07, 2025 at 04:14 PM



“ *George was there at the beginning of my career. What was not readily apparent as I was young, but became clear after he left the organization, was his leadership. A close second were of course, the stories. Thank you George.*

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**Robert Schaefer** - February 06, 2025 at 05:40 PM



“ *George leaves kindness, grace, love for his fellow humans and great memories, in addition to a wonderful family. My husband Tyler worked with George in Polygraph and on the side for a few years, they had a fun fishing business called H & M Flies. George took us eons ago to his favorite camping/fishing spot in VT where Ty loved to fly fish. As a polygrapher George was the best and taught so many so well. A great man of honesty and integrity. Our heartfelt condolences to Rose and family. The heavens gained another star.....*

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**Jocelyne Harding** - February 06, 2025 at 02:28 PM

PG

“ I worked for George for a couple of years early in my career. He was a professional who regularly demonstrated integrity and ethical behaviors. He seemed to me to be a teacher at his core - explaining to junior officers how to get better and why it mattered.

The lessons I learned from George served me well throughout my professional career and in my private life too. Fairly quiet, unassuming and rarely seeking recognition George made an enormous impact to the Agency and the country's national security. His passing is a sad event - he will be missed and remembered fondly.

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**Paul Allen Graver** - February 06, 2025 at 12:07 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of George Daniel Macielinski.



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February 06, 2025 at 10:03 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of George Daniel Macielinski.

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February 06, 2025 at 10:03 AM

GC

“ George, was a very impressive and intelligent man and a fantastic supervisor. It was an honor to have been in polygraph when he was the Chief of the division. My condolences to all of his family. He was truly a legend.

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**Gary Cooper** - February 06, 2025 at 08:06 AM

SR

“ George always made everyone feel at home in everything he did and everyone was the most important. He will be missed.

sharon russell - February 05, 2025 at 03:18 AM

BM

“ The privilege of working with or near George for many years is a highlight of my own career. As legendary as his professional persona was, George the man was even more impressive. That disarming giddy laugh - usually following some self-deprecating remark - lightened even the most somber mood. His love of family - to include his "family" at the office - was always apparent. Thoughts and prayers to Rose and the rest of the Macielinskis!

Bill Murray - February 04, 2025 at 10:41 AM

CP

George was a great supervisor

Carl Pletzke - February 04, 2025 at 06:42 PM

ES

It was a great and memorable experience to have worked with George for so many years during my career. It was the highlight of my career. His exceptional guidance served me well professionally as well as in my personal life. He will be remembered with great fondness.  
Elaine Schuster Feb 7 2025

Elaine Schuster - February 07, 2025 at 08:37 AM

BR

George provided a wealth of knowledge as a supervisor. He was always professional and understanding in guiding others. He will be greatly missed and remembered as a very fine man.

Barbara Ross - February 09, 2025 at 03:47 PM

BF

*In addition to being one of the nicest gentlemen I've ever met, George Macielinski was legendarily synonymous with "Agency Polygraph" and the best Chief in its storied history. So many of us who had the good fortune and privilege to serve under him are forever in his debt. May he "Rest In Peace."*

*~ Bill Fairweather*

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**Bill Fairweather** - April 17, 2025 at 12:32 AM