



## George Michael Makowiec

September 28, 1950 - April 19, 2019

George M. Makowiec, Patriot, Son, Brother, Husband, Father, Uncle, Grandfather....

George Makowiec {Mack-o-witz} was born Jerzy Michal Makowiec on Sept. 28th 1950 in Swidnica, Poland to WWII Ukrainian Refugees. His mother Ludmila Masyk Makowiec, born July 26th 1928, resides in Port Charlotte Fl. His father Stanislaw Makowiec, born April 4th 1926 passed away on Nov. 27th 2004. The family (Mother, George and his sister Elizabeth Makowiec [Campey]) immigrated to Toledo, Ohio on Sept. 21st 1964 with empty pockets nor the ability to speak the native language. They changed his name to George Michael Makowiec to better acclimate to this new to them culture in the free world. With the help of friends, they taught themselves to speak English.

In Dec. of 1967 at the age of 17 George joined the U.S. Army as a Fixed Station Radio Repairman. George put himself through college to learn electronics. In 1970-71, about his numerous travels serving our Country George met his first wife and got married to Helen Y, Makowiec (Huang) in Taiwan and also had their first child Tania H. Makowiec (aka: Toni Black). In 1973 in Agana Guam, while serving George and the family became American citizens. In 1975, again while serving his country in Okinawa Japan, he had a son, Michael R. Makowiec.

George's early life of being European and his ability to speak 5 languages fluently (English, Ukrainian, Russian, Polish, Czechoslovakian, and some Chinese) aided in his Army career. He moved from being an electronics servicemen into the Intelligence sector. He became an Intelligence officer and intel gatherer being a linguist translator and (unfortunate for his children's ability to get away with ANYTHING) an interrogator.

George's contributions for America as a soldier during the Cold War is immeasurable and mostly classified.

George has always had many hobbies some of which contributed to his later careers and he always excelled well beyond the average. He competitively flew Remote Control (RC) planes and won several national and international competitions to include placing second in the Taiwan Nationals Championship. George was a competitive shooter; he took first in the Arizona and Alaska State Championships in various handgun competitions. George was rated as an Expert in Bulls-eye competitions and Sharpshooter in Big-bore rifle competitions. Amongst many other hobbies, George was a hunter also. If asked though,

George would tell you his favorite hobby is fishing above all things. George has several citation records for that too.

George's passion for all things flight and incredible ability to pilot RC aircraft lead to his later professions in his military career and also to his entrepreneurship as a civilian. In the final years of his 20 year military service George pioneered a training program and was the first Army UAS (Unmanned Aerial Systems, aka; Drones) Training Center Director of Training. This program later blossomed into the worlds largest UAV (Unmanned Aerial Vehicle) school located at Fort Huachuca Arizona. George became known as "The Father of Army UAS". You can see tribute to George at the Forts museums and travel a road named after him (Makowiec Way). George's UAV career didn't stop at developing an Army school for UAV pilots. George set 5 world records involving drones and later formed a company with which he was CEO, Microbotics, Inc. George's company developed aerospace and navigation systems for drones which can still be found on many Military Unmanned Aircraft across the Globe. In between his Army retirement and the company he started he was a Chief Test Pilot for NASA, testing scale models of experimental aircraft. On Feb. 27th 1992 George gained a grandchild Zachary Taylor Distel.

In 2003 George married Oksana Bulakh Makowiec and became stepfather to Vitaliy Bulahk. They complimented one another other perfectly.

George continued with Microbotics, Inc. until it's closing and his retirement in 2015. Even after being retired from the military for several decades George's contributions to America's defense didn't stop. He worked side by side with the CIA and FBI during Microbotics' days to detect and catch terrorist cells abroad.

A personal note from the Author, George's Son;

My father was charismatic and an extra special human. He had extraordinary talent, vision, drive, and humor. He was hilarious and made everyone around him feel comfortable with his jokes and witty comments. He was also very giving. He gave chances to people who otherwise would have been cast away by others. It's cliché to say but the absolute truth with dad that he'd give you the shirt off his back if you needed it. Though moderate in stature my father was an absolute GIANT AMONGST MEN. He was my Hero, and though most didn't know till reading this, he was an American Hero and Patriot. He had incredible inner strength that can be most noted with his 12 year long battle with cancer. I will miss you dearly father and you will be in so many people's hearts. You have touched so many people's lives and I cannot express enough how I could not be more proud to have been your Son.

~Michael Robert Makowiec (April 23rd, 2019)



# Cemetery

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# Events

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**Arlington  
National  
Cemetery**

Arlington, VA,

**APR 24 Visitation 06:00PM - 07:30PM**

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Hogg Funeral Home & Crematory  
3098 George Washington Memorial Hwy P.O. Box 990,  
Gloucester Point, VA 23062, Hayes, VA, US, 23072

# Comments

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“ Though most unfortunately, (for us!), we did not have the pleasure of knowing George when he was physically strong, robust, always innovating, creating, inventing and full of an exceptional passion for life; yet in this last year George continued a very keen mentality and awareness of nearly all subjects. Our discussions were far-ranging about so many things. Erudite on almost any level or subject, George had the experience and knowledge to formulate sound views, judgements, and opinions firmly based in factual evidence. Quite analytical, our dear friend, George, was able to examine almost any situation, separate the wheat from the chaff, and speak knowledgeably and eloquently when stating his conclusions. How very much we admired his grasp of detail!

George and Oksana demonstrated such a warmth and hospitality on a number of occasions when we were guests in their home. They are two of the most generous people with whom we have ever been acquainted. How very unfortunate for us that we did not know this cherished couple for a longer period of time!

We would have to think long and hard to name two people who are more accomplished in life. Do any of us ever live up to our full potential? George Makowiec came closer than anyone we have ever known.

What a wonderful sense of humor! Even during the last months of his long struggle with the cancer that beset him, George maintained a cheerful, upbeat, almost mischievous manner as we often joked and laughed together.

It has been truly an honor to know both George and Oksana. They have enriched our lives, without a doubt. During these last months that George was losing his grip on life and after his passing, the family of George and Oksana, weighted down with the loss and their grief, have shown such quiet dignity, kindness, and generosity to Annie and I.

- Annie and Mac (Mc Intire)

**David A. Mc Intire** - April 26, 2019 at 11:11 AM

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“ My name is Elizabeth Makowiec Campey and I am Georges older sister. I live in Florida with his mother Ludmila Worden , She is 90 years old . We will miss him.

**Elizabeth Campey** - April 25, 2019 at 07:45 PM



“ Elizabeth sorry for your loss. I saw the Polish name in the Gloucester paper and read your brother's obituary. Was not aware of other Polish in community besides my wife born Kruschwicz(Kruschwitz). She was born 60km from your family. As a Army Veteran I thank your brother for his service. Sto Lat to your mom and your family. God Bless.

**David** - April 27, 2019 at 06:44 AM

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“ I met George long ago while he was on temporary duty in Munich, we became fast friends and were later assigned together at Ft Huachuca. Everything became fun, our work our weekends, our field days...We played Pinochle, went combat shooting, reloaded ammunition, went motorcycle racing, and just had fun on our limited Army budgets. I used to go around to all the tire shops and collect lead for our reloading! What a friend! It was always a joy to visit George when my travels took me to the East Coast.

Then, when George came to Arizona with his family two years ago, the fun resumed! How wonderful it was to meet Oksana in person! We became fast friends, I will always cherish the memories and certainly hope to make new ones. Please accept my sincerest condolences. I miss George already!

**Alda** - April 24, 2019 at 05:57 PM

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“ We had such great times together ,the fishing tournaments and fon trips on his pontoon .Pool every thursday night with swimming pools of Yengling ,fantastic fun times with a fantastic freinf . All who met him realize the great loss of George , Great times .Great freind so badly missed already .. Miss ya buddy .

**Bob Nickels** - April 24, 2019 at 05:35 PM

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“ Holly Cramer & Heather Jonas from Little Lights purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of George Michael Makowiec.



**Holly Cramer & Heather Jonas from Little Lights** - April 24, 2019 at 11:37 AM

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“ Beautiful tributes for a life well lived!

**Karen** - April 24, 2019 at 10:49 AM

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“ from All of us at Microtech Machine purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of George Michael Makowiec.



from All of us at Microtech Machine - April 24, 2019 at 09:30 AM

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“ I met George on a trade mission I organized from Virginia to Poland in 2006 or so. We became friends. I had the honor of being his best man at his wedding to Oksana in Ukraine in 2008. George was a man's man and I deeply appreciated his friendship. I loved him and He and all of you are in my thoughts and prayers - Chris O'Neill

Chris O'Neill - April 23, 2019 at 09:00 PM

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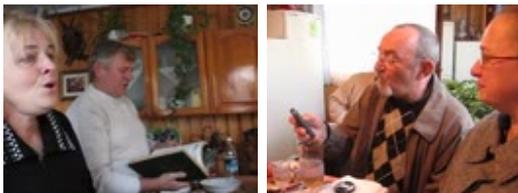


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“ From Chris, Teresa, Timothy and Meggie O'Neill purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of George Michael Makowiec.



**From Chris, Teresa, Timothy and Meggie O'Neill** - April 23, 2019 at 07:48 PM