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George R. Smolak, age 96, of North Ridgeville, passed away on Sunday, July 13, 2025 at Danbury Senior Living in North Ridgeville.

He was born in Nashua, New Hampshire, grew up in Somerville, New Jersey and had been a resident of North Ridgeville since 2023. He previously lived in Strongsville and Berea.

George graduated from the University of Michigan with a Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering. He worked as an engineer for the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and Analex Corporation.

He was an avid sports fan, especially for the University of Michigan and enjoyed working on cars and playing cards. While living at Olympia in Strongsville, he was active on various committees.

Survivors include his wife of 73 years, Frances, daughters, Nancy (Don) Waldroup of Roswell, Georgia, Barbara Embry of North Olmsted, Carol (Tim) Miranda of Middleburg Hts., grandchildren, David (Angela) Waldroup, Daniel (Megan) Waldroup, Jonathan (Ashley) Waldroup, Sarah (Fernando) Castellani, Steve (Kristen) Miranda, Nicole (Nick) Wainscott, Jeff (Sarah) Miranda, 11 great-grandchildren, sister, Anna Eldridge of Pennsylvania, several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Frances (nee Harris) Smolak and sister, Jean Northam.

A Private Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Salvation Army at

www.salvationarmy.org



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John Mishic posted:

George was my mentor when I started my career at Analex. He taught me a lot of practical things I never would have learned in school, and was a fantastic engineer. Even more importantly, he was a great example of how a person should live his life. He had an impact on so many people's lives. We'll all miss him.- John Mishic

July 17 at 7:00 PM



Bernadette Jaenke lit a candle in honor of George.

He was a great friend and neighbor to our parents!With deepest sympathy The Jindra Family

July 14 at 4:34 PM



Craig Gorris July 17 at 4:22 AM

I worked with George at Analex. We became good friends. His ability to support our launch vehicle programs with his technical expertise was outstanding. I will miss him.Craig Gorris



Jim Anastos July 16 at 4:41 AM

I'm sorry to hear about your father, Nancy. May his memory be eternal. — Jim Anastos



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring George by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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