



George Christopher Nason

October 3, 1952 - March 28, 2022

George Christopher Nason, Retired Captain

George Christopher Nason recently passed away at his home in Lewes, Delaware. at the age of 69. He was born in Long Island, New York on October 3, 1952. George, known to family as Chris, grew-up in Garden City, NY. He graduated from Garden City High School in 1971, and subsequently earned two associate degrees.

George embarked on a career in the US Merchant Marine beginning in 1973 and rose through the ranks from Able Bodied Seaman to Captain with a Masters license. During the early part of his career, he sailed the oceans of the world. He spent the latter part of his career working for the Delaware River Bay Authority as a mate, pilot and ultimately as captain on the Cape May-Lewes Ferry until he retired in 2012.

In retirement, George volunteered as a mate on the S.S. John W. Brown, one of the few remaining World War II Liberty ships that supplied the Allies throughout the war effort. He was also an active member of the Lewes Rehoboth Moose Lodge 646 and the Cape Henlopen Elks Lodge, where he volunteered often and had a wide circle of friends.

He is survived by two sisters, Mary Beth Nason and Diane Karshner Nason, and two brothers, Gardner M. Nason and John T. Nason (MaryAnn), and nieces, nephews and their families. He was predeceased by his parents, Alice (Loughman) and Gardner A. Nason, infant brother, Thomas, and brother-in-law, Warner Karshner. George will be sorely missed by those who knew and loved him.

A memorial service for Captain George will be at Moose Lodge 646, 28971 Lewes Georgetown Highway, in Lewes, DE, on May 13, 2022, from 4 to 6 PM. A private interment will be held at the family cemetery in New Jersey soon after the memorial service.

In lieu of flowers, contributions are suggested to the Cape Henlopen Elks Lodge #2540, P.O. Box 86, Nassau, DE 19969, the Lewes-Rehoboth Moose Lodge, 28971 Lewes Georgetown Hwy, Lewes, DE 19958 or to the S.S. John W. Brown, C/O Project Liberty

Ship, Inc, P.O. Box 25846, Baltimore, MD 21224 are welcome.

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LB

“ George has always been a very good neighbor and friend to us. I looked forward to his and my husbands front porch discussions of the world. I will always look for his smiling face coming across the yards. RIP.

Vince and Linda Brady

Linda Brady - May 10 at 11:27 PM

KG

“ I never knew anyone who had as many friends or who deserved them more than Chris.

I grew up directly across the street from Nason's 21 Roxbury Road house and Chris became the older brother I never had. I have so many childhood memories of stickball, football, basketball, and paddle tennis games. We played with toy guns, sling shots, bottle rockets, and dirt bombs. We ran on the golf course, played hide-and-seek in the Nason's basement, and watched horror films in the TV room. My mother never worried about me because she knew she could always find me at Nason's house.

Chris is the reason I'm a NY JETS fan to this day. Back in 1969 we watched Super Bowl III together. Joe Namath became a magical figure in sports that day and we all wore white sneakers and spikes after that which was easy for Chris because he was already a competitive tennis player at Garden City's Cherry Valley Club.

I regret I will not be to attend Chris' 5/13 Memorial Service in person because my two youngest daughters are graduating college that same day - but at 4pm I'll be sure to include a prayer to remind God of what a dependable brother, pilot, and captain he has added to His ranks. Chris and the whole Nason family are much in Gallagher's thoughts these days.

Kevin Gallagher



Kevin Gallagher - April 28 at 12:33 PM

JN

*Kevin, Thank you for those kind words, very comforting. Don't forget the crab apple fights from the tree outside your kitchen window & adventures in the gully!
Enjoy your Daughters graduations. JohnN,*

John Nason - April 28 at 06:00 PM

DG

“ *So sorry for your loss. He was a really great guy. RIP Chris*

debbie (mahon) grimes - April 25 at 07:52 AM

GD

“ *Cris sir Ian so sorry to hear about your passing. I knew you were special when I first met you. You were the guy that was nice to me. May God bless you my friend. I will miss you Chris.*

Greg Dohrman - April 24 at 07:44 PM

JG

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Jeff Gewert - April 23 at 10:23 AM

JG

L-R - First row: John Chiafair, Bob Nesi, unknown, Robert Fett. Second row: Joe Durkin. Third row: Jeff Gewert, Linda Cusumano, Chris Nason, Joe Molinari. Fourth row: John Cornwall, John Duffy?, Don Zembruski, Laura Zembruski, Ken Casey, Dave Seale.

Jeff Gewert - April 23 at 10:41 AM

JF

All those great friends together and with Gus and NES gone makes appreciating all our friends more

Joe Foley - April 24 at 06:40 PM

GD

That is very true, Joe.

Greg Dohrman - April 24 at 07:48 PM

JE

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Jean Nason Evans - April 22 at 07:34 AM

JG

Great photo.

Jeff G. - April 22 at 11:02 AM

JG

“ Chris’s friendship was always steady through all the twists and turns of life or should I say the moody temperaments of the sea. In many respects it defined his character - steady as she goes - and who knows, maybe that mindset led him to a career at sea. From the time I got to know him in high school he was always steady never getting out of control like the rest of us who lacked his self-discipline. I don’t recall Chris ever criticizing someone to their face, but he had this disdainful look he’d give you if you were being silly that was far more effective than words. There was a hint of amusement in that look, as well. Chris was our young adult designated driver long before they became vogue. Although he would sometimes have a few, you could always count on Chris to be relatively sober and in control. He was too responsible to get behind the wheel otherwise and it’s likely he saved a few lives in the process, mine included. In those early days of driving he prided himself on his driving skills which led him to drag racing at the New York International Speedway in Center Moriches in his legendary “Gusmobile.” There were about 10 of us who tagged along to watch the event. I recollect he won a heat or two, but fell short of the top prize. Soon after he donated his car to the local fire department to be incinerated as a firefighting exercise for his HS Fire Patrol. (See photo of his burning car on page 133 of his HS yearbook.) But it was all in good fun and you’d always find Chris where good times and comradery abounded. Lots of great memories which unfortunately will fade with the years as another good friend has left us far too early.

Jeff Gewert - April 16 at 01:38 PM

JM

Well said Jeff! Gus was always more reticent than many of those I got to know when I went fro St. Anne’s to GC Jr/ Sr HS. He was always a welcoming soul who I enjoyed talking with. I had seen a few posts of his on Facebook and was hoping to connect with at some point on a trip to the Eastern Shore. RIP Chris!

Jay Meaney - April 22 at 11:38 PM

JG

“ 4 files added to the album Memories Album



Jeff G - April 15 at 01:11 PM

JE

Thank you for sharing these great photos! Niece Jean Nason Evans

Jean Nason Evans - April 22 at 07:30 AM



“ I will always remember him in the chart room of the John W. Brown while underway
Plotting and calculating all this tide and depth data.

Kathleen Orrson - April 08 at 06:07 PM

RP

“ Fair winds and Calm seas Captain George. You were a humble man. Always ready to help a fellow man. Jan and I will miss you. RIP. Ru and Jan.

Ruth Moore Jan Palese - April 08 at 07:49 AM

NV

“ Fair winds and following seas to Captain George

Nigel Veater - April 07 at 10:36 AM

DW

“ I had the privilege of meeting George when my husband worked with him on the Cape May Lewes Ferry. He was such a great guy! When he and my husband both retired we would have such fun going to the Elks for the steak dinners. I will sure miss him. I am so thankful for the times that we spent together!

Dixie Wolf - April 06 at 09:24 PM

SM

“ I really enjoyed volunteering with Captain George at Project Liberty Ship, Inc. He was always willing to share his maritime and life experiences. Stacia M.

Stacia Miller - April 06 at 09:15 PM

MH

“ Sorry to hear of Captain George's passing. He will be sorely missed on the Brown.-Mark Hannon

Mark Hannon - April 06 at 08:16 PM

JM

We met in fourth grade and were friends instantly. Lunches at Centurion pizza ,later going to the Oasis in Hempstead and Gene Kellys. For the "revolution " we flattened the tires drivers ed cars and few other crazy things. He always had a big kind heart and could always be counted on. He came to my rescue many times starting when I called him at midnight in eleventh grade to pick few of us up in Hollis NY. Long story. Many other examples. He always drove when the group went out even if I had my car he drove which was good idea. Later in life he helped me many times. I moved to LA . Chris to the sea. Loved his stories of all his travels around the world. We always kept in contact all these years and saw each other when we could. His ship docked in San Pedro one time so we went out in LA we really painted the town till dawn he made it to ship on time. So many other stories so sad. Chris is now in a better place . There is an old book " 7people you meet in heaven"if I make it he's my first choice

joe molinari - May 10 at 01:52 PM