



## Frank Ellsworth Geib Jr.

December 21, 1935 - May 4, 2019

Frank Ellsworth Geib, age 83 of Newburg, Maryland, died May 4, 2019. He was born in Washington, DC on December 21, 1935.

Frank graduated from the University of Maryland in 1962 with a BS in Physics and from the College of Southern Maryland in 2010 at the age of 75 with an AA in Art and was inducted into Phi Theta Kappa.

After working as a draftsman through college, he went to work for the Department of the Navy at the David Taylor Model Basin (now Naval Ship Research and Development Center, NSRDC). He retired from there in 1996.

He was extremely active in the Lions Club in both Rockville and La Plata. He was Lion of the Year in 1991-1992, President of the Rockville Chapter from 1992–1994, Lion of the Year in 1999-2000, and President of the La Plata Chapter. He received numerous awards from the Lions for his service to the community, including the highest award possible from the Lions – the Melvin Jones Fellow in 1993 and 1999. He also worked as the editor of the La Plata Lions newsletter.

While working at the Lions Club in Rockville, he started the Rockville Lions Train Show. This annual fundraising event has grown into a major event under his leadership. He was very active in various local model train groups

including the Z-Scale model group.

His wife, Hazel, dragged him into the antique hobby when they moved to La Plata. He became active in the American Antique Arts Association and worked as the editor of their newsletter.

He was the son of Frank Ellsworth Geib, Sr. and Margaret Marie Butler. In addition to his parents, he is also predeceased by his wives, Marguerite Ann Geib and Hazel Mitchell Geib and his sister, Margaret Louise (Peggy) Dodson.

Frank is survived by his daughter, Laurie and husband, Michael; his son, John and wife, Lucy; his step-sons, Eddie Reid and wife, Mellissa, and Michael Reid; his brother, Carl Geib; his grandkids, Hollie, Joey, Christopher, Ryan, Brice, Colin, and Kaleigh; and two great grandkids.

Visitation on Friday, May 10, 2019 from 5-8PM and where Funeral Services and a Lions Club Service will be held on Saturday, May 11, 2019 at 12PM at Raymond Funeral Service Chapel, 5630 Washington Avenue, La Plata, Maryland 20646. Interment on Monday, May 13, 2019 at 1PM at Gate of Heaven Cemetery, 13801 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland 20906.

Memorial contributions in Frank's name are asked to La Plata Lions Club (PO Box 1228, La Plata, Maryland 20646) or Rockville Lions Club (PO Box 1252, Rockville, Maryland 20849).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 10. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Raymond Funeral Chapel  
5635 Washington Ave.  
La Plata, MD  
business.office@raymondfuneral.com  
<http://www.raymondfuneralservice.com>

## Service

MAY 11. 12:00 PM (ET)

Raymond Funeral Chapel  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Frank Ellsworth Geib Jr.*

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October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ *Frank Ellsworth Geib Jr.*

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October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *My sincere condolences go out to Ell's family. I worked with him for a number of years. To this day I still tell coworkers about the time Ell wore a pajama top and tie in protest of an early morning meeting! Very funny guy!*

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**Rob G** - May 21, 2019 at 07:10 AM

HV

“ My daughter and I came to know Mr Geib when she applied for a Lions Club Scholarship. She was not the final recipient, but he reached out to her directly. He said something about her essay and application struck him; She reminded him a lot of himself when he was her age. He provided some financial assistance personally to help her with school finances, and helped to mentor her along the way. They kept in touch, and she is deeply saddened to learn of his passing. She just finished her second semester of nursing clinicals, and didn't get to send him a text to let him know how well she did. Our family is forever grateful for the impact he had on her education and life. He gave her so much more than money; He gave her his time, attention, support and willingness to share his wisdom. I know he missed his wife tremendously, and spoke highly of his children and grandchildren. We always got a little giggle at his use of emojis with texting - not something you always see with the mature population. He was quite a guy and we enjoyed our outings with him to have lunch a few times. I am certain his family and friends know what a gem they had in their life. He will be missed by many, including us. Our intention and agreement from the beginning was that he would have a ticket at her graduation...so we will have to come up with a way to honor him at graduation in his absence. I hope he's enjoying his time walking among the angels.

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**Heather Vermillion** - May 10, 2019 at 05:01 PM

JR

“ My deepest condolences to All of Ell’s family. Ell’s work on the Lions club train show was really a wonderful thing and something to be very proud of. Not only did it bring in needed funding for the eye glasses fund, it also brought a lot of joy to many children of the rockville area. I so enjoyed seeing many of the same children coming back year after year and realizing the show was a part of their life.

*Ell was always very inviting and enthusiastic at the show and always stopped by at setup to see if anything was needed and see what was new with things on our layout. His enthusiasm was great and welcoming from the Lions club to the train clubs.*

*One of the first years we were invited to the show I went down for lunch and had forgotten to bring the lunch tickets with me (the Lions club always provides lunch to the club members at the show as a thank you). I just pulled out money to pay as the prices are always reasonable and money goes to a good cause so didn’t matter to me. Ell saw me doing this and came over and insisted I not pay for the lunch as he really wanted it to be a thank you from the Lions club. He reminded me the show totally relied on all of the various train club members to come out to do the show and it was something the Lions club could do in return.*

*He will be missed, but the train show is a wonderful legacy of his kindness and dedication to doing good. Leaving the world a little bit better than you came into it is always a wonderful thing.*

*Jeff Reynolds  
Japan Rail Modelers of Washington DC*

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**Jeff Reynolds** - May 10, 2019 at 02:21 AM

KH

“ *Ell and I never worked on any projects together but we shared a lot of time together at softball games and Trav's after the games. He was very kind and had a great sense of humor.*

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**Kendall Harris** - May 10, 2019 at 12:01 AM

BB

“ *My heartfelt sympathies go to the immediate and extended families on the passing of my friend and co-worker. Ell was one of the Branch originals when I started in Jul 1965—Franz (Branch Head), Shen, Sykes, O'Donnell, DeMetz, Geib, Granum, Mathews, Waterhouse, and 1 more (whose name slips my mind). This was right before Blake, Maidanik, Farabee, Hoover and others joined the group.*

*Ell was one of the best experimental investigators and detail men that one could imagine, and yet he appreciated the forest. His ability to acquire data and identify all sources of error and extraneous noise was beyond question. He loved to work on small, complex things that took time.*

*When he wasn't working, Ell had a great sense of humor, and even now, I occasionally recall with a huge smile a number of very humorous events between he and I.*

*Brian Bowers*

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**Brian Bowers** - May 08, 2019 at 11:11 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Frank Ellsworth Geib Jr..*



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May 08, 2019 at 09:25 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Frank Ellsworth Geib Jr..*



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May 08, 2019 at 01:26 PM



“ *Condolences to the extended Geib family on Ell's passing. He was a wonderful mentor and friend while at Carderock. It was a pleasure knowing and working with Ell.*  
*Ted Farabee*

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**Theodore Farabee** - May 08, 2019 at 01:03 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Frank Ellsworth Geib Jr..*



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May 08, 2019 at 12:51 PM