

In Memoriam

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Gábor Frigyes László “Edward” Hariss ‘62**, who passed away on February 25, 2020. He was 75. He is survived by his loving wife of 53 years, Nubia, their daughter, Ann-Marie, three brothers, three grandchildren, and extended family.

Gábor, a native of Budapest, Hungary, had a long and distinguished career in data base creation and management in Washington, D.C. He wrote sophisticated data-based programming languages well before current day programs such as Excel, D-Base, or Lotus 123 existed. He did this for private and public organizations - Gladstone Associates, NCHP, Ginns, HUD, and the longest, 20+ years, for the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. He was one of the first to have a home “desktop” computer even in the 1960s when a home computer filled a room. He retired in April of 2005.

The son of Dr. Zoltán Hariss and Dr. Erzsébet Sajóhelyi of Miskolc and Budapest Hungary respectively, Gábor was born on November 28, 1944 in Budapest, Hungary. He came to America after the 1956 Hungarian Revolution to live with his father and stepmother, Irene Harris, in Laurelton, New York. At the time, it was customary to have an “American” name and so he chose Edward. He has three brothers Steven, Andrew and Gregory. | [Click Here to Read The Full Remembrance](#)

Gábor attended Archbishop Molloy High School in Queens, New York. Graduating in 1962 and scored a perfect 1600 on the SAT. He then attended Georgetown University with a partial scholarship, graduating in June 1966. | [Click Here to Read The Full Remembrance](#)

He married the love of his life, Nubia, in September 1966 in Washington, D.C. at St. Stephen Martyr Church in Washington, D.C. on Pennsylvania Avenue on a Wednesday at 5:30 pm and was there on-time, (something that would be a rare occurrence). Gábor and Nubia had one daughter, Ann-Marie, but many more children. In 1979, the Somoza Government fell to the Sandinistas in Nicaragua, Nubia’s home country. Gábor and Nubia took in their nephew, Juan Luis Vega, and shortly thereafter niece, Ana-Karla Vega, while war carried on in Nicaragua. Juan and Ana-Karla stayed for several years and always maintained a very close bond with Gábor and Nubia.

In 1994, Gábor proudly walked Ann-Marie down the aisle to marry Wells Turnage. Gábor has three grandchildren: Gábor F.L., Elizabeth J., and Melina N.L. After retirement in 2005, Gábor spent many years babysitting, chauffeuring the kids to school or after-school activities, and watching NOVA with his grandson, Gábor. Every spring and fall, Gábor and Nubia spent their time in Budapest, Hungary for many months at a time.

Gábor had a huge heart and was very generous with many friends and family opening his home to many in need. He was a champion of the underdog, which led to many interesting political discussions over dinner. Gábor will be lovingly remembered by more than just his immediate family.