



# George Edwin Relyea

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**G**eorge Edwin Relyea passed away at the age of 67 on Friday, January 28, 2022 at his home in Memphis, TN.

He was born April 27, 1954 in Augsburg, Germany.

George was an Associate Professor in the division of Epidemiology, Biostatistics, and Environmental Health in the School of Public Health at the University of Memphis. He received his MA in Economics in 1981 and MS in Applied Mathematics in 1982 both from the University of Memphis. He collaborated extensively with faculty and students across the university on diverse research projects. He has developed many applied statistics courses including advanced statistical modeling. He has over 200 academic publications and has been a mentor for many graduate students. Highly regarded by students and faculty alike, he served on dissertation committees and represented the School of Public Health in the University Faculty Senate.

George will be cremated, and the ashes will rest at home. A Memorial gathering and Celebration of Life will be held on April 16, 2022 at the home of his sister and brother-in-law Mary and Hani Rashed. For details about the time and location please contact Barbara Wilson-Relyea at [bwilsonrelyea@hotmail.com](mailto:bwilsonrelyea@hotmail.com).

George was preceded in death by his father Benjamin Relyea, his brother John Relyea and his brother-in-law Mark Isaminger.

He is survived by his wife Barbara Wilson-Relyea; three children, Hanneke Marr and her husband Aaron Marr, Justin Relyea and Erika Relyea; his grandchild Isaac Marr; his mother Babette Relyea; his two sisters, Mary Rashed and Cindy Isaminger and their families; his brother John's family, and extended family in Augsburg, Germany.



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George was a longtime supporter of WKNO and WEVL FM radio stations, a music appreciator and guitarist. He spent his time outside of work cooking, gardening, and woodworking. He carried with him and shared with all his love of education and the arts.

A scholarship fund for the School of Public Health has been created in his memory. Please use this link to access the form. The Professor George Relyea Scholarship:  
[supportum.memphis.edu/Relyeascholarship](http://supportum.memphis.edu/Relyeascholarship).



## Tribute Wall

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RM

**Robert Meister** posted:

George was a kind man and a major influence in my life. From the off the wall humor to his sharing of knowledge, he was a wonderful spirit. I am honored to have known him and have him as my mentor for many years.

December 7 at 5:04 PM

CH

**Claire Hopkins** posted:

George was one of the kindest men I ever met. Always delightful and so generous, an amazing cook with a delightful sense of humor. He was a truly special person in my life who I will never forget. A wonderful person who truly impacted more lives than he knew. George will be greatly missed.

February 14 at 4:13 PM

JU

**Julie** posted:

I worked with George 2005 to 2007 and he was always a delight. With those sparkly eyes and joy for the work, he made any trudging through research fun and easy. I think he could talk to anyone and be happy, so much zest for living is rare for someone so highly intelligent too. Academia, industry and anyone who ever worked with him will miss him.

February 12 at 10:46 AM



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