



## George Thomas Trtan

February 29, 1936 - July 31, 2007

George Thomas Trtan, 71, of 18 Schubert Lane, Fond du Lac, died Tuesday, July 31, 2007, at St. Agnes Hospital. He was born in Ironwood, Michigan, on February 29, 1936, the son of Jennie Perkovich Trtan and George Trtan. George attended the University of Detroit and the University of Wisconsin- Superior where he played football for Mertz Mortorelli. He commenced his teaching career in Belmont, Wisconsin. He retired from a satisfying and fulfilling career as a teacher and football coach from L.P. Goodrich High School in 1993. In his retirement, he enjoyed spending time with his family, watching his favorite sports teams (Go Bears!), discussing politics, and spending time with his friends: Harold and Joyce Cohen, Sal and Irene Curcurio, and his breakfast buddies. He is survived by his beloved wife, Beverly; a daughter, Kimberly (George Perez) of St. Paul, MN; three sons: Vincent of Middletown, CT, John and Jason of Fond du Lac; three beautiful granddaughters: Charlotte, Gabrielle, and Madeleine; two sisters: Mary Nantell of Ironwood, Michigan, and Ann Trtan of Oakland, CA; a niece, Carolyn (Gary) Nichols of Garden Grove, CA; two nephews, Jerry (Linda) Nantell of Indio, CA, and Bill (Judy) Nantell of Stevens Point, WI; and his cousins of Toronto, Canada. He was preceded in death by his parents; an uncle, Marco Trtan; and a brother-in-law, Bill Nantell. There will be visitation from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. on Friday, August 3, 2007, at Mach Funeral Chapel, 31 E. Division Street, Fond du Lac. Cremation will take place and there will be a private family service. His family would like to express their deep appreciation

to the nurses and doctors at St. Agnes Hospital.

# Tribute Wall

JS

“ *George Thomas Trtan*

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**John Sertich** - August 25, 2007 at 01:12 PM

JJ

“ *having grown up with bev and george being my mom and dads favorite two people, i saw first hand over the years why they were... my heart goes out to bev and the family. george will be greatly missed.*

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**jamie shea jauffred** - August 20, 2007 at 01:52 PM

SS

“ *Our deepest sympathy to the Trtan family. George was a wonderful man and will be sadly missed by all. From the Sears family....Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

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**shaune sears** - August 12, 2007 at 09:30 PM

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**shaune sears of Fond du Lac** - August 12, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ *George and Bev are my parents best friend's-we will miss him tremendously! We are sending our love and prayers to Bev and the family.*

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**tanna shea parker** - August 10, 2007 at 07:02 PM

LM

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*George Trtan was a great man and his legacy will continue in all those who were fortunate enough to have known him.*

*We express our sincere and deepest sympathy. He is with our Lord and hopefully the Big Guy is looking down and smiling with that big grin that he always had.*

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*We love you, George. Carolyn*

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**Carolyn Nichols of Garden Grove, CA** - August 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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Love, Kevin and Lori King

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Lori King of Minneapolis - August 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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Jay Pierce - August 05, 2007 at 06:46 PM

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As a teacher myself, I try to use some of his strategies with students of my own. He is one of my favorite teachers and my thoughts and prayers are with his family.

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**Jenni (Klotz) Nelson** - August 03, 2007 at 09:54 PM

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**Steve,Julie & Brittany Korneli** - August 03, 2007 at 07:07 PM

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DV

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Dave Velin - August 02, 2007 at 11:51 PM

TM

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**tony martini** - August 02, 2007 at 11:17 PM

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**Steven Olson** - August 02, 2007 at 07:08 PM

JR

“ Vince, Johnny and family. My heart goes out to you and yours during this difficult time. I have many fond memories of your father. John Rashid

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**John W. Rashid** - August 02, 2007 at 07:01 PM

LB

“ Dear Bev, My heart goes out to you, your family and friends. May you continue to be blessed with their love and support. I'll remember you in my prayers. The memories that you and George have created will sustain you through this time. God bless you. Love, Linda bothe

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**Linda Bothe** - August 02, 2007 at 06:30 PM

DV

“ Jason and Family-  
Sorry to hear of the loss of your father. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

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**David and Carla Velasco** - August 02, 2007 at 05:09 PM

TK

“ john and jason, my heartfelt condolences go out to you and your family. my thoughts and prayers are with you all.

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**Tony Koeck** - August 02, 2007 at 04:17 PM

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**Marc and Harriet Manis** - August 02, 2007 at 02:37 PM

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**Andrew Nielsen, Sr.** - August 02, 2007 at 02:01 PM

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**Helen Spallas** - August 02, 2007 at 09:47 AM

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