

## Obituary

**Born:** Monday, December 2, 1946

**Died:** Monday, March 22, 2021

George Cordes was born on December 2, 1946 in Elizabeth, New Jersey, His family moved to Broomall Pennsylvania in 1956. George graduated from Msgr. Bonner High School in 1964. He graduated from St. Joseph's University with a Bachelor's degree in business Administration and a Master's degree in American Studies. He also graduated from Temple School of Law. He was always proud of the fact that all of his graduate and post graduate degrees were obtained at night school.

He married Susan McKeon in 1971. She was the person, in his life, that enabled and inspired him to achieve whatever success he had. They had three children; Shawn (Anna Gryglewska), Megan (Gary Bernhard), and Kate Hackenburg (Paul). George and Sue have five grandchildren; Emily, Jack, and Finn Hopkins, Gavin Johnson and Evan Hackenburg. They also have three step-grandchildren; Zachary, Trinity, and Bryce Hackenburg. George was the oldest of seven siblings; Kevin,(Edward Kazio) Timothy (Christine), Mary Dunn (Richard), Ruthann Cordes (David Baker), Gregory (Linda Kunze), and predeceased by his brother Mark and sister-in-law Jeanne. He is also survived by 9 nieces and nephews and 6 great nieces and nephews.

George began his working life in the consumer finance business. In 1975 He began working for Delaware County Government and soon began his love of politics, specifically Republican politics. He met and was mentored by Faith Ryan Whittlesey, She introduced him to Ronald Reagan's campaign for the presidency, in 1979. In 1982, he was appointed Regional Administrator for the Mid-Atlantic Region of the US General Services Administration (GSA), wher he served for 11 years. Much of George's last year with the GSA, was in serving as the commissioner of Public Buildings for the entire US, in Washington, DC.

He completed his law degree in 1996 and upon passing the bar, he worked for Michael FX Gillin & Associates, in Media, PA., where he also returned to Delaware Government, which he served until his retirement in 2018.

George was an avid collector of both political memorabilia and 45 records throughout his life.

He was the recipient of many awards, most notably: Outstanding Young Man in America; The Chapel of the Four Chaplains Award; all of the GSA Performance Awards culminating with the agency's Outstanding Achievement Award. He always considered his greatest GSA achievement was in moving the National Archives from 5000 Wissahickon Avenue to the Old Post Office at 9th and Chestnut Streets in Philadelphia for which he was awarded the Public Service Award from the Society of Access Professionals.

In his retirement he authored his families' genealogy, as well as other introspective studies. He published his autobiography; "Political Hack, My Life in Politics", so that his children and grandchildren would know what he accomplished in life.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to St. Anastasia Endowment Fund, 3301 West Chester Pike, Newtown Square, PA 19073, would be appreciated.

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## Service Summary

### Visitation

6:00 PM to 8:00 PM, Thu Mar 25, 2021

### James J. Sweeney Funeral Home

209 Newtown St Rd  
Newtown Square, Pennsylvania 19073

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### Funeral Mass

11:00 AM Fri Mar 26, 2021

**St. Anastasia Catholic Church**

3301 West Chester Pike

Newtown Square, PA 19073