



## Gerald Timothy "Tim" Jannik

September 28, 1955 - July 2, 2021

Gerald Timothy (Tim) Jannik

Husband, Father, Son, Brother, Son-in-Law, Brother-in-Law, Uncle, Friend and Loving Grandfafa

We've lost Tim Jannik, a giant of a man—literally and figuratively—admired, respected, and beloved by friends, colleagues, and family alike. Tim left us far too soon, and though we mourn this tragic loss, we take solace in the fact that he died while pursuing one of his passions in life—rowing on the Savannah River.

A brilliant scientist, an elite athlete, a trusted friend, a mentor to co-workers—yes, he was all of those. But above all, Tim was a superb role model as a husband, father, and grandfather; a calm and steady guiding hand for his many family members, whom he loved dearly, and who adored him in return.

His presence, his influence, and his highly positive impacts on the lives of those he touched in his personal, working, and rowing lives are perhaps best captured in some of the words from the dozens of heartfelt tributes that have poured in since news of his passing began to spread: Loving . . . generous with time and talents . . . thoughtful, giving, strong . . . paved the way for others so they could succeed . . . contemplative, dedicated, compassionate . .

. attentive . . . loyal . . . gentle spirit . . . such a great loss here and a huge gain in heaven . . . appreciated the simple things . . . hardworking . . . patient, grateful, refined . . . warm, funny, reliable, and Scrabble genius . . . logical, witty, dependable . . . quietly assertive, dedicated, kind . . . disciplined . . . witty, wise, wondrous . . . faithful, humble . . . quiet strength and calmness that made you feel safe and secure . . . genuine . . . conscientious . . . competitive (very quietly) . . . consistent . . . always set example for others . . . stoic, kindhearted . . . a man of few, yet powerful words, encouraging and patient . . . avid sports fan who knew the rules of every game . . . relentless in completing what he began . . . calm and positive presence . . . my coach, my mentor, my friend, beacon in my life . . . unwavering . . . a program builder and teacher, makes people around him better . . . a force . . . excellent boat trailer driver . . . quiet, wine, and mustache . . . such a special person . . . closet snacker and secret ice cream spooner. . . amazing human being . . . miss his great story-telling . . . in my prayers . . . an amazing and passionate advocate for health and the environment--what a loss . . . truly huge loss from so many perspectives, cornerstone, leaves a huge void . . . the science brains behind improving our program, all-around class act, technically strong, organized, efficient, productive, sense of humor was just icing . . . such fond memories of working with Tim, so willing to help . . . concise . . . incredibly smart, very friendly, proud of his family, extremely family-oriented . . . .

Rest in peace, gentle soul. You are loved and missed by all who had the privilege and pleasure of knowing you.

Tim was loved by so many of us—and will never be forgotten by anyone who knew him.

The Jannik Family

His wife: Donna

His Sons: Mikhail, Tim and Joey

His Daughters-in-Law: Ann, Lauren, and Abby

His very beloved Granddaughters: Molly, Ellie, Emma, Nancy, and Claire

His precious and recently born grandson, Leif

His Sister: Nancy

His Brothers: Adam, Joe, and Steve

His Sisters-in-Law: Carol, Joan, Anna, Patricia, and Linda

His Brother-in-Law: John

His Nieces and Nephews: Tracy, Adam (Angela), Catherine (Marc), Joanne (Brian), Mary, Elizabeth (Brent), Stephen (Milessa), Ellen (Robby), Daniel (Clare), Jennifer (Steve), John, Harry, and David.

His Grand Nieces and Nephews: Shelby, Caroline, Jacob, Sydney, Joanie Rose, Boyd, Georgia, Gianna, Ashlyn, Lauren, Samantha, Ryan, Rylee, and Brantley.

His Father-in-Law, Harry, who enjoyed learning all the rules of sports, including curling, from Tim.

.... And many other family, friends, colleagues, and fellow rowers.

Tim was predeceased by his loving parents, Joseph and Olga Jannik; his loving mother-in-law, Elaine; his oldest brother, John Jannik; his sisters-in-law, Nina Jannik and Judy Jannik; and some of his beloved aunts, uncles, and cousins. May they all rest in peace together.

Tim was involved in so many projects. The latest endeavor was a bathroom remodel with youngest son Joey, and when Donna mentioned that she thought Tim might not be too pleased to have been unable to see it to completion, Joey remarked, "Well, this is our test to see how much we learned

from him.” No truer words can be said . . . we will be tested—and hopefully make Tim proud of all of us.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Augusta Rowing Club, 101 Riverfront Drive, Augusta, GA 30901.

Tim was a prolific leader in environmental health physics—and a mentor to many. A scholarship is being established in his name to honor his wide-ranging contributions to the profession. Details on the scholarship are expected to be announced later this year.

Tim’s Memorial Service Details:

July 24th 2021

Church of the Most Holy Trinity

720 Telfair Street

Augusta, GA 30901

Rosary begins at 10 AM

Memorial Mass begins at 11 AM

Memorial gifts to the Gerald Timothy “Tim” Jannik Memorial Fund can be made via the following:

Online - <http://development.gatech.edu> and click on the “GIVE NOW” button. Gerald Timothy “Tim” Jannik Memorial Fund should be put in the “Special Purpose” box.

Checks - made out to the Georgia Tech Foundation, Inc. mail to: 760 Spring Street NW., Suite 400, Atlanta, GA 30308. Please note the Gerald Timothy “Tim” Jannik Memorial Fund in the memo.

By Albert Mamatey and Patricia Lee, with a little help from Donna.

# Previous Events

## Rosary

JUL 24. 10:00 AM (ET)

Church of the Most Holy Trinity  
720 Telfair Street  
Augusta, GA 30901

## Mass

JUL 24. 11:00 AM (ET)

Church of the Most Holy Trinity  
720 Telfair Street  
Augusta, GA 30901

# Tribute Wall



“ Posey Funeral Directors created a Tribute Video in memory of Gerald Timothy "Tim" Jannik



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**Posey Funeral Directors** - July 16, 2021 at 03:55 PM



“ Gerald Timothy "Tim" Jannik

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October 06, 2023 at 06:29 AM



“ Gerald Timothy "Tim" Jannik

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September 24, 2022 at 12:12 PM



“ Donna - I'm so sorry for your loss. Tim and I were in graduate school at Ga Tech at the same time (I was in-class, and he was distance learning). We worked at SRS together throughout our careers. Through our mutual friend Peter Mora, Tim and I got involved with the Augusta Opera. Tim continued to usher for them I believe until they closed in 2008-2009. Tim was a four square guy and will be missed.

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**Joel Cantrell** - July 26, 2021 at 11:15 AM

CL

“ My heartfelt thoughts and prayers are with Donna and the family. Tim is one of the most respected in his field. A kind and thoughtful soul who loved his family and enjoyed every day of life; we were all so fortunate to learn from him and the examples he set. He will be so missed.  
Cindy Lunsford



Cindy Lunsford - July 25, 2021 at 02:21 PM



“ David Frazier lit a candle in memory of Gerald Timothy "Tim" Jannik



David Frazier - July 24, 2021 at 08:15 PM

PG

“ When I first met Tim Jannik, he impressed me with his kindness and humility. He was always a gentleman. To all of his family I extend my heartfelt condolences. He will be missed by many. Patricia Goad

Patricia L. Goad - July 24, 2021 at 01:38 PM

NH

“ I worked with Tim for many years. He was always kind, modest, and steady. I loved his smile and his quiet sense of humor. He was always willing to help anyone. I loved that he was so generous with his time and knowledge to the various students he had working with him each summer. What a great loss! My prayers go out to his family and many friends.

Nancy Halverson - July 23, 2021 at 09:25 AM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Gerald Timothy "Tim" Jannik.



July 22, 2021 at 07:41 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Gerald Timothy "Tim" Jannik.



July 22, 2021 at 03:19 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Gerald Timothy "Tim" Jannik.



July 21, 2021 at 04:39 PM



“ *Environmental Monitoring Program Team* purchased the *Garden Cross* for the family of Gerald Timothy "Tim" Jannik.



**Environmental Monitoring Program Team** - July 21, 2021 at 10:41 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Gerald Timothy "Tim" Jannik.*



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July 20, 2021 at 08:48 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gerald Timothy "Tim" Jannik.*



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July 19, 2021 at 03:38 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gerald Timothy "Tim" Jannik.*

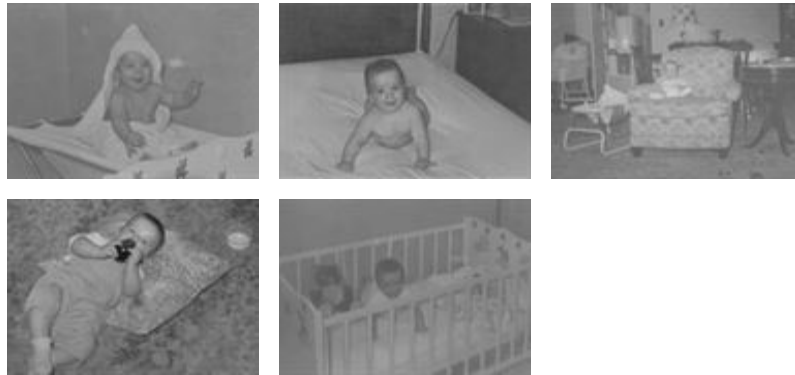


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July 18, 2021 at 08:10 PM



“ 169 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



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**Posey Funeral Directors** - July 16, 2021 at 03:50 PM

DK

“ *Donna and the Jannik family: I worked with Tim for two decades. We periodically went out for lunch together and enjoyed talking about science and ways to engage students into our programs. I'll miss our conversations and his understated humor. I'll miss him.*

*Dan Kaplan*

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**Dan Kaplan** - July 15, 2021 at 03:29 PM

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“ *Kelsey Minter, SRNL Intern 2014-2020 purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Gerald Timothy "Tim" Jannik.*



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**Kelsey Minter, SRNL Intern 2014-2020** - July 12, 2021 at 04:39 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gerald Timothy "Tim" Jannik.*



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July 11, 2021 at 10:03 PM



“ *Donna and can't, I am truly sorry for your loss. Working with Tim was always a pleasure. He had patience and he had good advice for people. He loved his rowing, we knew that, and always try to get people to join the rowing club. I know he will be missed by so many people and so many people learned a lot from Tim. I pray today that God will give you peace, comfort and strength for healing.*

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**Erma Hiott-Ellis** - July 11, 2021 at 09:19 AM



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**Erma Hiott-Ellis** - July 11, 2021 at 09:21 AM



*Kenneth W. Crase, PhD*

*I will certainly miss Tim, both from a professional as well as a personal standpoint. I worked closely with Tim on a number of varied projects and found to be a true professional with valuable and timely input. He was a very capable scientist and well respected by peers. Tim was also my friend, and even occasionally let me win at tennis. His was a gentle soul and very patient with all he encountered. Tom was a worthy role model for younger staff.*

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**Kenneth W. Crase, PhD** - July 11, 2021 at 01:57 PM

DS

*Heartfelt condolences to Donna and the family. May God fill you all with strength, comfort and peace. Rest in paradise Tim. You will be fondly remembered by all who were blessed to have known you.*

**Deborah Sleeth** - July 12, 2021 at 07:44 AM

BH

*My heart is so broken. No more rowing in a double with Tim. No more dinners. No more trips suggested, but not taken. Tim was a beacon in my life at a time when I needed change. He had such a wonderful way of cheering people on and motivating them to achieve their best. He was definitely the strong, silent type, but his words were heard loud and clear. He will be missed by so many due to his guidance and his generosity with his time. I pray God provides him calm waters to row to his heart's content. Blessings to the family and to all whose lives were touched by this incredible man.*

**Brenda Hatcher** - July 12, 2021 at 12:41 PM

RL

*Tim was a truly extraordinary oarsman and regatta director who many times helped me and various friends and members of the Columbia Rowing Club down the road in Columbia, SC. Tim was always courteous and thoughtful, willing to go the extra mile to support our rowers and scullers in times of need. What a wonderful ambassador of Crew at Augusta Rowing Club. He will be sorely missed by all of us who shared the water with him!*

**Richard Lacy** - July 13, 2021 at 01:52 PM

MA

*So many of us who worked at the Savannah River Site had the utmost respect for Tim. I never heard anyone speak ill of him. I had tremendous admiration for him and pray that God will bless his family and give them comfort and peace.*

**Margaret Arnett** - July 16, 2021 at 11:32 AM

AM

*Met Tim in 1991, when I went to work at SRS; his office was next to mine. Didn't take long to realize that this quietspoken, dignified man would become an ally, as he unfailingly supported my sometimes-difficult transition from newspaper journalist to technical editor serving an arena of brilliant scientists. He understood and appreciated the importance of deadlines (and NEVER missed one), and of accuracy, and of attention to detail. We also forged a friendship outside of work--ran together, played ping-pong, bet on football games, occasionally lunched out and socialized. I have known no finer gentleman and friend in my lifetime. Rest easy up there, Timothy; you are loved and missed by all who had the privilege of knowing you.*

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**Albert Mamatey** - July 22, 2021 at 03:00 PM

RB

*Tim Jannik was a kind, strong yet gentle man. I had the honor and pleasure of treating him for several years . I could tell by his conversation that he loved and adored his wife Donna, his children and grandchildren, rowing, work, and life..thankful that I was able to consider him a friend. He will be missed .Sincerely, Randall Boutwell*

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**randall boutwell** - July 24, 2021 at 08:50 AM