



## George Rolland Hallenbeck

August 11, 1942 - March 11, 2023

George R. Hallenbeck, age 80, died at Stamford Hospital surrounded by his family and entered into God's full embrace on March 11, 2023, following a long struggle with ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease). He was born on August 11, 1942, in Toledo, Ohio to Thomas Lewis Hallenbeck and Margaret Morrison Hull Hallenbeck; he was the eldest of three children.

George is survived by his wife Grace [Wilkinson], his son Robert [Lauren], two granddaughters Sarah and Natalie, his brother David [Marie], and sister Julia Badger [Edward] along with two nephews David [Jessica] and Andrew Badger and a great niece, Rosalind Badger.

George graduated from the Philadelphia College of Textiles and Science in 1967 and went on to a career in the insurance and telecommunications industries, but his lifelong love and passion was sailing, which started very early building a sailing pram and continued through college where he started their sailing program. He was a member of the Larchmont Yacht Club and active in the United States Power Squadrons [USPS], devoting himself to teaching the Basic Boating class.

George also enjoyed introducing recreational boaters to new technologies in navigation and communication. For example, George shepherded the adoption of Maritime Mobile Service Identities nationwide to aid in providing

help to ships in distress. Over his 65-year tenure with the national organization, he served in many areas, achieved the rank of Rear Commander, and received a Life-Time Achievement Award. George also served on Connecticut's Boating Safety Board. His colleagues and friends in the USPS will miss his great breath of experience, counsel, and accomplishments.

George was active in the First Presbyterian Church of Greenwich, where he orchestrated the set-up of live, audio visual streaming of church services to reach a wider membership. He was also known to lend a hand to anybody he ever met, often putting aside his own tasks. After a hurricane, George visited locally affected houses with dewatering pumps, whether he knew the owners or not.

Visitation will be on Wednesday, May 3, 2023, from 4pm – 8pm at Bosak Funeral Home, 453 Shippan Ave., Stamford, CT 06902.

A Celebration of Life will be on Saturday, May 6, 2023, at 11am at the First Presbyterian Church of Greenwich, 1 West Putnam Ave., Greenwich, CT 06830.

In lieu of flowers, George's family suggests a memorial contribution to the ALS Association or to a charity of your choice.

If you wish to make an online remembrance for the family online, you may sign the family guestbook at [www.bosakfuneralhome.com](http://www.bosakfuneralhome.com) or [www.facebook.com/bosakfuneralhome](https://www.facebook.com/bosakfuneralhome).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 3. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Bosak Funeral Home & Cremation  
453 Shippan Avenue  
Stamford, CT 06902

## Funeral Service

MAY 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church  
1 West Putnam Avenue  
Greenwich, CT

# Tribute Wall

RO

“ Living with ALS has been one of the hardest challenges of my life. The muscle weakness, fatigue, and gradual loss of mobility were heartbreaking. Conventional treatments offered little more than temporary comfort, and I was starting to lose hope. That’s when I discovered NaturePath Herbal Clinic. Skeptical but desperate for relief, I decided to try their herbal therapy. To my surprise, by the fourth month, I began noticing steady improvements less muscle twitching, better coordination, and renewed energy. It wasn’t an overnight miracle, but the progress felt real. For the first time in a long while, I felt a sense of control returning to my body. Today, I move more freely, sleep better, and most importantly I feel hopeful again. This journey with NaturePath has been life changing. If you or someone you love is battling ALS or any other neurodegenerative condition, I genuinely encourage you to explore natural alternatives. You might be surprised at what’s possible. I’m truly grateful I gave them a chance. [www.naturepathherbalclinic.com](http://www.naturepathherbalclinic.com) ”

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**Robert** - July 15, 2025 at 10:41 AM

CO

“ My first ALS symptom occurred in 2016, but was diagnosed in 2018. I had severe symptoms ranging from shortness of breath, balance problems, couldn’t walk without a walker or a power chair, i had difficulty swallowing and fatiue. I was given medications which helped but only for a short burst of time, then I decided to try alternative measures and began on ALS Formula treatment from Aknni herbs centre, It has made a tremendous difference for me (Visit ww w. aknniherbscentre.c om). I had improved walking balance, increased appetite, muscle strength, improved eyesight and others. ”

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**cory** - May 28, 2025 at 03:04 PM

SI

“ I Almost lost my Mom to this horrific disease. She battled it for 9 year's diagnosed, but we believe she had it even before that. but all thanks to Aknniherbscentre .com for their AIs protocol. She is the strongest person I have ever known and thanks !!!! to aknni herbs centre

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**sima** - July 22, 2024 at 11:41 AM

MM

“ I send my condolences to Grace, my son in law's Mother and my dear friend,  
We are grandmothers together, and I know what comfort that gives us both in our later years.  
Best wishes to Jean and to the extended family.  
You have been such a comfort and help to Grace.  
Rob and my daughter, Lauren, are wonderful parents to Sarah and Natalie.  
George was proud of his Grandchildren. Miriam Murphy.

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**Miriam Murphy** - May 02, 2023 at 06:30 PM

EV

“ George, will miss you every November. You were a perfect gentleman, friend and a wealth of information. Rest in Peace

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**Eva** - May 01, 2023 at 09:54 AM

GA

“ There are only a few who have been so devoted or who have given so much to the United States Power Squadrons. He was much appreciated and now he is much missed. My heart is with Grace and his family.

Geoffrey Axt

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**Geoffrey Axt** - May 01, 2023 at 12:21 AM

DW

“ Please accept my deepest sympathy for your loss. My thoughts are with you and your family at this most difficult time.

*Lt/C David Wilkinson, S  
Secretary  
United States Power Squadron  
District 2*

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**David Wilkinson** - April 30, 2023 at 08:56 AM

DF

“ We (Dean & Mireli) knew George Since 2003 when he taught us the Americas Boating Course. Although I did not get to know him until I too became commander in 2014 but of the Norwalk Squadron. Shortly after, George kind of felt we The Power Squadron needed something to get the attention of the younger sailors that's when he came up with the idea of a virtual trainer. The Power Squadron felty the same and let George run with it. A few years later it was up and working, shortly after more were made and well more younger sailors were interested in Sailing, also known as Georges' passion. We would take turns showing and talking about all we knew of sailing, as well as training on the Virtual Trainer.

*We will miss George he was a kind man that took the time to talk to you. I would often have to hurry him along since the line for the trainer was getting long.*

*Dean Fino - Past Norwalk Sail and Power Squadron Commander*

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**Dean Fino** - April 28, 2023 at 01:55 PM

GD

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**Gene Danko** - April 28, 2023 at 09:25 AM

GD

*George, old friend, you have touched so many through your true calling. Thank you for jumping in with both feet whenever asked!*

*We worked together on the Electro-Mechanical Systems Committee, which George took over at the end of my tenure. We worked together on GMDSS issues and the MMSI project. He was particularly driven by the latter -- the last time we met face-to-face George was laser focused on the work and insistent that it continue. His dedication to all civic service commitments is not only admirable, it shaped the lives of friends and strangers alike.*

*Thank you, George, for your hospitality at Larchmont, aboard Great Gaels, among the Corinthians, and a deep and true friendship built on service to others.*

*Fair winds and following seas, my friend.*

*Gene Danko*

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**Gene Danko** - April 28, 2023 at 09:50 AM

SR

“ *Past Rear Commander George Hallenbeck, Advanced Pilot, of the United States Power Squadrons -*

*We were colleagues for almost 20 years. When he was District Educational Officer, I was District Commander and he was always ready to accompany me to changes of watch or other events in the 16 squadrons in Massachusetts, New York and Connecticut.*

*I wanted to introduce on water instruction to our members and National had just come out with a great boat handling course. George was the first certified instructor in our district. We wanted to have a trial course and Darien organized this. George checked the area in advance – tides, depths, boat traffic, and bright and early laid out buoys for the various maneuvers. 8 buoys kept in place by mushrooms were put out for the slalom. This maneuver involved zigzagging through the course forwards and then in reverse – not easy.*

*Now George was a demanding instructor and NEVER graduated a student who didn't meet his stringent standards – except this ONCE! I was one of the four students in this trial course and unbeknownst to him had never driven a powerboat before. I made sure I was always the last to do a maneuver and learned how the others did it. We all passed!*

*This on water instruction is very difficult to put on, but we held many courses throughout the area and George was a major force.*

*Together with Ann Peskin, George created boating instruction for children and for many years they gave this in the Stamford schools. I copied this for the Greenwich Young Mariners – and know that it gave youngsters the start in boating they would never have had otherwise.*

*These and so many more memories will keep George in my thoughts – always with a smile. And I will always think of him as Mr.*

*United States Power Squadrons.*

*Susan Ryan, Greenwich*

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**Susan Ryan** - April 28, 2023 at 08:34 AM

SR

“ 4 files added to the album *Past Rear Commander George Hallenbeck AP*



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**Susan Ryan** - April 28, 2023 at 08:31 AM