



## Jorge Arturo Thevenet

January 27, 1953 - October 16, 2018

Jorge Arturo Thevenet, 65, passed on Tuesday, October 16, 2018, at his home in Ashburn, Virginia.

Jorge was born January 27, 1953 in Montevideo, Uruguay. He was the son of the late Jorge Arturo Thevenet and Ana Maria Canziani de Thevenet. He is survived by his mother and by his loving wife, Lisa Zavada Thevenet, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and many other family members.

Jorge and his family moved to the Washington area in 1965. He is a graduate of Washington & Lee High School in Arlington, VA and of George Mason University, where he earned a BS in Business Administration in 1975. He worked as an Accountant and Auditor.

Throughout his life, Jorge devoted his time to public service. He is a former member of the Oakton Jaycees. He was an Extra Class Amateur Radio operator and a member and former President and Director of the Vienna Wireless Society, where he coordinated and led numerous public service projects, including 'Spook Watch', providing safety and welfare communication for Vienna's annual Halloween Parades, and worked at the annual Turkey Trot.5K.

In Loudoun County, Jorge organized teams of volunteers to provide communications for public events including the March of Dimes walk in Leesburg, the National Trail Ride 5 and 10K rides, and the Loudoun Red Cross bike events.

Jorge was a volunteer examiner (VE) for the ARRL and Laurel groups, administering amateur radio licensing exams for the FCC. He organized a team of VE's and worked with local radio groups to run test sessions for people entering the hobby or upgrading their licenses.

Jorge was instrumental in creating the National Weather Service's volunteer severe

weather spotting program called Skywarn, for which he received an NWS Public Safety Award. Jorge and Lisa spent many days and nights at the NWS forecast office receiving real time severe weather reports over amateur radio that were immediately relayed to the forecasters which were integrated into the weather warnings during many blizzards, floods and tornado events. Their efforts supported the NWS' mission saving lives and property. This updated Skywarn program has been adopted nationwide.

Jorge served for 18 years as a team leader for Loudoun County Red Cross Disaster Services, helping local families in the aftermath of home fires or storm damage. He worked closely with the county Fire and Rescue teams to assess needs and provide support. He managed the LCRC field office set up at Leesburg airport for the many victims of hurricane Katrina who evacuated to Loudoun County. Jorge also served as a translator for local Emergency Management teams and first responders.

Jorge truly enjoyed meeting people and made friends easily. He had a love of history and world cultures, and loved learning from the people he met. He was always ready to help neighbors and friends with anything they needed, and always looked out for them. We will all miss him.

# Events

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**NOV**   **Visitation**   01:00PM - 04:00PM

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Loudoun Funeral Chapel

158 Catoctin Circle, S.E., Leesburg, VA, US

# Comments

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“ Sincerest condolences to Lisa and family. Jorge is sorely missed.

- Bayard Snowden, Eads, Tennessee

**Bayard Snowden** - October 28, 2018 at 09:51 AM

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“ Dear Lisa and family, please accept my deepest condolences on the passing of Jorge. We reconnected at our 40th high school reunion back in 2011 and became good friends. It was a fun evening talking with you and Jorge. He was a charming, engaging, dedicated, funny man. I am sorry I am unable to attend the service as I live in Austin. My thoughts are with you at this time.

--Stephanie Ann Fitts

**Stephanie Ann Fitts** - October 24, 2018 at 04:46 PM

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**dan gropper** - October 24, 2018 at 01:53 PM

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“ Lisa told me a story once that comes to mind. Many years ago, Jorge's used to drive a big dark sedan with many antenna on the hood due to his work with emergency services. He may have been speeding (maybe not) but was passed by a real undercover cop driving the same type of vehicle who acknowledged Jorge with a nod as if he was on the same side. It seems like Jorge was the kind of fellow you want to have on your side.

My sincere condolences to Lisa and the whole family.  
Peggy Axelrod

peggy axelrod - October 22, 2018 at 08:59 PM



“ Dear Lisa and family,  
So sorry for your loss. Jorge and I were classmates at Washington -Lee High School. My heart and prayers go out to you and your family. Jorge sounded like a great guy. Big heart and a servant for man kind.  
He made a difference in this life and that's a blessing!!  
Heartfelt sorrow,  
Mary Sullivan Fite  
Class of 71

mary Fite - October 23, 2018 at 08:42 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jorge Arturo Thevenet.



October 22, 2018 at 03:00 PM



“ Jorge ..... what an outstanding example of humanity in action. Jorge readily responded to the call for help and did so with no nonsense but plenty of humor. The world has lost a good man and heaven has gained. RIP my friend

Traci Winfree Landreth - October 21, 2018 at 12:54 PM