

# Obituary for George A. Mahoney

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George A. Mahoney, pianist and musical accompanist, was born on September 21, 1930 in Torrington, Connecticut. He served in the United States Air Force. For several years George was the piano player at Limerick House, a popular restaurant in New York City, where every Sunday evening he could be found at the keyboard playing a wide variety of popular melodies from the 1920s, 30s, 40s, 50s, and 60s. As part of his act he invited members of the audience to sing at the mike. His trademark phrase was “You got the job!” which he would exclaim whenever he liked someone’s singing. His ability to provide musical accompaniment for the numerous singers who performed at the mike each week, without rehearsal, was remarkable. He had an unwavering ear for key and pitch and was able to play in an easy manner that complemented each singer’s style. George was a virtual encyclopedia of musical melodies; among his favorites in his vast repertoire of tunes were the songs of Frank Sinatra, Al Jolson, George M. Cohan, Irving Berlin, and Tony Bennett. He had a devoted following among the Limerick House crowd and was well liked and respected by all who knew him. George continued to perform until just days before his death, on September 22, 2012, at age 82, in Mamaroneck, New York, where he resided. His warm personality and musical virtuosity will be missed. He is survived by his daughter, Eva Mahoney, and son, Mark Mahoney.



George A. Mahoney at the keyboard at Limerick House (photo by Phillip W. Weiss)

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