



Edward Dean Beck

January 30, 1936 - February 11, 2025

Edward Dean Beck 89, Apple Valley, Mn died at home, Tuesday February 11, 2025.

Ed was born on January 30, 1936 to Emma and Noble Beck in Decatur, Illinois.

After graduating from Decatur High School Ed enlisted in the U.S. Navy from 1954 to 1958 where he served on the USS Los Angeles. His pride of service to his country he carried with him all his life. He received the Defense Service Medal as well as the Good Conduct Medal. He then served in the U.S. Naval Reserve until 1962.

In 1959 he began his lifelong career with the United States Postal Service. He started out on the Railway Post Office on the Chicago to Minneapolis run out of Midway and worked his way through the ranks from mail processing clerk to letter carrier and then in management positions. He moved across the country as he was promoted through the Regions and Districts until settling in Minnesota as District Director of Customer Services. He was Postmaster in Shakopee, Mn as well as Hopkins, Mn when the Districts consolidated. He retired in 1992 after 33 years of service.

Through the years Ed loved to volunteer and give back to his community. He

was an Auxiliary Deputy Sheriff with the Macon County Sheriff's Office in Decatur, Illinois. He also volunteered for the New Mexico Honor Guard rifle squad. Ed felt great pride to once again serve his country and veterans. He also volunteered at the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta for many years and enjoyed meeting people from around the world.

But the most important thing in Ed's life was his family. Ed met his wife Susan in 1981.

They married in 1982 and have had 42 wonderful, magical years together. He was her "Harlequin Romance". man.

Between them they had six children; Michael, Patrick, Bradley, Bryan, Lisa and Sean. He was a very involved Dad and coached the kids in baseball and softball and life.

His family meant everything to Ed. His 5 sons and one daughter have many "Dad" stories but every single one had a special relationship with their Dad and knew how much they were loved by him.

He learned to downhill ski at 45 and Rollerblade at 57. At 71 he won a Harley in a raffle. He remained athletic throughout his life. Good health and exercise were very important to him and he continued his healthy habits his whole life.

Ed and Sue moved to Albuquerque, NM in 2005 and spent 17 years there before moving back to Minnesota.

They had a wonderful retirement traveling and going on cruises with family and great friends.

Edward is survived by his wife Susan. His children Michael (Barbara) Peoria, Az; Patrick (Janet) Robbinsdale, Mn; Mrs. Bradley (Doreen) Beck, Fergus Falls, Mn; Bryan Beck, Albuquerque, Nm; Lisa (Mark) Kimmes Cottage Grove,

Mn; Sean (Chrisie) Knie Sacramento, Ca;

Grandchildren, Braden (Vanessa), Natalie (Kurt) Easterday, Katrina (Matthew) White, Andy (Klara), Erin (Ryan) Berget, Ryan (Alicia), Jonathon (Jenica), Zachery (Laura), Josh (Maria), Meghan (Mike) Kelley, Dana (Austin) Thomas, Brady, Mason, Sabrina (Benjamin) James, Sean Jr., Lydia, Janey, Jett

Great Grandchildren, Breanne, Josiah, Holley, Calvin, Lucey, Amelia, Leon, Alice, Emilie, Hailey

Edward was preceded in death by his parents Noble and Emma; sisters Norma Jean, Donna Lee, and Karen Sue and brother Darrell; Son, Bradley; Granddaughters, Taylor and Sarah Great Granddaughter, Lakelynn

Visitation: Wednesday February 19th, 2025

4-7 pm with prayers at 6:30 at Washburn McReavy Funeral Home
1838 E Minnehaha Parkway, Minneapolis, Mn

Mass of Christian Burial Thursday February 20th, 2025 at 10:30 am
With Visitation 1 hour before services at St. Helena Catholic Church
3204 E 43rd St. Minneapolis, Mn

Interment at 12:30 pm Fort Snelling National Cemetery

Luncheon served at St. Helena Catholic Church following Interment.

Ed's family would also like to thank Minnesota Hospice for their kindness and caring of Ed and his family. It was very much appreciated.

In lieu of Flowers, memorials preferred to the Alzheimer's Association and the

American Lung Association.

Cemetery Details

Fort Snelling National Cemetery

7601 34th Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55450

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 19. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Nokomis Park Chapel
1838 E. Minnehaha Parkway
Minneapolis, MN 55407
(612) 721-1651
info@washburn-mcreavy.com

Visitation

FEB 20. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Helena Catholic Church
3201 E. 43rd Street
Minneapolis, MN

Mass of Christian Burial

FEB 20. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

St. Helena Catholic Church
3201 E. 43rd Street
Minneapolis, MN

Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful Dreams* was purchased for the family of Edward Dean Beck.



February 18, 2025 at 04:52 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Edward Dean Beck.



February 17, 2025 at 05:44 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Edward Dean Beck.

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“ *Mark, Matt, Angy, Amy, Dan, Sam, and Maggy* purchased the *Divine Light* for the family of Edward Dean Beck.



Mark, Matt, Angy, Amy, Dan, Sam, and Maggy - February 17, 2025 at 10:39 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Edward Dean Beck.*



February 15, 2025 at 02:41 PM