



Edward Joseph Ulmaniec Jr

December 11, 1938 - November 7, 2025

Edward Joseph Ulmaniec, Jr., age 86, of Northeast Minneapolis, passed away peacefully on November 7, 2025. Born on December 12, 1938, in Minneapolis, Ed was the son of Mae (Gronlund) and Edward Ulmaniec, Sr. He was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Jean Mastro; his younger brother, Jimmy Ulmaniec; and his second wife, Carol Jean (Cruise) Ulmaniec. Ed is survived by his three children: Mary Ulmaniec Bianco and her husband, Joseph Bianco; Edward Ulmaniec III and his wife, Tara Ulmaniec; and Christine Swenning and her husband, Terry Swenning. He is also lovingly remembered by his grandchildren, Amy Bianco Regan and her husband, Cam Bianco Regan; Erin Bianco; and Joey Bianco. A proud lifelong resident of Northeast Minneapolis, Ed graduated from Edison High School before enlisting in the U.S. Navy. Following his service, he attended the University of Minnesota, where he became a devoted Gopher fan-a loyalty he carried throughout his life, especially Gopher hockey. Ed had a deep appreciation for all sports, not only for the games themselves but for the qualities they represent: resilience, teamwork, and sportsmanship. He also enjoyed biking the Minneapolis bike paths well into his 70s, taking in the changing seasons and the familiar neighborhoods he loved. Ed will be remembered for his love and caring concern for his family, and especially for the deep pride and affection he held for his children and grandchildren. Private interment Fort Snelling.

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“As my father-in-law, Ed was a man who never took anyone’s kindness for granted. He was always thankful for the little things I did for him—and for all the little things we all did for him. His gratitude was genuine and constant, whether it was a visit, a meal, or simply spending time together.

I always enjoyed listening to his stories from his days in the Navy. He told them with such pride and warmth, often with a quiet smile that spoke of the memories behind the words. Through those stories, you could feel the strength of his character, his humor, and the life lessons that shaped him.

Ed’s gentle spirit and love for his family touched everyone around him. It was truly an honor to know him and to be part of his life. His kindness, his stories, and the way he made people feel appreciated will stay with me forever.

He will be missed!

Terry Swenning

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