



Edward Joseph Henriksen

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Edward Joseph Henriksen of Rehoboth Beach, DE, formerly of Bowie, MD, departed this life on April 12, 2011 after a hard fought battle against a long and lengthy illness. He was born in Brooklyn, NY on September 28, 1929 to immigrant parents, Edward Ernst and Annie (Grimley) Henriksen. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Mary.

He grew up in Greenwich, CT, graduating from Greenwich High School and played semi-pro basketball after high school with Shea's Shamrocks.

Ed enlisted with the US Army at the start of the "Forgotten War" in Korea and fought bravely with the 279th Thunderbirds, 45th Infantry Division. He attained the rank of 1st Lt. and received the Silver Star for gallantry in action. He was honorably discharged from the Army in 1954 and the USAF Reserves in 1959.

He attended Davis and Elkins College in Elkins, WV on the GI Bill and a football scholarship—starting at center and middle linebacker. He later worked to achieve his MBA at George Washington University at night.

Ed led an exceptional career that spanned over 30 years of dedicated Civil Service. He retired in 1985 from the U.S. Department of Commerce and after a year of consulting various government agencies, he started Mill Branch Nursery, which he ran successfully until his second retirement.

Throughout his life, he was an avid golfer and a strong athlete. He stayed active at the YMCA and enjoyed gardening. He served on numerous committees in the community, set-up golf leagues and volunteered at several of the State Parks. He cherished the time spent with his grandchildren, family and friends. He will be remembered for his quick wit and dry sense of humor and will be greatly missed by his family and always loved.



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Surviving is his wife of 54 years, Barbara, one son, daughter-in-law, two grandchildren, one brother and sister-in-law and numerous nieces and one nephew.

A Chapel Committal Service will be held on Monday, June 6, 2011 at 10:00 AM at the Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 26669 Patriots Way, Millsboro, DE 19966, with full military honors. A Celebration of Edward's Life will immediately follow the Committal Service.

In lieu of flowers, Memorial Contributions may be made to: Sussex Family YMCA, The Strong Kids Camp, 20080 Church Street, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971.

Arrangements by Parsell Funeral Homes and Crematorium, Atkins-Lodge Chapel, Lewes.

Please visit and sign the online guestbook for Mr. Henriksen at www.parsellfuneralhomes.com.

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Chapel Committal


 **Monday**, June 6, 2011

 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM ET


 **Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery**
26669 Patriots Way, Millsboro DE

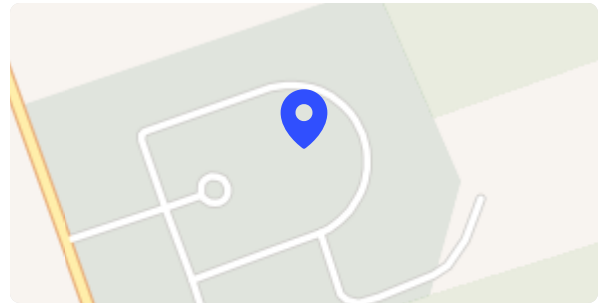


Chapel Service

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26669 Patriots Way, Millsboro DE





Tribute Wall

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MC

Martin Craig posted:

A WONDERFUL GUY! A LONG AND LOYAL FRIEND WHO FOUGHT THE GOOD FIGHT! YOU WILL BE MISSED BY ALL.

April 29 at 8:00 PM

JP

Jerry And Carla Peterman posted:

Barb and kids, our love and prayers for you. Loved the time I spent with him in Alaska.

April 27 at 8:00 PM

BS

Bill And Jayne Sass posted:

We were so sad to learn of Ed dying. He was our friend and loved by our entire family. He was so generous with his time and expertise whenever he was needed. He will be greatly missed.

April 26 at 8:00 PM

AH

Art & Joyce Henriksen posted:

Dear Barbara: In the dictionary, Ed's picture would be next to the words friendly, caring, honest and loyal. To you, Barb, the words would be loving, dependable and open. To you, Burr, the words would be very proud. He is my brother and I love him, rest in peace, Art.

April 25 at 8:00 PM

JW

John Weidenhof posted:

The Officers and Members of KWVA Chapter One offer our condolences and thank Edward Joseph Henriksen for his vailiant service to our Country. May he rest in peace!

April 24 at 8:00 PM

MP

Mike & Mary Lou Prokopchak posted:

After Barb & Ed moved from MD to Rehoboth we did get to visit and can remember Ed especially telling such wonderful stories about Burr being the very proud father and grandfather he was...and of course always had such kind words for his best friend Barb. Our prayers for comfort are with the family as he is tending the gardens above.

April 22 at 8:00 PM



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RY

Ron And Pat Young posted:

We were so sorry to hear the sad news of Ed's passing. We plan to attend the service. Sincerely,
Ron and Pat

April 20 at 8:00 PM

JM

John Miles posted:

I was so sorry to hear of Mr. Henriksen's passing. He fought hard in everything he did, including for life itself. The Miles family wishes to extend our deepest condolences. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

April 18 at 8:00 PM

RM

Robert Miles posted:

Very sad news to hear. Lost touch over the years, but not love or respect. God Bless you Mr. H. The world has lost a true hero.

April 17 at 8:00 PM

RH

Ron And Lynne Head posted:

Our condolences to the Henriksen Family. Although we never had the pleasure of meeting Ed, we are close friends with his brother and wife, Art and Joyce. Please accept our sincere sympathy to the entire family.
Ron and Lynne Head

April 17 at 8:00 PM

LS

Leslie Smith posted:

Aunt Barb and Burr, I was saddened to hear of Uncle Ed's passing. Jerry and I send our blessings and love to you both and to your family Burr. My fond memories of Uncle Ed will always be cherished. You are in our prayers.

April 16 at 8:00 PM



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MH

Margie And Phil Hadsell posted:

So sorry to hear this news. Ed was a special guy and good friend. Glad we could all be together last year in Rehoboth. We didn't make it back this year. Thinking about you and hoping to talk with you soon. Margie and Phil

April 16 at 8:00 PM

BB

Betsy Baumeister posted:

Ed was a remarkable person. The pool at the Y is not the same without Ed and his pal, Creston. He will be missed.

April 16 at 8:00 PM

RF

Robyn Fredericks posted:

Aunt Barb, Burr & Family: I'm so sorry to hear of Uncle Ed's passing. I have wonderful memories of his visit to California and always making his nieces laugh. I know he's having a wonderful reunion with Grandpa, Grandma and Aunt Mary. Love, Robyn

April 16 at 8:00 PM

BC

Bill & Catherine Cumberland posted:

Burr, our sincere condolences on your loss. May your memories give you strength through this difficult time. May you also continue to celebrate and share those memories with others in the months and years ahead. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

April 16 at 8:00 PM

FS

Fred & Becky Schnabele posted:

We are profoundly sorry to learn of Ed's passing. We were privileged to know him for over forty years. He was a good man and great friend. He will be sorely missed.

April 16 at 8:00 PM

EH

Ed Hill posted:

A great guy with a lot of wonderful stories. He will be missed by many. He is in my prayers.

April 15 at 8:00 PM



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KB

Kathy Brown posted:

We will surely miss you Uncle Ed! Our thoughts and prayers go out to Aunt Barb, Burr and his family! Love, Doug, Kathy, Holly & Lindsey

April 15 at 8:00 PM

BH

Burr Henriksen posted:

Dad - May you rest in peace. We love you. To all the great men of the 45th Infantry Division - thank you. "Born at sea, baptized in blood, your fame will never die."

April 14 at 8:00 PM

JH

J&L Henriksen posted:

We love and miss you grandpa!

April 14 at 8:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

A sympathy card has been sent to the family of Edward Joseph Henriksen.

April 14 at 8:00 PM

RF

Rick Miles And Family posted:

My sympathy to the extended family. Pax Vobiscum, Ed.

April 14 at 8:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Edward by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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