



Edward Ray Fairbanks, Sr.

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Edward “Ed” Ray Fairbanks, Sr., age 91, passed peacefully into the arms of Our Lord, on Wednesday, February 1, 2023, Born on March 4, 1931, in Washington, DC, he was son of the late Ray and Agnes (Menzies) Fairbanks.

Ed retired from Cable & Wireless Communications in 1996 and moved to Ocean View, DE, so that he could enjoy all that the Eastern shore had to offer, as he loved being close to the water, boating and fishing. A talented craftsman, Ed loved to work with his hands and build things, and crafted many beautiful clocks, boats, and furniture. He was an enthusiastic fan of the Baltimore Orioles and the Washington Redskins Football team. He will be deeply missed by all who had the good fortune to know him.

In addition to his parents, Ed “Pap” was preceded in death by his beloved bride, Dora Virginia (Lawson) Fairbanks. He is survived by his three children, Mary V. Walker (Chuck), of Anniston, AL, Deborah C. O’Donnell (Jack) of Severn, MD, and Edward “Ray” Fairbanks, Jr. (Theresa) of Bunker Hill, WV; his beloved grandchildren: Katie Borth, Kelly Mills, John O’Donnell, and Keith Noble, and five great-grandchildren: Peter, Ava, Maci, Kayla, and Alana.

No services are scheduled; however, Ed’s family asks that you all remember Ed fondly and take every chance you are given to enjoy each day and each other while you can.

Please sign Ed's virtual guestbook located on the tribute page.



Tribute Wall

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R

Ray Fairbanks posted:

Happy 95th birthday dad!! Love you!

March 4 at 9:49 AM

R

Ray Fairbanks posted:

Love and miss you Dad. Think about you all the time. -Ray-

February 1 at 8:45 AM

R

Ray Fairbanks posted:

Merry Christmas, Dad! Love you and miss you.

December 25 at 4:11 AM

RF

Ray Fairbanks posted:

Happy Birthday, Dad!! Love you and miss you...

March 4 at 4:50 AM

RF

Ray Fairbanks posted:

Dad,Hard to believe it's been 2 years already. I still miss you every day. Love yaRay

February 1 at 9:01 AM

RF

Ray Fairbanks shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Going through some files today and this pic dropped out. Love you and miss you both...

September 6 at 9:45 AM



RF

Ray Fairbanks posted:

Happy birthday, Dad! Love you and miss you every day!

March 4 at 3:31 AM



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Ray Fairbanks posted:

Love and miss you, Dad. Hard to believe it's only been a year... Seems like forever. You are missed and thought of every day. Love you Ray

February 1 at 5:26 PM



Ray Fairbanks posted:

Merry Christmas, Dad! Love you and miss you.

December 24 at 5:15 PM



Ray Fairbanks posted:

Happy birthday, Dad! Love you and miss you. Ray

March 4 at 1:43 PM



Whitney-Jane Welch lit a candle in honor of Edward Ray.

My heart goes out to Mr. Fairbanks family & friends. I'm thankful I had the pleasure to take care of him and get close to him. I will always cherish the memories we shared along with the life lessons he taught me. Some days I kept him in check, most days he sure kept me in check on my tippy toes. He will be a resident I will remember forever! Hugs & prayers to loved ones. Whitney Welch CNA



February 3 at 6:30 PM



Ray Fairbanks February 4 at 11:31 AM

Thank you Whitney for taking such good care of our father. I know that he enjoyed you and all of the staff at Cadia. We appreciate the time you spent with him more than we could ever express... Ray Fairbanks



Jean Tryens posted:

So sorry to hear about your passing, will miss you, your friend Jean.

February 3 at 11:23 AM



Ray Fairbanks February 3 at 11:45 AM

Thank you, Jean. You were a very special party of Ed's life and ours.



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TF

Terrie Frazier posted:

It has been a long time since I've seen you, Mr. Fairbanks, but the memories of you living next door to us and all of us hanging out at Wood's Wharf with you will live on in my heart forever! I am blessed to have had you, Dora, Mary, Chris and Ray as such special people in my childhood, with the many good memories that will live on in my mind! I wish you all comfort during this difficult time. I am sending hugs and reliving our days of catching crabs together down at the boat, eating those crabs together back home, skateboarding down the sidewalks of Moffett Road, summer nights on the front porches, eating Moon Pies and drinking Grape NeHi on the pier at Mr. Woods' place, and swimming in your pool in the back yard. You certainly hold a special place in this girl's heart. I hope the fish are biting and the bay is always calm for you now. I hope you are happily in the arms of Mrs. Fairbanks, watching over your family from up above. Rest In Peace. Fondly from one of the girls next door -
Terrie Hoyle Frazier

February 3 at 9:05 AM

MW

Mary Walker February 5 at 8:19 PM

Thank you Terrie and Bill for those memories! I had not thought of those times for a long while and they were good. Praying all is good with your families...Love, Mary

RF

Ray Fairbanks February 4 at 2:44 PM

Thanks, Bill! Good times indeed - memories that I will always good dear. Hope all is well...-Ray-

BH

Bill Hoyle February 4 at 12:38 PM

Memories of good times, boats, having a beer, taking all the kids crabbing at the pier, Woods wharf where we kept the boats, talking with Capt. Gene and Pluggy, lunch at Deal and then home to eat crabs. None of us will ever forget those days. Ed and Dora will always be remembered by the Hoyles and the good times. Mary, Kris and Ray our hearts go out to you at this difficult time and Joyce and I are sorry for your loss. We want you to know that one of Ed's models he gave to us sits in our family room and is a reminder to the good times we had. Love to all of you. Joyce and Bill

RF

Ray Fairbanks February 3 at 11:46 AM

Thank you, Terri! It's been forever, but I certainly hope all is well. The memories, thoughts and kind words are greatly appreciated. -Ray-



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Deborah "Chris" Odonnell posted:

The Dashi read of a man who stood to speak at a funeral of a friend. He referred to the dates on the tombstone from the beginning...to the end.He noted that first came the date of birth and spoke of the following date with tears but said what mattered most of all was the dash between those years.For that dash represents all the time they spent alive on earth and now only those who loved them know what that little line is worth.For it matters not, how much we own, the cars...the house...the cash. What matters is how we lived and loved and how we spend our dash.So, think about this long and hard; are there things you'd like to change? For you never know how much time is left that still can be rearranged.To be less quick to anger and show appreciation more and love the people in our lives like we've never loved before.If we treat each other with respect and more often wear a smile... remembering that this special dash might only last a little while.So, when your eulogy is being read, with your life's actions to rehash, would you be proud of the things they say about how you lived your dash?

February 2 at 11:41 PM



Deborah "Chris" Odonnell posted:

It's hard to accept that you are gone. We had our good times and bad. I have always loved you and will surely miss you.Rest in peace

February 2 at 2:11 PM



John Fairbanks Odonnell shared 3 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

This isn't goodbye, this is I'll see you later, Pap. Jackie, Maci, Jean and I will forever miss you! You're legacy will live on through our family forever. I'm so glad I came to see you Tuesday with Mom. You were a great man who loved his family. Hopefully the O's can pull one out this season in your honor. Thank you for the memories and thank you from the best Mother, Aunt, and Uncle a guy could ask for!



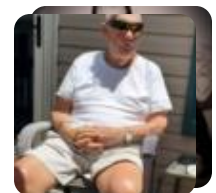
February 2 at 9:39 AM

JO **John Fairbanks Odonnell** February 2 at 12:49 PM
For*



Mary Walker shared 2 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Dad, will miss you and hope you know you were loved. Glad you are now at peace.
♥ Mary and Chuck.



February 2 at 10:18 AM



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Ray Fairbanks lit a candle in honor of Edward Ray.

Dad, you will forever be missed. I love you.Ray

February 2 at 9:46 AM



Theresa Fairbanks lit a candle in honor of Edward Ray.

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Memories only last if you share them

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



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