



## Edward Clarence Dufrane

December 3, 1933 - November 7, 2021

Edward Clarence Dufrane, age 87, of Gainesville, VA, passed away on Sunday, November 7, 2021, at his home. He was born on December 3, 1933, in Kimberly, Wisconsin to his parents Lawrence Dufrane and Johanna (Vanden Wyngaard) Dufrane.

Edward graduated from Kimberly High School in 1953, where he played football, ran track, sang in the chorus, and worked on the yearbook. Upon graduation Edward entered the U.S. Navy to serve 4 years duty to his country as a Radarman on the USS Taconic AGC-17 and the USS Adirondack AGC-15. He met Catherine Pawlak in 1955 and the two were married on October 19, 1957, in Grindstone, PA. Edward continued a career in telecommunications for Western Electric and AT&T, as a telephone technician. He retired from AT&T after 35 years in 1994.

Edward loved God and his family. He enjoyed singing, bowling, baseball, football, playing cards and games, and had a great sense of humor. He was a servant of God singing in the church choir for many years, along with being a member of the Knights of Columbus. He was a family man coming from a large family of which he had 10 siblings. He was a wonderful husband who loved and cared for his wife for 62 years, and a great father to 3 children, and a lovely grandfather to 7 grandchildren. Edward was endeared and loved by many of his family and friends who also affectionately called him "Sonny" or

“Dewey”.

Edward is survived by his children: Stanley Dufrane (Suzanne), Vincent Dufrane (Amy), and Joanne Dufrane Bennett (Mike); his sisters: Agnes Smarzinski and Delores Boudry; as well as seven grandchildren: Madeline Dufrane, Matthew Dufrane, Elizabeth Dufrane, Emily Dufrane, Vincent Dufrane, Catherine Bennett, and Michael Bennett.

Edward was preceded in death by his wife Catherine (Pawlak) Dufrane; siblings: Levi Dufrane, Frances Zwiers, Lawrence “Tooty” Dufrane, Myrtle Sauer, Harold Dufrane, Ruben Dufrane, Rosella Schumacher, and Carol Hietpas.

The family has entrusted Pierce Funeral Home with the arrangements. Family and friends will gather for a visitation on Sunday, November 14, 2021, from 6:00-8:00 PM at Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center St. Manassas, VA 20110. A Mass of Christian Burial is scheduled for Monday, November 15, 2021, at 10:30 AM at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 8213 Linton Hall Rd. Gainesville, VA 20155. Internment will then be held at Stonewall Memory Gardens on Monday, November 15, 2021, at 12 PM, 12004 Lee Hwy. Manassas, VA 20109. Father Vander Woude will officiate the ceremony. A reception will follow at the Bennett house. To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of Edward Dufrane please visit our Sympathy Store, or charitable donations can be made in his name to St. Jude Children’s Hospital, Boys Town, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) or Paralyzed Veterans of America.

# Cemetery Details

## Stonewall Memory Gardens

12004 Lee Highway  
Manassas, VA 20109  
<http://www.stonewallmemorygardens.com>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 14. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home  
9609 Center St.  
Manassas, VA 20110  
(703) 257-6028  
[pfh@piercefh.com](mailto:pfh@piercefh.com)  
<https://www.piercefh.com>

## Mass of Christian Burial

NOV 15. 10:30 AM (ET)

Holy Trinity Catholic Church  
8213 Linton Hall Rd  
Gainesville, VA 20155-2997  
(703) 753-6700

## Burial

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NOV 15. 12:00 PM (ET)

Stonewall Memory Gardens  
12004 Lee Highway  
Manassas, VA 20109  
<http://www.stonewallmemorygardens.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful Dreams* was purchased for the family of Edward Clarence Dufrane.



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November 13, 2021 at 04:50 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Edward Clarence Dufrane.



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November 13, 2021 at 02:24 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Edward Clarence Dufrane.



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November 12, 2021 at 09:53 PM



“ *Irene Ott lit a candle in memory of Edward Clarence Dufrane*



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**Irene Ott** - November 12, 2021 at 12:08 PM

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*Vince, So sorry for your loss.*

**Irene Ott** - November 12, 2021 at 12:09 PM

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*Ed was a kind and gentle soul. I was so sorry to learn of his passing. Sincere condolences, Nancy Heath.*

**Nancy Heath** - November 13, 2021 at 08:35 PM

LR

*“ We are so very sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family during this difficult time. Warmest Condolences, Jerry & Lindy Resh.*



**Lindy Resh** - November 11, 2021 at 08:50 PM



*“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Edward Clarence Dufrane.*



November 11, 2021 at 06:43 PM



*“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Edward Clarence Dufrane.*



November 11, 2021 at 02:06 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Edward Clarence Dufrane.*



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November 10, 2021 at 08:41 PM



“ *I always called him Mr. Ed when I was around him. He was the most gentle, kind hearted man I have ever known. Very devoted to his wife Catherine and his family. I was so lucky to be a part of their lives and in caring for them both. I always looked forward going there. Ed would always have his game shows on and he played right along with them as if it was him there on TV. He was good at too lol. He was always lucky with his lotto scratch off tickets. But Heaven is lucky now to have him and his wife Catherine as Heavenly Angels!! He got me into buying the lotto tickets too. He would even buy some for me. I truly loved Ed. He was my Buddy and I will miss him dearly. Thank you Ed for accepting me into your life and Catherine and trusting in me to care for you both. I love you Buddy!! Now help me In picking the winning lotto tickets lol!! 😊*

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**Teresa Downs** - November 10, 2021 at 07:54 PM