



Edward James Wyrsh

December 5, 1941 - August 4, 2024

Edward James Wyrsh passed away on August 4, 2024 at his home in Haymarket, VA surrounded by his loved ones. Ed was born on December 5, 1941 in New York City. He was predeceased by his parents William James Wyrsh and Mildred (Lutz) Wyrsh. Ed was survived by his loving wife of fifty years, Carolyn Irwin Wyrsh, his three children - Elizabeth Mary Wyrsh-Ba (Gando), Kathleen Mary Wyrsh and Matthew Gilbert Wyrsh (Carolyn), his six grandchildren - Adama Ba, Edward Wyrsh, Zachariah Ba, Boyd Wyrsh, Campbell Wyrsh and Casey Wyrsh, his brothers Raymond Wyrsh (Claire) and Richard Wyrsh, his brother-in-law Gilbert R. Irwin, Jr. (Patricia) and his six nieces and nephews – Joan Irwin, Mary Davison (Eric), Kara Anderson (Brian), Amy Irwin, Eileen Stammler (Tyson) and Michael Wyrsh (Carla), and many grand nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends.

Besides his family, Ed's life revolved around sports. Ed was a life-long, devout fan of the St. Louis Cardinals. He moved from New York back to his family roots in St. Louis, Missouri in 1951. His family moved back to New Jersey in 1956. Ed was a decorated track star where he earned the name Fast Eddy at Seton Hall Preparatory School and Seton Hall University in New Jersey.

Among countless other track awards, he earned multiple New Jersey State Championships and for many years was nationally ranked in the mile and half mile. His 2-mile relay team earned a spot in the Guinness Book of World Records in 1963. He would affectionately say though, he did not pursue the Olympics because of President John F. Kennedy's speech – "Ask not what

your country can do for you – ask what you can do for your country.” So instead of continuing his track career, he served his country in the United States Army. He served active duty from 1963-68 as an Intelligence Officer in West Germany. He continued service in the Army Reserves until 1991, where he retired as a Lieutenant Colonel.

Ed and Carolyn built their home in Haymarket, Virginia in 1979, where he also developed an affinity for the Baltimore Orioles (formerly the St. Louis Browns). There he spent his career working for the Federal Government (IRS). After retiring, he continued working for several tax firms until the end of his life and was the Treasurer of the non-profit, Medical Missionaries for over twenty-five years. He was the most energetic, knowledgeable tax man who generously shared his wealth of experience with anyone who needed help. For his friends and family, this was easy to understand as he was an instant friend to everyone who he met.

Ed was an active member of All Saints Church in Manassas where he was involved with the Knights of Columbus, and he was an usher. After surviving an un-survivable stroke in 2015, he joined St. Katherine Drexel in Haymarket. He continued to live a beautiful and fulfilled life with the endless support of his devoted wife and family.

Ed was also extremely involved in youth sports and touched countless lives while doing so. Whether it was coaching his children’s sports teams, umpiring youth sports, developing the first girls’ softball program in Haymarket, or serving as a treasurer for the Gainesville District Baseball League or the Gainesville District Basketball Association, long after his children grew out of the programs. He continued to follow and support all his grandchildren in the sports endeavors.

Ed was the most loving husband, father, grandfather, uncle, brother, cousin, and friend. He loved to travel and spend time with his family. His grandchildren were his pride and joy and he loved watching them grow. He understood the true value of friendship and family and showed that every day of his life. He will be dearly missed by all who had the honor to know him.

In Ed's words "I have had a good life mainly because of the excellent decision that I made to make Carolyn the most important person in my life."

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Medical Missionaries at [medicalmissionaries.org](https://www.medicalmissionaries.org) or Seton Hall Preparatory School at <https://www.shp.org/>

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Cemetery Details

Quantico National Cemetery

18424 Joplin Road
Triangle, VA 22172

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 13. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

AUG 13. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Mass of Christian Burial

AUG **14**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

All Saints Catholic Church
9300 Stonewall Rd
Manassas, VA 20110-2566
(703) 368-4500

Tribute Wall

RF

“ My condolences to Ed’s brother Ray as well as his friends and other family members. I remember Ed as an outstanding distance runner for Seton Hall Prep, where I ran track and cross country in Ray’s class. I remember Eddie as a very nice guy, very bright, and as an extremely talented athlete.

RIP

Rich Feeley - March 02, 2025 at 12:11 AM

CR

“ Ed and I went to Seton Hall Prep together and it was my good fortune to run track with him as a freshman. To meet Ed was to encounter one of the kindest, warm hearted, sensitive and thoughtful human beings on the planet. Did I mentioned the track team? Ed excelled at track from the very beginning, captained both the Seton Hall Prep and University track teams, set more records than he could count -- some at the Millrose Games in Madison Square Garden.

Over the decades, as the class reunions came and went, it was delightful to see that Ed remained the same warm hearted and enthusiastic guy he always was. Nothing discouraged him. After his stroke he never failed to be upbeat and optimistic. Recalling his athletic achievements, we all agreed: Because the stroke was up against Ed Wyrsh, it never had a chance. What a magnificent human being! The world is a good deal poorer without him.

Charlie Reilly - December 07, 2024 at 01:23 PM

PW

“ I am just finding out about Ed. I remember all the days we spent at Long Park with the kids. He was always so cheerful and so so knowledgeable. I'm hoping that you and your family have found peace.

Pam Woodward

pam woodward - September 25, 2024 at 06:21 PM

SW

“ I was extremely privileged to have Ed join the Jackson Hewitt team over 20+ years ago. Ever since, Ed became a great friend, advisor and confidant. Ed continued to serve clients by offering his expertise to many. He was a wealth of information and could solve any matter. I am fortunate to have known know him. His memory is a blessing to all. May you rest in peace.

Steve Wilburn - August 27, 2024 at 08:14 AM

CC

“ When Jim and I moved into the neighborhood, Ed and Carolyn were the first to welcome us. When Ed informed me that the neighbors had an unspoken decorating contest during the Christmas holiday, that gave me a yearly mission. Carolyn and Ed hosted a yearly Christmas party and every year he would tell me, "you need more lights!" As each holiday approached, there were never enough lights. Now, our house resembles a martian landing site. The warmth and spirit of happiness that always greeted us helped this Marylander feel at home. Thank you both for that.

Constance Crawford - August 20, 2024 at 04:35 PM

MS

“ Marie V Symonette lit a candle in memory of Edward James Wyrsh



Marie V Symonette - August 17, 2024 at 12:11 PM

MS

Ed, thank you so much for being a bright light to us tax preparers at the Jackson Hewitt Manaport Office, and the northern Virginia locations.

You had the spirit of a guardian angel. Ed, you was also our friend. We have always counted on your wonderful sense of humor to make us laugh. Your incredible intelligence guided us through many tax issues.

I am so happy that I had a chance to catch up with you this past April. Not knowing that it would have been our final communication on this planet.

My friend, God has called you home because your work is done here. We will never forget you. My sincere condolences and prayers to your beautiful wife, Carolyn, and the rest of your family. May your memory be a blessing to us all. Enjoy your eternal life up there in Heaven my good friend.

Marie Symonette

Marie V Symonette - August 17, 2024 at 12:39 PM

MJ

“ We became friends with Ed and Carolyn the day they moved into their new home, a friendship which blossomed over the years. I'll never forget their kindness and help when my first wife passed after a long battle with cancer. Ed's advice in dealing with the IRS was invaluable.

Perhaps the most vivid memory is of their legendary Christmas parties which drew the whole neighborhood together with Ed acting the dutiful and attentive host for the adults and then scooting over to the kid's side, crawling around on hands and knees to assure the electric trains were running for their amusement and entertainment. We'll also remember Ed cheerily "Volksmarching" around the neighborhood with a smile and hearty greeting for everyone. An encounter with him just made your whole day.

Mike & Miae Johnson - August 14, 2024 at 05:55 PM

RS

“ Thinking of all the Great times we've shared with you and Carolyn. May you rest in peace dear friend. A donation has been made to Medical Missionaries in your memory.

Richard & Suzanne Stapinski - August 14, 2024 at 11:37 AM

ES

“ With much love Uncle Ed, may you rest in peace. For your service to Medical Missionaries we have donated in your honor. Love, Eileen, Tyson, Adrienne, Gavin, and Tyler.

Eileen Stammer - August 13, 2024 at 04:03 PM

LC

“ Lynn Cilinski purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Edward James Wyrsh.



Lynn Cilinski - August 13, 2024 at 11:50 AM

LC

“ Lynn Cilinski planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward James Wyrsh.

Lynn Cilinski - August 13, 2024 at 11:50 AM

JC

“ Joe Cilinski planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward James Wyrsh.

Joe Cilinski - August 13, 2024 at 08:50 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Edward James Wyrsh.



August 13, 2024 at 08:50 AM

MF

“ McCully, Hutcheson, and Bakke families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward James Wyrsh.

McCully, Hutcheson, and Bakke families - August 13, 2024 at 08:50 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Edward James Wyrsh.



August 13, 2024 at 08:50 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Edward James Wyrsh.



August 12, 2024 at 05:32 PM

LS

“ Love, Amy Irwin and Tim Scott purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of Edward James Wyrsh.



Love, Amy Irwin and Tim Scott - August 09, 2024 at 02:52 PM

SK

“ Ed was always great to talk to and always loved to chat about baseball. I know he made it to may baseball fields as he told me he wanted to travel and visit them all. May he rest in peace

Sarah Kelly - August 09, 2024 at 11:17 AM

TO

“ Prayers of comfort to the family. Love your Virginia Pride Track Club family.



Tonia - August 08, 2024 at 06:41 AM

JF

“ Jim Olivia and family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Edward James Wyrsh.



Jim Olivia and family - August 07, 2024 at 10:13 PM

JF

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Jim Olivia and family - August 07, 2024 at 10:13 PM

LR

“ Love: Mary, Eric, Justin & Ryan purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Edward James Wyrsh.



Love: Mary, Eric, Justin & Ryan - August 07, 2024 at 07:30 PM

DJ

“ He lived an incredible life of service, impacting countless people. It was a privilege to serve with him on the Medical Missionaries Board. My heartfelt condolences to his family.

Dr.Gachard Jean-Pierre - August 07, 2024 at 04:59 PM

DP

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Dr. Gachard Jean Pierre - August 07, 2024 at 04:57 PM

WR

“ With our love, Carolyn and Bob Rogers planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward James Wyrsh.

With our love, Carolyn and Bob Rogers - August 07, 2024 at 09:43 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Edward James Wyrsh.*



August 07, 2024 at 09:43 AM



“ *I remember this sweet man from the many years I attended All Saint Church, when I lived in Virginia. Although I didn't know him, I always looked forward to seeing him in church. My sincere condolences to your family during this very sad and difficult time.*

Dale (Potts) Jepson - August 07, 2024 at 07:21 AM



“ *What a beautiful life. His service to our country and others is an example that will live with me forever. He was always thinking about others. When I was in a boating accident Ed reached out to my mom and myself for over a year to check how I was doing. Every time we talked he made sure to mention the Seton Hall Pirates and the bond we shared over our Alma mater. He was a kind and gentle soul that this world will miss dearly. Love and prayers, Rob, Kelly, Jaxon, and Skylar Szapor*

Rob Szapor - August 06, 2024 at 10:07 PM



Ed was ALWAYS there for the kids involved with sports in the Gainesville District area for many years. He made a point to say something encouraging to every young player and was able to know them by name. He was one of my son's (Joseph Liddle) favorite people on the ball field . Lots of good memories. Thoughts to family during this time. Dedra Vignola

Dedra Vignola - August 07, 2024 at 05:28 PM



Fond memories of our days at Seton Hall Prep, class of '59. Track championships, and my Bloomfield neighbor. so sad that distance kept us apart.

Vince Kavanagh - August 27, 2024 at 03:55 PM