



## Edward Walter German

January 29, 1947 - April 6, 2022

Edward Walter German, 75, of Bonita Springs, FL passed away peacefully at home on Wednesday, April 6, 2022, surrounded by loving family and friends. Ed was born in Baltimore, MD on January 29, 1947, to Ethel Viola German [Simpson] and Jonathan German. He was raised in Towson, MD, and attended Towson High School. Ed enlisted in the Navy assigned to active duty on the USS Telfair [APA-210]. During his time in the Navy, he also served as an Honor Guard for both Arlington National Cemetery and the White House. He was honorably discharged as a Seaman E-3 in 1967. He honorably served in the US Army Reserves until 1971. Once discharged from military service, he briefly worked as a Certified Machinist. He joined the Baltimore City Police Department working in the Eastern District and Traffic Divisions [Motorcycle, Traffic Investigation, and Radar] serving from 1969-1989. While working as a police officer, Ed earned an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice. In 1978, he moved his family to Parkton, MD where he lived until "retiring" to Bonita Springs, FL in 1991. During "retirement" he had many more careers including selling and installing pool and water systems, lawn service, handyman, boat sales, and Goldsmith. He loved Bonita Springs and enjoyed fishing, boating, and treasure hunting on the beach, and was a Certified Scuba Diver. Ed had a full life. He was a loving, caring, and generous husband, father, brother, and friend. He never met a stranger, always lent a helping hand, and gave a kind word to those in need. Your time of hard work and service has peacefully ended Ed. Rest in peace "Over the Rainbow". You will live in our hearts

FOREVER.

Ed was preceded in death by his first wife of 10 years, Teresa Mehl; parents, Ethel German [Simpson] and Jonathan German; half-sister, Etta; aunts, Helen Hoffman, Mildred Adams, Amelia German, Helen German, Doris German, and Beulah German; uncles, Carroll Simpson, James Donald Simpson, Walter Simpson, Howard Simpson, Irving German, Edward German, Charles German, Howard German, and Warren German; and step-grandson, Jeremy Joseph Ferris.

Ed is survived by his wife of 43 years, Nancy [Zakrajsek] German; daughters, Christine German Ferris [German] (Richard) of Roanoke, VA, Karen Lynn Waldrop [German] (Keith) of Watkinsville, GA; and granddaughter, Emily Waldrop. He is also survived by brothers, John German (Nancy [Kane]) of Roxbury, CT/Stuart FL and Stephen Carroll German (Virginia "Ginny" [Singley]) of Boise, ID; nieces and nephews Janet Arnold, John German, Laura German, Keith German, Emily German and Stephanie German; half-nieces, Gloria and Susan; step-grandson, Jacob Ferris; cousins, Joy Kiser, Donna Lock, Charles Frederick, and Danny Hoffman; sisters-in-law, Diane Z. Byers (Alan) and Janice Z. Casper (Michael); and brother-in-law, Fred D. Zakrajsek (Patty).

A Celebration of Life will be held at Ed's home on June 4, 2022, from 3 PM to 7 PM. Inurnment services for Ed with full military honors are scheduled for October 20, 2023, at 3:00 PM at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Ed's honor to the Cat Alliance of Naples, FL (<https://donorbox.org/support-the-rescued-cats-and-kittens-of-the-naples-cat-alliance>) or another no-kill animal shelter in your community. It was a dream of Ed's to build a no-kill animal shelter and hospital one day. Thank you.

To sign Ed's guest register or to leave online condolences, please visit [www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com](http://www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com).

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, Family Owned and Operated since 1978.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUN 4. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM.

Ed's Home

# Tribute Wall



“ *Edward Walter German*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Helen Einer lit a candle in memory of Edward Walter German*



**Helen Einer** - June 03, 2022 at 06:41 PM



“ *Ed was a beautiful person. I fondly remember many fishing trips, casino runs in his Cadillac Allante and spending many days in his pool just hanging out. Ed always had time for his friends and helped everyone around him. Me included. I am deeply saddened that I lost touch with him and Nancy many years ago and was not able to say goodbye to him. I pray for Nancy and the rest of his family. God speed Ed, you will be missed by everyone you touched and forever loved.*  
*Rahmin Bahar*



**Rahmin Bahar** - May 04, 2022 at 01:45 PM

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“ *Mark Bronner and Carolyn Thibeault purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Edward Walter German.*



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**Mark Bronner and Carolyn Thibeault** - April 21, 2022 at 10:52 AM

MW

“ *Ed was the best friend anyone could ask for. He will always be in my heart. Was one of A kind. Rest easy my friend your pain is over love ya bro MIKE*

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**Michael Webster** - April 20, 2022 at 06:24 PM

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“ *Susan Marie Webster lit a candle in memory of Edward Walter German*



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**Susan Marie Webster** - April 20, 2022 at 11:13 AM

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“ *Ed was a close friend. We used to love to do dinners together and to play cards. Some times just to hang out. We missed them when we moved to NC. He was always a friend more like family. Sue Webster*

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**Susan Marie Webster** - April 20, 2022 at 11:11 AM

AS

“ I was working at a bank drive thru when I first met Ed. When I hadn't known him very long, I happened to mention that I needed a Christmas tree stand, but I couldn't find one because Christmas was only a couple of days away. Within about 15 minutes he was back at the bank with a tree stand for me. I've known him for over 20 years now and he was always ready to help when it was needed. I will miss him a lot. Allan Spratt.

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**Allan Spratt** - April 19, 2022 at 07:26 PM