



Edward J. Edelen, III

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Edward Joseph Edelen, III, husband of 56 years, father, grandfather, fighter pilot, devout Catholic, avid Republican, real estate investor, and expert duck hunter, passed away unexpectedly on Friday, December 31, 2021 at the age of 83.

In 1965, he married the true love of his life, Lexy (Herschberger) Edelen, an Oklahoma native and now a retired music director. He always said she was the best thing that ever happened to him. They have two daughters, Kyle Myres of Surfside (Bob), and Lexy Boudreau of Arlington, VA (Doug). He taught them to hunt, to enjoy boating and being on the water, how to pack as much fun as possible into any adventure and the importance of family. He took extreme pride in his grandchildren Sarah Anne Myres, Nathan Boudreau, Jared Boudreau, Lexy Jane Boudreau, Brett Boudreau, Leila Myres, Karl Myres, and Leo Myres. Ed was predeceased by his parents, Mary and Edward Edelen and his sister, Susan Jaeger. He is survived by his siblings Keech Edelen, Bart Edelen, Anne Edelen and Noel Edelen.

He grew up in Charles County, Maryland and attended Mount St. Mary's College. He lived in Myrtle Beach, SC for most of his adult life and loved everything about the Grand Strand. No matter the weather, he would declare it

was "80 degrees and sunny and all you need to pack is a swimsuit." Ed was also a true son of Maryland who liked few things better than to spend the afternoon picking crabs, shucking oysters, and sharing a few stories with friends. He took immense pride in his military service during the Vietnam conflict as a fighter pilot and continued his love of flying, as an Eastern Airlines Pilot. He has the distinction of being the youngest solo pilot to cross the Atlantic and the Pacific non-stop in a single engine jet and one of the few to fly the F-100 fighter jet over 1,000 hours.

Anyone who was around Ed knew him to be the life of the party and always up for a good joke. He knew how to keep the good times going with fireworks, a great band, a bonfire or a round of peach daiquiris. He was known to say "I may grow old but I will never grow up." And he was right, he grew old and died without ever growing up. He will be missed by all who knew him.

To quote Ed: "Life's journey is not to arrive at the grave safely, in a well preserved body, but rather to skid in sideways, totally worn out, shouting "Holy Cow, what a ride!"

Funeral Mass will be at St. Michael Catholic Church on Saturday, January 15, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you make a memorial donation to Homes for Our Troops, 6 Main Street, Taunton, MA, 02780 or at <https://www.hfotusa.org>.

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is honored to serve the Edelen family.

Previous Events

A Mass of Christian Burial

JAN **15**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Michael's Catholic Church
542 Cypress Ave
Murrells Inlet, SC 29576
(843) 651-3737

Tribute Wall

JJ

“ I met Ed and Lexy when my friends and I rented a house in Myrtle Beach, just across from their home, many years ago. I had known the Edlen family for years, but this was my first meeting with Tina Edlen's family.

What a joy it was and what amazing memories I have of Ed and Lexy. I fell in love with them, and did not know until today of Ed's passing. He filled out lives with joy, and I am so sorry for your loss.



Juanita Johnson - August 21, 2023 at 12:20 AM

PF

“ Oh my Lexy, I am so very sorry to hear of Ed's passing. You were the love of his life even though he would say "let me check with the war department". I will miss him so. We had many adventures as you know and I often think of the fond memories we created, from frying turkey to Belize to hunting trips in Maryland. Ed was a guys guy and a true friend. RIP Captain, you were one of a kind!!!

Powell

Powell Fisher - March 01, 2022 at 02:18 PM

DD

*Ed was a extreme guy who I loved immensely- we had many laughs& fun excursions, hunting, fishing and tall tales Spectacular pilot, great friend & hunter, I feel privileged to have such grand memories w him. He was a truly a wonderful human being
A wonderful Man. Glad to have known him. He was a good friend.*

david douglas - March 29, 2022 at 09:22 PM

LT

“ Ed was such a funny guy and told the greatest stories. It was not Lexy it was Sexy Lexy and he was so proud of his house and his family and nothing would do for me and the other two to ride the elevator down and we got stuck. Mike and every party he went too I am sure was one of many stories. Ed was a wonderful person and a great person. He was always the life of the party. Prayers and Love Lexy,

Lisa Thompkins

Lisa Thompkins - February 22, 2022 at 07:04 PM

MR

“ Ed.

You were the best and such a great guy to know..... Sorry I never got a chance to fly fighters with you in the 121st Fighter Sqd up at Andrews, but you had left the Fighter Sqd befor I arrived. Most of the guys who knew you, are gone now,.....but for me, and one who always remember you, my hat is off to you as a fellow officer and fighter Jock.

Mike

Mike Redman - February 01, 2022 at 03:01 PM

BR

“ *I'm an old friend from HS and college days. We used to run together in Charles Co, DC and Ocean City. Had many good time. God bless Lexy and family. Barton Richwine*

Bart Richwine - January 27, 2022 at 09:47 AM

PM

“ *Our thoughts and prayers for Lexy and the family. Ed was always fun to be with. Sharon & Paul Malone*

paul malone - January 17, 2022 at 02:29 PM

MT

“ *Mr Ed was a great person and always had a great story to tell. I met Mr Ed thru my work as a Caregiver and I always loved my shifts with him and Miss Lexy And Max. Being from Maryland we had lots of fun talking about the great food and places in Maryland. Prayers to the family and friends at this time of great loss of a special man.*



Marsha Tinsley - January 13, 2022 at 02:17 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Edward J. Edelen, III.*



January 12, 2022 at 11:13 AM

CC

“ *Cal and I are so very sorry to learn that Ed, who was larger than life, had passed away. He is now in the Loving Arms of Jesus, and I know that Our Lord Will Provide Peace and Comfort For His Family. You are in our thoughts and prayers during this sorrowful time.*

Cal and Sheila Cunningham - January 12, 2022 at 08:44 AM

KL

*Our family is so sorry about heading of Mr.Edelen's death. I will not be able to attend the service. I am sending love and prayers for all of you.
Kimberly Gause Lewis.*

Kimberly Gause Lewis - January 14, 2022 at 11:30 PM

AR

*“ SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS, OUR
THOUGHTS & PRAYERS ARE WITH THE
FAMILY, WITH LOVE FROM LEON &
ROBERTA RICHARDSON FAMILY*



ANN RICHARDSON - January 11, 2022 at 02:37 PM

HS

*“ I worked with Ed and family on his properties in Charles county
He was a fellow Vietnam vet
Very gracious and fun to talk to
I'll miss him*

Harry A Shasho - January 06, 2022 at 05:22 PM

CS

*“ I cleared Ed and his plane for many years in Myrtle Beach, S.C.
Ed was a good man and always had his documents. A great pilot. It
was a pleasure to have conversations and share stories with Ed.*

"Happy Flying Ed"

Charles Sasser(retired U.S. Customs Service)CBP

ce sasser - January 04, 2022 at 08:34 PM

JE

“ *Our love, thoughts and prayers to Lexy, Kyle, Lexy Lee and their families. May Our Lord provide you each with strength and comfort during this difficult journey. Keech & Joyce*



Joyce Edelen - January 04, 2022 at 10:32 AM