



Edward J. Roman

January 4, 2023

Edward J. Roman, 92, of Woodbridge, Virginia, passed away peacefully at Sentara Hospital on January 4, 2023, after a brief illness. He was born on April 11, 1930, to John and Amelia Roman in Dickson City (Scranton), Pennsylvania. He is survived by his beloved wife of 64 years, Mitzi, his daughter, Kimberly of Woodbridge, his son, Brian (Beth) of Manassas, VA and his sister, Patricia Senkow of Throop, PA. He is survived by several nieces and nephews.

Ed was a retired Master Sergeant who proudly served for 22 years in the United States Army Signal Corps in various locations including Indochina, Korea, Japan, Vietnam, Ecuador, and Hawaii. The second half of his career dealt with satellite tracking and after his military retirement he remained in the space field as a satellite control engineer for Intelsat. In his later years he became a volunteer for the Prince William County Police Department, logging in more than 13,000 hours in 13 years. In 2002, he was honored as the Virginia Volunteer of the Year in the Homeland Security category. Travel, sports, cookies and all things John Wayne were among his favorite things.

In 1958 he was assigned to Project Vanguard in Quito, Ecuador where his mission was tracking satellites, specifically Sputnik. This is where he and Mitzi met while she was on a foreign service assignment at the American embassy. They were married in Quito in 1959.

As a resident of Woodbridge for 58 years, he took part in many community activities. During the seventies he enjoyed coaching the Beavers, a group of eight-year-old boys in the Pop Warner football program. He also was a baseball coach with the Woodbridge Little League. Affectionately known as Mr. Ed, he became the first room father at Featherstone Elementary School, putting on parties for the children and going on their field trips.

Sports were a big part of his life; he was an avid fan of the Redskins and Nationals. His one exception was Patrick Mahomes, when Patrick was playing, he became a Chiefs fan. For many years he joined the mall walkers on their daily rounds followed by coffee and companionship in the food court. Over forty years ago, Ed and Mitzi moved to their current home in a brand-new cul-de-sac and quickly bonded with other new residents. This experience led to numerous picnics, graduation parties, weddings and Christmas luminaria lining the sidewalks. He played with all the children and was often called the biggest kid in the neighborhood. He spent many wonderful years as a member of the Silver Foxes at his parish, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Lake Ridge, VA.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy can be made to:

Prince William County Police Survivors Trust
Attn: First Sergeant Sam Dixon, Special Operations Bureau
5017 Prince William Pkwy, Woodbridge, VA 22192

Interment will be at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date.

Cemetery Details

Arlington National Cemetery

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall

NS

“ Nancy (Bertolasio) Shartzter lit a candle in memory of Edward J. Roman



Nancy (Bertolasio) Shartzter - January 16, 2023 at 03:39 PM

NS

I have so many memories of Mr Roman , always loved his sense of humor . Mr and Mrs Roman were always the best role models for me living on Maryland Ave .

Nancy (Bertolasio) Shartzter - January 16, 2023 at 03:41 PM



“ We have many fond memories of "Uncle Ed" watching out for our three children when we lived on Maryland Avenue. He and Andrea had a special relationship,so we know they will be best buddies forever! God bless all of you. Ruth and Rich Natale

Ruth Rich Natale - January 16, 2023 at 03:15 PM

PT

“ 1 file added to the album Dad



ptkimo - January 13, 2023 at 09:05 PM

PT

“ 13 files added to the album Dad



ptkimo - January 12, 2023 at 07:36 PM

PV

“ *I'm so glad that you came in to my life through the Silver Foxes! You will always be remembered for your wit and charm. Miss you! You are in my thoughts and prayers. Condolences to Mitzi and the family. PatVenti*

Pat Venti - January 12, 2023 at 05:39 PM

PS

“ *Lighting a candle for my brother. Love you, Pat*



Patricia Roman Senkow - January 12, 2023 at 02:59 PM



“ *Edward J. Roman*

January 12, 2023 at 12:00 PM

JP

“ *Joyce Pieritz lit a candle in memory of Edward J. Roman*



Joyce Pieritz - January 11, 2023 at 09:29 AM

JP

He was such a lovely person. I remember running into him in Wegman's last year, and spending some sweet time in conversation with him. Heaven has gained quite a wit!

Joyce Pieritz - January 11, 2023 at 09:30 AM

PS

“ *I will miss my brother's quick wit, and his humor, during our phone calls. Good bye, Ed, I love you, and God Bless you. Give Mom and Dad a hug for me. Rest in Peace. Until we meet again, from your sister, Pat.*

Patricia Roman Senkow - January 10, 2023 at 06:51 PM