



Edward A. Urben

April 24, 2024

Edward A. Urben, 76, passed away peacefully April 24, 2024 at the Fairfax at Belvoir Woods after a long battle with Parkinson's and Lewy body dementia.

He was born on November 16, 1947 in Pittsburgh, PA, the son of the late Paul and Margaret (Lucas) Urben. Ed graduated from the College of Steubenville in 1969, where he met his future wife, Tharba. After they married in 1971, they moved to Fort Benning, GA, where Ed began his career in the U.S. Army, first in the Corps of Engineers and later as an Adjutant General Corps officer. His Army career included multiple tours in Hawaii, a masters degree in hotel and restaurant management at Purdue University, and several assignments in the National Capital Region. He retired as a lieutenant colonel in 1991 after 21 years of service. After retiring from the Army, Ed later served as the general manager of the Maryland Club in Baltimore, MD, Hackensack Golf Club in Oradell, NJ, and the Army Navy Country Club in Arlington and Fairfax, VA. Ed loved his family, golf, and all things Pittsburgh, from Arnold Palmer to Mister Rogers, the 1960 Pirates, and his beloved Steelers.

In addition to his wife of 53 years, Tharba, he is survived by children Heidi and Andrew (Ashley), grandchildren Eleanor and Abigail, and sister Kathleen Piscitelli.

At his request, there will be no viewing. A funeral Mass will be celebrated on

Monday April 29, 2024 at 11:00 a.m., St Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, Lake Ridge, VA with burial at Arlington National Cemetery at a future date.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Johns Hopkins Parkinson's Disease and Movement Disorder Center.

Cemetery Details

Arlington National Cemetery

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

APR **29**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church
12805 Valleywood Drive
Woodbridge, VA 22192

Tribute Wall

JM

“ I’m so sorry to hear about LTC Urben. He was responsible for hiring me from Penn State in 1987 after graduating as a Hotel & Restaurant Major and I started at Fort Myer. I was promoted to GM at Cameron Station not long before LTC Urben moved to Fort Myer himself as the COD. I was sorry to see him retire, because he played a big part in my career with the US Army. I missed him after his retirement and I am sorry I never got to see him again. I look for his name frequently on the internet, but I was never able to locate him. I missed him these 30+ years, because he was a mentor of mine. John Myers, Lancaster, PA.

John Myers - August 26, 2024 at 01:48 PM



“ Ed was my lifelong friend and he will be truly missed. We remained in touch through all these years. I could always count on Ed to be there to help, throughout high school, at my wedding, and anytime we reached out to each other over the years.

I relied and looked forward to his annual New Year's Eve call, even when he was the one in charge of a huge celebration at Fort Myer or a civilian country club. He always said, "If I haven't done all the planning by now, it's too late..."

He memorably hosted Colin Powell, President Obama and many other Washington insiders, with aplomb.

Ed fought the good fight against Parkinson's for many years and had earned his rest. He was my great friend and I'll dearly miss his presence in my life. I know that Tharba, Heidi, Andrew, and his sister Kathy will forever treasure his memory.

*Bill Goodall
Pinellas Park, FL*

Bill Goodall - May 01, 2024 at 03:30 PM

KP

Ed always spoke so highly of you Bill. It's wonderful that you maintained your friendship all those years. We are all going to miss his smile. Blessings to you and your family. ~Kathy

Kathy Piscitelli - May 30, 2024 at 03:09 PM

LS

“ The love that Ed showed to everyone throughout his life was best felt by those who knew and loved him most. Sleeping in a chair next to him at the end, his sister's love for Ed ensured that he would not begin his new journey alone.

Laura & Steve Simek

Laura & Steve - April 28, 2024 at 07:10 PM

LL

“ Love, Mike and Linda planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward A. Urben.

Love, Mike and Linda - April 28, 2024 at 08:53 AM

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“ Love, Mike and Linda purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Edward A. Urben.



Love, Mike and Linda - April 28, 2024 at 08:53 AM

YF

“ Your Notre Dame AROTC Family purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Edward A. Urben.



Your Notre Dame AROTC Family - April 27, 2024 at 01:45 PM

YF

“ Your Notre Dame AROTC Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward A. Urben.

Your Notre Dame AROTC Family - April 27, 2024 at 01:45 PM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Edward A. Urben.



April 27, 2024 at 09:24 AM

ES

“ Tharba,

We will be thinking of you and your family with the news of Ed's passing. What a wonderful friend he was on a journey that began together after our time at Engineer Officer Candidate school and points beyond.

He will be missed.

Ed and Bobbie Sacco, LaGrange GA

Ed Sacco - April 26, 2024 at 10:13 PM

GF

“ Ginny and Suzy Fry purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Edward A. Urban.



Ginny and Suzy Fry - April 26, 2024 at 04:01 PM

TF

“ The Dicosmo Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward A. Urban.

The Dicosmo Family - April 26, 2024 at 10:12 AM

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“ The Dicosmo Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Edward A. Urban.



The Dicosmo Family - April 26, 2024 at 10:12 AM