



## Edmund John Emma

November 24, 1944 - January 11, 2025

Edmund (Ed) John Emma, 80, passed away peacefully on January 11, 2025, in Asheville, North Carolina, after a long and courageous battle with lung cancer. By his side was his beloved wife of 60 years, Shirley Ann Emma, whose love and support sustained him throughout his life.

Ed is survived by his three children, Denise, Eddie, and Joele, who brought him immense pride and joy. He leaves behind six cherished grandchildren—Alex, Cooper, Emma, Wylan, Eleanor, and Luke—and one treasured great-granddaughter, Margaret. He is also survived by his younger sister, Victoria Robinson of Florida, and his lifelong friends, Eric and Pat Carlson and Donnie Saturnino, who shared many of his fondest memories.

A longtime resident of Patchogue and Bellport, Long Island, Ed graduated from Patchogue High School in 1962. Soon after, he joined the United States National Guard and embarked on a successful career in drywall construction. His hardworking spirit and craftsmanship were admired by all who knew him.

Ed's love for the water defined much of his life. He was an avid sailor on the Great South Bay and a proud member of the Bellport Yacht Club. His passion for the sea extended to family adventures, where he captained sailboats in the Caribbean. He also enjoyed fishing and swimming, often impressing family and friends with his ability to perform front and back flips off the diving board.

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A true lover of nature, Ed found joy in building homes, exploring the outdoors, and sharing these passions with his family. His favorite holiday was the Fourth of July, a time when he gathered his children and grandchildren at his Bellport home to celebrate. Whether crabbing off the dock, grilling steaks, or simply enjoying the presence of his loved ones, Ed's joy and warmth were unmistakable.

Ed's legacy will live on in the hearts of those who knew him. A private memorial service for family and friends will be held on Long Island at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Ed's memory to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, an organization close to his heart.