



Thomas Edward "Ed" Melanson

April 21, 1929 - April 21, 2017

Thomas Edward "Ed" Melanson, 88, of Palm Beach Gardens, FL, passed away on April 21, 2017 at home surrounded by his family.

Ed was born in Stonington, Connecticut to Samuel A. and Beatrice (Osha) Melanson on February 1, 1929. He attended Stonington High School and following graduation lived for many years in neighboring Westerly, Rhode Island. An engineer by profession, he worked for many years for General Dynamics' Electric Boat division in Groton, Connecticut and subsequently for Booz, Allen, and Hamilton in Newport News, Virginia and Pascagoula, Mississippi before retiring to Florida in 1978.

He was a veteran of the Korean Conflict and served in the United States Army. He was a Freemason and a former Master of Franklin Lodge #20 in Westerly, Rhode Island. During his years in Westerly, he was also a volunteer fireman, a member of the Westerly Lion's Club, served as a deacon at Central Baptist Church, and was active in the Westerly Yacht Club.

Following his retirement, he married Elizabeth Sue Merritt on October 3, 1987 in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida.

In retirement he was active with volunteer work, a member of the Shriner's, and an active member of First Baptist Church of Palm Beach Gardens

Ed is preceded in death by his parents, a son, Todd Allen Melanson, and a stepson, Michael David Merritt.

Ed is survived by his wife, Elizabeth "Sue" Melanson, daughters Melanie (Melanson) Lavagnino of Baltimore and Bethany (Melanson) McDow of Bangkok, Thailand, son Robert Edward Melanson, stepson Jon Scott Merritt of Palm Beach Gardens, stepdaughter Deborah (Merritt) Doss, also of Palm Beach Gardens, grandchildren Chelsea, Joshua, Peter, Kyle, Casey, Krista, Courtney, Michael, Michaela, Elizabeth, Kelley, John, Ally, and great-grandchildren Elio, Jentry, Dayton, Daisy, "CJ," Cayden, Krystalyn, Colton, Adrian, Colby, and Joe.

The family will receive friends from 2:00 – 3:00 pm Thursday, April 27th at Taylor & Modeen Funeral Home, 250 Center St., Junpter, FL. A funeral service will be held at 3:00 with Rev. David Linden of First Baptist Church of PBG officiating.

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The family of Ed Melanson wishes to extend our sincere thanks to the Sunflower Team of Trustbridge Hospice.

Tribute Wall



“ Thomas Edward "Ed" Melanson

October 22, 2023 at 10:17 AM



“ I'm so sorry for your lost your in my prayers

Dorothy Danley Moore - Okeechobee, FL - Family Friend - April 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Ed started me through the chairs of Franklin Lodge F & A M the year he was master in 1965. He was a good friend and a good mason. I will never forget him and only regret that we lost contact when he retired to Florida. I went on to become master in 1970. A wonderful experience.Farewell Ed. I'll be seeing you later.Neil

Neil Thorp - Westerly, RI - Friend - April 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ I am so sorry for you loss- Never met him peronsally but feel I know through Bunnie and family. I will say prayers for all of you.

sue brink - Port Saint Lucie, FL - Friend - April 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Sue, so sorry for your loss. Thinking of you and your family You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Ronald R Poirier - Crossville, TN - Family Friend - April 25, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ To Sue and family - We are sorry for your loss and our thoughts and prayers are with you. When I joined Franklin Lodge #20 Ed was my instructor teaching me the ritual and am grateful that he was such a perfectionist. I often thought of him through my Masonic journey. When I became Grand High Priest and later Grand Master of RI I received letters of congratulations from him. When Ed received his 50 year medal in Sarasota I had the pleasure of presenting it to him. We thought of driving down to Palm Beach for the service, it would be a 3 and half hour drive each way and we decided against it. Know that you will be thought of Thursday afternoon.

Joe and Anna Brearley - Leesburg, FL - Friend - April 25, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Sue and family, I am so sorry for your loss. RIP Ed.

Dawn Hubbard - Jupiter, FL - Family - April 25, 2017 at 12:00 AM