



## Edwin Edel

October 3, 1932 - September 27, 2014

### Obituary of Edwin Edel

Edwin E. Edel, 81, passed from this life Saturday, September 27, 2014. Born in Baltimore, MD on October 3, 1932, he was the son of Ethel Harrison and Dietrich H. Edel. He attended high school at City College in Baltimore, was a graduate of the University of Maryland and was an U.S. Army veteran. In his early career (1961-1967), he served with the Association of American Railroads in Washington, D.C. edited the U.S. rail industry's weekly Information Letter and handled public affairs for the National Railway Conference. In 1967, Edel became the first Director of Public Affairs for the Federal Railroad Administration and was instrumental in gaining public and Congressional approval of the experimental Metroliner, Turbotrain and Tracked Air Cushion Vehicle test projects. During the 1970-1971 transition period, Edel served as Executive Assistant to the Board of Incorporators of the National Railroad Passenger Corporation. In July, 1971, he became NRPC's (later known as AMTRAK) first Vice-President of Public Affairs, dealing with the national media, congressional committees, cabinet departments and state and local agencies. In 1979, he was appointed Vice-President of Seaboard Coastline Industries. In 1980, Seaboard merged with the Chessie System Railroad to form CSX. He became CSX's first Vice-President of Corporate Communications, responsible for market research, investor relations, public relations and employee communications. During his

career, Edel served on the Boards of numerous civic and political organizations including the Maryland Taxpayer's Assoc. He was the founder of both the Anne Arundel Taxpayer's Assoc. and the West County Republican Club. He served on the Boards of the Richmond, VA Boys' Club, the Richmond Economic Development Council and the Jacksonville, FL Committee of 100. He was a 45 year member of the Annapolis Yacht Club and served as Rear Commodore in 1992.

Mr. Edel is survived by his wife (Chris), two sons (Bruce, Thomas), two grandchildren (Katekyn, Matthew) and sister (Julie Bird).

A celebration of his life will be held at Beyers Funeral Home (Lady Lake Chapel) at 3:00 pm on Friday, October 10th. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to The Wounded Warrior Project P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675 or The Villagers for Hospice, 601 Casa Bella, The Villages, FL. 32162.

### Services

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# Tribute Wall

KR

“ Chris, Although it's difficult to see beyond the sorrow, may looking back in memory help comfort you tomorrow! We have people come into our lives and leave "Footprints" that are everlasting memories. The "Footprints" that Ed has left with The Boys" I am sure will forever be carried with them throughout their lives. For that I am grateful to Ed. Another "Footprint" left behind! Kris

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**Kris** - October 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

ZB

“ We will miss Mr. Ed alot. We still have the little cars he gave us a long time ago. We think he liked the cookies we use to bake for him. We are very sad. Now Ms Ruth will have a friend to talk to. We will miss Mr Ed Zack, Brad and our little brother Brandon

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**Zack, Brad, and Brandon** - October 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ I'll miss Big Ed. He was a man's man and fun to be around. My lasting memories involve playing golf every Thursday for years and the last time I saw him at his home. On that day, just two months before he passed, he mustered up the strength to be a gracious and fun host to his visiting golf buddies. That was the man I knew and loved. I'll miss Big Ed.

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**Ron Diprima** - October 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ We have fondest thoughts and memories of our friend and neighbor and send our love to his family. Ed has gone to a much better place and I hope he is directing the powers in heaven to bring peace to this world. I think that his help is needed and welcomed. God bless him and RIP. Jim and Darilyn Dolimpio

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**Darilyn and Jim** - October 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Dear Cissy and family, How we will miss Ed... He never forgot old friends - even girlfriends of his wife's from college! Such a wonderful patriot who exemplified all that is part of being a true American - honesty and hard work! (golf, music and joke-telling, too!) With love and compassion. Sue and Steve

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**Steve and Sue** - October 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

VG

“ We have lost a very dear friend. Sadness is in our hearts. We will probably be joining him in the next few years, along with the Goldens and their tennis balls! He was wonderful company no matter if he was on a boat in Bora Bora or Annapolis. We will certainly miss his wit and sense of humor...God will be honored to have him join him (or her) Love to Chris and his family, Carol and Orland

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**Van Guntens** - October 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

EC

“ It seemed that Ed accomplished so much in his lifetime. He was always smiling and had a great personality. I know he will be missed so much but I know he is happy and free at last. Our prayers and thoughts are with Chris and her family.

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**Ed and carole** - October 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

EP

“ *It's a sad day in the Village of Caroline with the passing of Ed. He was a great partner when playing golf and friend to all in our community. His walks around the neighborhood would bring much joy to the neighborhood dogs as he always had Cheerios for them. We will certainly miss him on the golf course and in our neighborhood*

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**Ernie&sharon probst** - October 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Edwin Edel*

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