



Melvin Michael Edelman

November 1, 1930 - January 24, 2018

Melvin Michael "Mel" Edelman, 87 of Ocala, Florida passed away after a lengthy illness and comforted by Hospice on January 24, 2018. He was born November 1, 1930 in Milwaukee, WI to John S. and Marion Bluvstein Edelman.

Mel worked most of his career at Wright Patterson Air Force Base as an Engineer and Project Manager responsible for Air Force Reconnaissance projects. He developed night vision and photo equipment used in the Korean War. He photographed the 1st and only amphibious assault in Korea. Later he worked on Reconnaissance projects that were key to intelligence during the Cuban Missile Crisis, Vietnam, and other National Security interests. He was recognized many times throughout his career with awards for outstanding service.

Mel also volunteered many years as a recreational youth baseball coach and league administrator in Kettering, Ohio as well as a high school coach in Ocala, Florida. He also enjoyed extensive travels throughout the world for business and pleasure. Mel loved cruise ships and spent many enjoyable moments throughout his retirement with his loving wife, friends, and family seeing the world. He will also be remembered for his home movies and especially the personalized narration he would add.

Mel loved his family most of all. During his retirement he enjoyed spending time with his 5 grandchildren, teaching them to swim in his backyard pool, taking them to the beach, and being there for the important milestones in their lives.

Mel will be remembered and loved as a very selfless person, husband, dad, grandpa, and friend, who found the most joy and fulfillment helping those of us fortunate enough to have him as a part of our lives.

Survivors include his beloved wife of 66 years known lovingly as "Penny", Rose Alice Edelman of Ocala; daughter Lynn and husband Steve Chojnacki of Ocala; son Gary and wife Amy Edelman of Ft Wayne, Indiana; grandchildren: Nicole Chojnacki Ocala, Chad (retired Army Medic) and wife TeriLynn Chojnacki of Honolulu Hawaii, Pvt. 1st Class Bryan Chojnacki (Army Infantry) of Georgia, Lee and husband Eric Peple of Ft. Wayne, Indiana, Kelly Edelman of Ft Wayne, Indiana; his only great grandchild, Adam Peple; as well as a sister Elaine Terhune of Colorado and cousin Merl Edelman of California.

A gathering of family and friends will be held on Tuesday January 30, 2018 from 3-4 PM in the Chapel of Beyers Funeral Home with a Celebration of Life Service to follow at 4 PM. A Committal Service including Military Honors will be conducted at Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, FL on January 31, 2018 at 11 AM. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Hospice of Marion County or ALZ. Condolences may be left at www.beyersfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall

AE

“ *We miss you and will always love you.* ”



Amy and Gary Edelman - February 03, 2018 at 11:44 AM

LC

“ *My love for you is for all eternity* ”



Lynn Chojnacki - January 29, 2018 at 10:29 PM

EP

“ The phrase that comes to mind when thinking of Mel is "live life to the fullest." While I only knew Mel for a few years, I always admired his zest for life and generosity. I'll never forget the cruise him and Penny (Grandma) took us all on. It was one the of the greatest trips I have had and honestly, I am a little terrified that videos from that trip might resurface in the future. At the start of that cruise nobody knew who Mel and Rose Edelman were, by the end, everybody knew exactly who they were to the point people would pass by them and say "Hey, Mel and Rose!"...they were celebrities. I tell this story because it shows the spirit that Mel lived his life with. He wasn't shy and was always willing to try everything. I wish we could have spent more time together, Mel, and gone on more cruises. But, know that while we won't physically be able to do that, you will always be with us in our hearts, in everything we do. Thank you for having such a positive and loving impact on your grand daughter, who I have the honor of calling my wife. She is a loving, caring and beautiful person and it's because of role models, like you, that helped mold her into the wife and mother she is today. Rest in Peace, Mel.



Eric Pepple - January 29, 2018 at 01:33 PM

LP

“ In memory of a loving grandfather. Though I didn't get to see you as often as I would have liked to, many of my best childhood memories are with you. Thank you for teaching me, caring for me, and being there for every important milestone in my life. You will always be in my heart. I love you GP.



Lee Pepple - January 29, 2018 at 12:58 PM

BB

“ *In loving memory of a beloved big brother
who will be greatly missed but is always in our
hearts.*



Bob & Elaine Terhune, Mel's sister & Brother-in-law. - January 29, 2018 at 11:41 AM

TB

“ I am Mel's niece Tammy (his sister Elaine's daughter). in the early 70s, Mel, Penny, Gary and Lynn and I with my parents Bob and Elaine Terhune and my younger brother Scott all descended on our Grandma's house (Mel and Elaine's Mom) for Thanksgiving. So, four cousins all w/in a year of each other having the time of their lives - and one fine evening, while the adults were not paying attention, we decided to try and stuff Gary down the laundry chute in the house. Let's just say that it did not go as planned and try as hard as Mel wanted to and pretend that he was mad, he was actually trying not to dissolve in laughter. And Grandma was the one who was actually mad and it took alot for Grandma to get mad at her grandkids.

That's what I always remembered about my Uncle Mel - no matter how much we did really naughty things when all the cousins were together, he tried and tried to be the stern disciplinarian and he always failed - like the time at the family reunion in the Ozarks and all us kids were sitting together at the end of a long table and yet again, the adults didn't realize the folly of their ways. Because we were at the Lake of the Ozarks, fish was on the menu and the fish got served with the head still on. When the adults weren't looking, we took the fish heads and hid them under the turned over coffee cups on the table next to us and voila - when the party was seated at the table and turned over their coffe cups when coffee was being served - . . . it was priceless. And Mel again was just cracking up. . .

I really loved him. . . he was an awesome uncle.

Tammy

Tammy Van Boening - January 28, 2018 at 10:18 PM

TP

“ *Uncle Mel was a kind, gentle, loving family man. I wasn't fortunate enough to spend a lot of time with him, but the time I was able to spend with the family, I treasure. We had such good times as kids and he was always so patient and loving.
I will miss him.*



Tami Vangets Paddock - January 28, 2018 at 06:02 PM