



Edmund L. Lasek, Sr.

November 6, 1926 - August 21, 2011

Mr. Edmund L. Lasek, Sr., Retired Lt. UFD, age 84, of Utica, was reunited with his loved ones who went before him, when he passed away on Sunday, August 21, 2011 at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center with his devoted family by his side.

Born in Utica on November 6, 1926, Edmund was the son of the late Valentine and

Mary (Gacek) Lasek. Raised and educated locally, he was a 1943 graduate of Utica Free Academy. A proud veteran of the United States Navy, Ed served his country for 5 years, 7 months during World War II as an Engineman Second Class and Motor Mechanic for the tank landing naval ship USS LST-1027 stationed in the Philippine Islands. He was highly decorated for his honorable time of service. On June 21, 1952 he married the former Mary Siriani with whom he shared a 46-year union prior to her passing on May 1, 1999; they were "book ends", inseparable in heart and mind, and he cherished her to the moment of his passing.

With a continuing desire to serve and protect his fellow man, Ed joined the ranks of the Utica Fire Department on July 1, 1951, serving at several houses including Stations #5, 7, and 3. He retired as a Lieutenant on May 1, 1985. During his career, he was a member of the Firefighters Union where he held the position of vice president. Among his personal attributes, Ed was proud, courageous, and self motivated. He was highly respected by his fellow firefighters and admired as a teacher of the best practices of firefighting safety.

He was also a wonderful dad, and he raised his children to appreciate the core values of life. He was a person who knew the meaning of respect from a young age, and he lived his life internalizing life experiences, yet sharing his love and knowledge with much modesty. But it was when his family surrounded him that Ed was the happiest. He was blessed with a mathematical mind, a gift he used in his carpentry projects. He also enjoyed the art of cooking, especially during the years at the firehouse. Of course, he was a New York Yankees fan who possessed an intuitive knowledge of the sport. He was an active member of the American Legion Post #1290. At one time he was a parishioner of St. Agnes Church and more recently a communicant of St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish.

Ed is survived by his daughter, Donna M. Capraro with whom he shared a home;

and his son and daughter-in-law, Edmund L. Jr. and Elaine C. Lasek of Whitesboro. He cherished the memory of his son, David J. Lasek, who passed away on August 22, 2006, almost five years to the day of his passing. He also leaves his grandchildren, Dr. Gerald, Jr. and Jessica Capraro, Michelle Capraro; Eddie Lasek, Audrey L. Lasek; Alyssa M. Lasek, Jene` L. Lasek, and David J. Lasek, Jr., and their mother Maria Lasek; and his great-grandchildren, Madeline, Anthony, and Vincent. In addition, he leaves his sisters and brother-in-law, Genevieve and Gerry Lattin, and Dorothy Walden; his brother and sister-in-law, Leonard and Carolyn Lasek; many nieces, especially Pattie Franco, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, including Gerald Talerico who was also his best friend, and his brother-in-law, Anthony Siriani. He was predeceased by his brothers, John Lasek, and Eugene Lasek; his sisters, Margaret Oastler, and Rose Roczen; and his in-laws, Tessie and Mario Milano.

The family extends heartfelt appreciation to Dr. Fred Talarico and Nurse Practitioner Pat Rosati for their professional compassion, the administrators and staff of the Masonic Care Community of NY for the attentive and homelike

care offered to Ed during his stay; and the St. Elizabeth Medical Center 3B & C staff who helped Ed with much dedication during his final journey.

Visitation will be held Friday from 4:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Ed's funeral service and Celebration of Life with Firefighter's Honors will commence on Saturday morning at 8:00 from the funeral home and at 9:00 at St. Mary of Mt.

Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish where his Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Msgr. Francis Willenburg. Interment will take place in Holy Trinity Cemetery graveside with Military Honors conferred.

Cemetery Details

Holy Trinity Cemetery

Utica, NY

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 26. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.
932 South Street
corner of Hammond Ave.
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 724-6714
eannacefh@roadrunner.com
<https://www.eannacefuneralhome.com>

Service

AUG 27. 8:00 AM (ET)

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Service

AUG 27. 9:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish
648 Jay Street
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 735-1482
<https://www.mountcarmelblessedsacrament.com/>

Tribute Wall

JF

“ To all of the Lasek family, you have lost a great father and grandfather, and we have lost a great uncle. May your memories of him strengthen you in this difficult time. We send our love as always.

Jack and Mary Milano and family - August 28, 2011 at 12:37 AM

PL

“ Uncle Edmund, you have left an imprint on so many lives because of who you were and what you stood for. I was very proud to have you for an uncle all these years. Now you can be with Aunt Mary again. I am glad I have so many memories to hold onto. Love and miss you.

Tricia

Patricia A. Lasek - August 26, 2011 at 06:18 PM

MS

“ Michele Simmen lit a candle in memory of Edmund L. Lasek, Sr.



Michele Simmen - August 26, 2011 at 12:43 PM

MD

“ Dear Donna, Gary and I are so sorry to hear about your Dad. It was an honor to know him and your Mom. You and your family are in our hearts and prayers.



Maryrose Dudek - August 26, 2011 at 11:39 AM

JM

“ I willl never forget you, Uncle Eddie, and know that you were so very loved.
Joanie

Joanie Milano - August 26, 2011 at 04:36 AM

DP

“ Dear Ed, Elaine and family,
I am very sorry for your loss. I know all to well the feeling of both parents being gone. I will not be able to attend any of the services. I will be out of state visiting Gerard. You will be in my thoughts and parayers at this time of sadness. May God Be with all of you.
Sincerely, Denise M. Plante

denise m. plante - August 25, 2011 at 10:50 PM

TS

“ *Mr. And Mrs. Lasek, Ed, and Audrey, I'm so very sorry for your loss. I know how close you were as a family and how hard this might be. I have a fond memory of your grandpa making his way down to the beach in 90+ degree weather in Oak Island, wearing long pants, and a cold beer not too far behind him :) I always thought he was such a sweet man. I hope it's some consolation knowing he is pain free and in peace. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.*



Tricia Schmitt - August 25, 2011 at 09:44 PM

CC

“ *My dear, dear friend and cousin Donna, I am so sorry about the death of your Dad. I just saw the announcement. You and I had such good times together and great laughs years ago. I met your Dad only a few times, and he seemed like such a great guy. I will pray for you and your family. Miss seeing you. May he be taken on angel's wings to Our Saviour's Heart. God bless.*

Cathy Donnell Conklin - August 25, 2011 at 09:35 PM

SN

“ *Shelly Nunno-Evans lit a candle in memory of Edmund L. Lasek, Sr.*



Shelly Nunno-Evans - August 25, 2011 at 08:17 PM

SN

“ Dear Donna and Family ... I was devastated to hear about the loss of my favorite Yankee walking buddy. My prayers and thoughts are with you always. What an honor it was to have met this wonderful man. May God Bless you all with wonderful memories always....
Shelly PT

Shelly Nunno-Evans - August 25, 2011 at 08:16 PM

WO

“ Our deep felt sympathy to the family of Edmund. He remains in our memory. For those that may not know, Edmund was a sailor during WWII and served aboard a landing craft. He joined the ship right after its construction on the east coast of the U.S. and sailed aboard taking it first to Hawaii and then across the Pacific. This was a dangerous mission as landing craft were not fast ships. He was aboard when the ship participated in the assault on the beaches during the Battle of Leyte Gulf in the Philippines which was a most significant and major naval victory during the WWII.

Wayne Oastler and family.

Wayne Oastler - August 25, 2011 at 11:46 AM

RR

“ Rocco & Carol Rositano lit a candle in memory of Edmund L. Lasek, Sr.



Rocco & Carol Rositano - August 25, 2011 at 10:34 AM

RR

Our deepest sympathy.

Rocco & Carol Rositano - August 25, 2011 at 10:35 AM

RC

“ *A wonderful gentleman through and through.
God bless his family and friends in this
difficult time. God bless*



Rena Chapman-Cunningham - August 24, 2011 at 08:59 PM

DL

“ *Eddie & Family, We are so sorry for your loss. Thinking of you at
this very difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Dave & Laura Lopiccolo*

Dave Lopiccolo - August 24, 2011 at 08:50 PM

DL

“ *Ed and Family,
Sorry about your loss. There will be smiles after your sadness.
Prayers are with you.*

Dominic Longo

Dominic Longo - August 24, 2011 at 07:22 PM

SL

“ *To Donna and family , I am so sorry for your
loss and send my love and prayers to you and
your family. Susan DeCuffa Langlais*



Susan Langlais - August 24, 2011 at 10:53 AM

GI

“ Thinking of all of you at this sad time, My heart and thoughts are with you. Always had alot of fun with Mr. Lasek everyday. He will be missed.

Gian Ionta

Gina Ionta - August 24, 2011 at 10:01 AM

SM

“ Steven D. Milano lit a candle in memory of Edmund L. Lasek, Sr.



Steven D. Milano - August 24, 2011 at 07:41 AM

FG

*To Eddy and family our prayers and thoughts are with you .
Fred J. & Janice Greer and Justin Cichon.*

Fred J. Greer - August 24, 2011 at 04:37 PM