



Edward Albert Karath

January 30, 1921 - June 11, 2017

Albany-Edward Albert Karath, age 96, of Albany, NY, passed away on June 11, 2017 at St. Peter's Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. For years, Ed waged a valiant and determined battle with declining health and, until recently, had been able to remain at home with the help of his son, Tom, and other family members. In September, he would have shared his 75th wedding anniversary with his high school sweetheart and beloved wife, Jeanne.

Ed was born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio, and graduated from The Ohio State University in 1943. He and Jeanne married in 1942 and soon began their family. He served in the United States Army from 1944 to 1946 and was honorably discharged as a First Lieutenant, 71st Infantry Division. He spent the first 20 years of his career as a professional engineer in soil and water conservation before he joined the New York State Conservation Department as an associate hydraulic engineer. He subsequently held several senior staff positions with regional and statewide responsibilities for water resources planning and management until he retired in 1986. After retirement, he was active in pro-life and church-related activities. He founded the St. Teresa of Avila Parish Respect Life Committee and served as chairman for seven years of its active program to protect the sanctity of human life.

In younger years, Ed enjoyed reading and spent many hours fishing on Lake Erie. Then family and work responsibilities occupied much of his time. He had

a strong interest in government and politics and was an active participant with school and church organizations. He loved to travel throughout the country with his family. Ed enjoyed watching sports and closely followed the participation of his children in football and baseball and his grandchildren in soccer, softball and cross-country skiing. He was a great fan of the Cleveland Indians and Cavaliers, and ever hopeful for the Browns. He loved his Ohio State Buckeyes and never missed a football or basketball game. Ed's life was dedicated to family and faith and he was a generous supporter of church and charities.

He was predeceased by his parents Walter and Ida (Kolehmainen) Karath and by his older brother Wally, as well as his two oldest children: Kathleen Ann Hoffman in 1994 and Father William Karath in 2003. He is survived by his wife Jeanne (Gibbons) and their five other children: Thomas of Albany, NY; John of Bozeman, MT; MJ (Robert) Garland of Clifton Park, NY; Michael (Karen) of Fishkill, NY; and Robert (Sharon) of Saratoga Springs, NY. Eight grandchildren also survive - Dr. Beth Akpunonu (Basil) of Holland, OH; Patti (Dan) Buck of Somerset, PA; Julie (Randy) Christner of Tinley Park, IL; Matt (Brenda) Hoffman of Sylvania, OH; Carrie (Tucker) Drury of Anchorage, AK; Sarah and Suzanne Karath of Fishkill; and Lander Karath of Bozeman, MT. There are 11 great-grandchildren: Joey Akpunonu; Bethany Shives and Eddie Buck; Katie, Kelly and Travis Christner; Aidan and Zachary Hoffman; Finn, Thatch and Teagan Drury; and step-grandson Peter Akpunonu. Many other relatives also survive.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Edward's family Wednesday, June 14, 2017 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm in McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany.

Funeral services Thursday, June 15, 2017 at 12:15 pm from McVeigh Funeral Home, Albany thence to the Parish of Mater Christi, Albany at 1:00 pm where

his Funeral Mass will be celebrated.

The Rite of Committal will be held at St. Agnes Cemetery, Menands, NY immediately following the Funeral Mass.

To leave a message for the family, light a candle, obtain directions or view other helpful services please visit www.McveighFuneralHome.com

In lieu of flowers, donations in the memory of Ed can be made to the Mater Christi Food Pantry or the Humane Society.

The family would like to thank the staff of St. Peter's Nursing and Rehabilitation Center for their kindness and compassion, going above and beyond while he was in their care.

Cemetery Details

St. Agnes Cemetery

48 Cemetery Ave
Menands, NY

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **14**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.
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Service

JUN **15**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Parish of Mater Christi
40 Hopewell Street (Rev. Kenneth J. Doyle Way)
Albany, NY 12208

Tribute Wall



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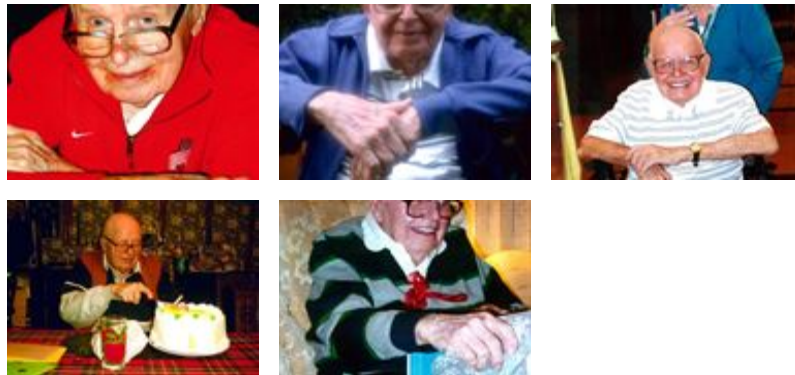


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