



Edward R Donovan

November 6, 1930 - May 29, 2025

Edward R. Donovan , 94 of New York City passed away peacefully on May 29, 2025. Edward is predeceased by his beloved wife of 65 years Margaret A. Donovan (nee Tracey), his parents James and Agnes Donovan, his three sisters Theresa, Doris and Patricia and two brothers James and William. Edward is survived by his sister Helen Dunphy, sister in law Geraldine Donovan and 14 nieces and nephews who viewed both Edward and Margaret as a second set of loving parents. Their life together was a true love story never leaving each other's side during difficult times of illness. Edward was born and raised in New York City. As a young man during the Korean War Edward joined the US Navy and served on the aircraft carrier Midway stationed in the Mediterranean Sea. Edward was awarded the National Defense Service Medal. Before retiring he worked as a USPS letter carrier in NYC. After retiring he went on to work for several years for Maersk Inc. alongside his wife Margaret. Edward and his wife Margaret lived their Catholic faith and were very active supporters of St John's Church in NYC near Madison Square Garden and several charities. He enjoyed spending time with Margaret exploring shops and stores. He loved to travel and spend time at the beach. Edward loved his extended family and was always invited and present during family functions and celebrations. Edward had a great sense of humor. With a twinkle in his blue eyes and a heart of gold, he was always very affirming and interested in others. Edward will be dearly missed by his family. His kindness, generosity, and loving presence was truly a blessing to us all.

Cemetery Details

Rosedale Cemetery & Crematory

408 Orange Road
Montclair, NJ 07042

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 5. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Van Tassel Funeral Home
337 Belleville Avenue
Bloomfield, NJ 07003
(973) 743-1234 or (973) 743-1761
<https://www.vantasselfuneralhome.com>

Visitation

JUN 6. 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM (ET)

Van Tassel Funeral Home
337 Belleville Avenue
Bloomfield, NJ 07003
(973) 743-1234 or (973) 743-1761
<https://www.vantasselfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Mass

JUN 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Sacred Heart Church
76 Broad Street
Bloomfield, NJ 07003

Graveside Service

JUN 6. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Rosedale Cemetery & Crematory
408 Orange Road
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Tribute Wall

KD

“It’s hard to think of Uncle Eddie without immediately thinking of Aunt Margie too — for as long as I can remember, it was always “Eddie and Margie,” never one without the other. That kind of lifelong partnership is rare, and it says so much about the strength of their marriage and the way they showed up for each other, year after year.

I really wish I’d had more time with Uncle Eddie over the years. Even with the age gap (I’m about 50 years younger), his generosity always stood out — it was just who he was. He gave without needing thanks or attention, and I honestly see that same kind of kindness popping up in my kids now. It’s one of the ways I know his impact will keep going.

Uncle Eddie was one of a kind, and he’ll be missed more than words can say.

Kenny Donovan - June 16, 2025 at 09:15 PM

SR

“Uncle Eddie was one of my favorite uncles. I will always remember spending good times with him and Aunt Margie. I miss them both. I’m sorry I couldn’t go up there to see them. I love them very much. May they be together with the rest of the family in Heaven, I went to Church and prayed for them and our family. I think about everyone all the time and miss you all.

*Love,
Stephanie Remenarach*

Stephanie Remenarach - June 12, 2025 at 09:59 AM

DO

“ Our Heartfelt Sympathy goes out to the entire Donovan and Dunphy Families.

Uncle Eddie and Aunt Margie had a, "Wonderful Life." They faced many of, "Life Challenges" together with their love for each other and family.

They, Touched" so many lives and made everyone feel special with their

kindness, love, and joy. May all of those fond memories remain in our hearts and cherished forever.

Comfort is knowing that Uncle Eddie is at peace with his," Beloved Margaret." We were truly, "Blessed " having such a loving and caring Uncle, Aunt and Godmother in our lives.

Rest in Peace Dear Loved Ones,

and May God Bless the Donovan and Dunphy Families.

May all of our Faithfully Departed Loved Ones be at Peace together with,

"Our Heavenly Father. '

Always in Our Hearts and Prayers

Love,

Dianne and Kari O'Sullivan

Dianne O'Sullivan - June 07, 2025 at 12:56 PM

LG

“ Love, Gerry purchased the Adoration Casket Spray for the family of Edward R Donovan.



Love, Gerry - June 05, 2025 at 11:48 AM

LG

“ Love, Gerry planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward R Donovan.

Love, Gerry - June 05, 2025 at 11:48 AM

LB

“ As far back as I can remember Uncle Eddie and Aunt Margie were always at every family get together and family function. They were always like a second set of parents to us all .Being he was my father’s twin brother made their Birthdays extra special to Celebrate! I will miss their presence especially during the Holidays when they never would miss an occasion to come by my parents house to celebrate with us! Though we will all miss him So... He is at peace with his beloved Aunt Margie. I’m grateful for our visits that we had and the moments we shared. The toughest one being at Chilton visiting him with my family. Although,bittersweet he did acknowledge us all by squeezing our hands knowing we were there. We will miss you . Sleep in Heavenly peace.

lorraine barron - June 04, 2025 at 12:34 PM

DM

*I’m so sorry I wasn’t able to be there. I will miss you greatly Uncle Eddie. I wish we were able to see you and hear your laugh once again.
Love Dave Mirdala and family*

Dave Mirdala - June 06, 2025 at 09:18 AM

LB

“ Lorraine Barron purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Edward R Donovan.



Lorraine Barron - June 04, 2025 at 11:51 AM

PF

“ Pauline and Family purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Edward R Donovan.



Pauline and Family - June 03, 2025 at 10:49 AM

DD

“ My wife Linda asked me what my earliest memory of Uncle Ed was....

Probably around 1956 a young and handsome 26 year old Edward Donovan, instead of hanging out with the guys on a Saturday afternoon, took his 2 nephews Jim and Dan ages 8 and 7 to a Yankee game. I remember arriving late to our seats in the upper deck in right field. As we were finding our seats we heard the hard crack of a bat. Mickey Mantle at the plate had just smashed a home run in our direction. The baseball kept rising up in the air in our direction and smashed into the seats in front of us. We did not recover the ball but it was such an exciting moment made possible only because Uncle Ed was present and made time to be with his sister Helen's boys. The first of many joyful and special days with our beloved Uncle Ed!!

A special moment...

September 2023....Aunt Margie had just transferred to the memory unit at the Bristal from Mary Manning Walsh. Ed needed medical clearance before he could join her at their assisted living space. Ed was sitting in his small kitchen at 24th street being asked a series of questions from a Bristal nurse. When asked if he had any children I expected to hear him answer with a simple " no", but with acceptance and grace he said " we were not blessed by God with children". His response speaks volumes about his deep faith. I am certain both Ed and Margie were saddened not having their own family but accepted Gods plan for them. But with confidence together they moved forward and became the most special and beloved brother, brother-in -law and uncle and aunt to their family. They were truly a "blessing" to us.

Dan Dunphy - June 03, 2025 at 09:56 AM

JC

“ *Joseph and Debra Rainone and children purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Edward R Donovan.*



Joseph and Debra Rainone and children - June 02, 2025 at
04:04 PM

CW

“ I remember

All the family gatherings at our Jersey home. Uncle Eddie was the life of the party, he was always making us laugh, bringing toys to us kids that no one else had, he would find the oddest ones!

Time at Ocean City with the family. So many fond memories, Cherry Grove, Myrtle Beach and Palm Harbor Florida! Eddie and Margie would spend summers in Florida with my parents. They really loved it there! Surprised they never moved or bought a summer place !

Summer vacations to Wildwood Crest with my cousins. They always took us for the week, rented a house, I remember one on Syracuse Street! They were our parents away from home. Brushing our teeth with a timer, eating waffles and ice cream, jumping in hotel swimming pools, Uncle Eddie was good at that, one year we were on a postcard and never knew it until I saw it !! So many great memes!

Growing up and visiting them in the City, the Empire State building always visible from their corner window! A picture etched in my memory forever

Generous to a fault, they both would be there for you in time of need, whether it be a phone call telling us everything would be alright, a gift to cheer you up, monetary if ever needed.

They loved us wholeheartedly without a doubt and that love was still felt during my last visit with him as he squeezed my hand, opened his baby blues , said my name for the last time, he was still Uncle Eddie even during his most difficult hours.

I prayed the Rosary my last night there and let him know it was alright for him to go now, we will always remember.....

His one wish was to always remember them both on their Birthdays and we will never forget 🙏😭💔

Cindi Wiggins - June 02, 2025 at 01:43 PM

PO

“ There was no one like Eddie. One of the things I learned about Eddie (that I absolutely loved), was that he used to write people (politicians, sports figures, etc.) and let them know exactly what he thought of them. The best part was that he used to send it on a post card so that everyone could read it as it made its way through the mail. Eddie and Margie were fun, kind, and generous. I will always be grateful to them for being there for my grandparents at the lowest time in their lives. They were the kind of people who always showed up for you in every sense of the word. I'm lucky to have had them in my life for so long and blessed to be a part of their family.



PATRICIA O'DONNELL - June 01, 2025 at 09:26 PM



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Van Tassel Funeral Home - June 01, 2025 at 03:06 PM

JD

“ I remember..

Serving as an altar boy at Ed's marriage and receiving \$20 as a gift, wow!

Attending all family events and always having so much fun

Eddie n Margie pushing our 4 grandkids in their strollers at the Ocean City boardwalk, they were like proud "parents"

Comparing our ostomies and letting me know things could be worse

Visiting me at the hospital after my ostomy was reversed and wishing his could be reversed as well

Ed asking me to help him with their finances and making sure I gave him a frequent positive update otherwise I'd be fired!

Always ordering a strawberry ice cream soda when we took him out to lunch

Seeing him give us a thumbs up after visiting him at Care One

On our final visit, feeling him squeeze my hand and opening his eyes after telling him we're here and everything is ok

Will always remember him as a very kind, generous and caring family man

James Dunphy - May 31, 2025 at 08:26 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Edward R Donovan.

May 31, 2025 at 07:17 PM

SD

“ Suzanne D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward R Donovan.

Suzanne D. - May 31, 2025 at 03:29 PM

GO

“ God bless, Love Dianne & Kari O'Sullivan purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Edward R Donovan.



God bless, Love Dianne & Kari O'Sullivan - May 31, 2025 at 02:02 PM

DO

“ Dianne (Timothy) & Goddaughter Kari O'Sullivan planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward R Donovan.

Dianne (Timothy) & Goddaughter Kari O'Sullivan - May 30, 2025 at 06:32 PM

FO

“ From The O'Donnell's purchased the *Ocean Breeze Spray* for the family of Edward R Donovan.



From The O'Donnell's - May 30, 2025 at 03:40 PM

FO

“ From The O'Donnell's planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward R Donovan.

From The O'Donnell's - May 30, 2025 at 03:40 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Edward R Donovan.*



May 30, 2025 at 08:41 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Edward R Donovan.

May 30, 2025 at 08:41 AM



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Van Tassel Funeral Home - May 29, 2025 at 07:07 PM