



Edward William Colligan

January 31, 1928 - October 19, 2017

Edward (Bud) William Colligan (89) Green Street, Watertown, and later of Altavista, Virginia died October 19, 2017 in Altavista, VA. Besides his wife, Martha, Ed is survived by three daughters, Ellen Colligan, Lynchburg, VA; Cathy and Paul O'Callaghan, Altavista, VA; and Mary Colligan, Anchorage, AK; his son Bill and Bridgette Colligan, Vienna, VA; his five grandchildren and three great grandchildren; his brother Thomas and Patsy Colligan, Annandale, VA; and several nieces, nephews and godchildren. He was predeceased by his daughter, Sue Colligan, Jackson, WY.

Mr. Colligan was born in Syracuse on January 31, 1928, the son of Edward J. Colligan and Marjorie Singer Colligan. He graduated from Watertown High School and enlisted in the US Navy on August 21, 1946. He served at NTC Great Lakes, IL on the USS Corry, and at NAS Pensacola, FL. He received the World War II Victory Medal and was honorably discharged as an electronics technician third class. Ed graduated with honors from Clarkson College in 1951 with a degree in Civil Engineering.

On November 27, 1954, he married Martha Mary Morgan at St. Mary's Church in Potsdam with Rev. Joseph Tierney officiating.

Ed worked in the construction industry all of his life, first with Deline Construction then forming Colligan Construction in 1984. He retired in 1992.

He was very proud of the many hospitals, churches, and college campus buildings he built in the Watertown area.

Ed was a communicant at Holy Family Church and a member of its Parish Council. He volunteered for Meals on Wheels and was a founding member of the Green Street Grasshoppers. He was a past President and member of the Northern NY Builders Exchange, director for 25 years of the Adirondack Carpenter's Pension Fund, and director and member of twin Falls Hunting Club. He was a long-time member of the American Legion Post 61.

Ed loved the outdoors; hunting, fishing, cross-country skiing, biking, working around their home, and reading Watertown Times. He was a creative problem solver, always noticing engineering and construction advancements.

A private memorial service will be held at the Family's convenience. There will be no calling hours.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to a charity of one's choice.

Tribute Wall

MA

“ *Marian lit a candle in memory of Edward William Colligan*



Marian - February 24, 2018 at 11:24 AM

GI

“ *My deepest sympathy to all the Colligan family. I happen to be looking at a photo of Sue today and found this article of her Dad's passing. I am sure Sue wrapped her arms around her Dad as his spirit soared into the heavens. I had the honor to know Sue and Mary and surely see their Father and family helped shaped who they are.*

With my sincere sympathy, Gretchen Plender, Jackson, Wyoming

GIP - February 20, 2018 at 12:48 PM

CH

“ *The Marine Mammal Management program of the US Fish and Wildlife Service offers heartfelt condolences to Mary and her family, in honour of Mr. Colligan's life a gift in his tribute is being made to the Meals on Wheels program of Watertown.*

Charles Hamilton - October 25, 2017 at 09:04 PM



“ *I lit a candle on his behalf and the families I didn't know him but he was in the military and I think all of the military for the great and wonderful jobs that they do and I just wanted to say God bless him for fighting for his country and serving his country may God bless the family and may He comfort you in this time of Sorrow amen*

Patsy Saunders - October 25, 2017 at 02:52 PM



“ *Patsy Saunders lit a candle in memory of Edward William Colligan*



Patsy Saunders - October 25, 2017 at 02:51 PM



“ *Cathy, Paul and Family,
I am so very sorry in the loss of your loved one.*

Libby Hedrick - October 24, 2017 at 08:23 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Jon Emerton - October 23, 2017 at 09:01 AM

KS

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Mr. Colligan was such a pleasure to know. He was kind, polite, and always a business man. My condolences to Martha and his family.

Kristine Sullivan - October 22, 2017 at 08:41 AM

RC

“ Ray And Kay Caldwell lit a candle in memory of Edward William Colligan



Ray and Kay Caldwell - October 21, 2017 at 10:30 PM