



Edward J. Piekarz

December 13, 1952 - April 2, 2026

Edward J. Piekarz, of Paterson, New Jersey, passed away peacefully on April 2, 2026, at the age of 73.

Born in Passaic, New Jersey, Edward spent his early childhood there before moving to East Rutherford during his school years. After marrying the love of his life, Leslie (Freid), the couple eventually settled in Paterson, where they built a life together for over 30 years.

Edward was the beloved son of the late Edward Piekarz Sr. and the late Casimira Mary (Stec) Piekarz. He was predeceased by his sister, Eve DeKoyer, was the cherished nephew of the late Michael, Julius and Lottie.

A devoted husband, Edward is survived by his loving wife, Leslie Piekarz. He was a proud and caring uncle to Noah DeKoyer and his wife Kerri, Jeffrey DeKoyer, and Laura Bell and her husband Everett. He is also survived by his brother-in-law, Richard DeKoyer.

Edward earned his bachelor's degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Finance from Rutgers University. He went on to build a successful career, most recently serving as a Purchasing Manager at Papetti's Hygrade Egg Products in Elizabeth, New Jersey. Earlier in life, he pursued his passion for photography, studying at Parsons Institute and working as a

photographer.

Edward was a man of many interests and talents. He had a deep love for photography and enjoyed attending rock and mineral shows with his wife. He also worked in making and repairing stained glass, a craft at which he was highly skilled. He found joy in solving crossword puzzles and was an avid fan of Formula 1 and NASCAR racing. A gifted guitarist, Edward had a profound appreciation for music and was an enthusiastic collector of guitars. He was a devoted admirer of Eric Clapton and spent countless hours enjoying and exploring music.

He was also a member of the Hillside S.A.C., where he formed lasting friendships and connections.

Edward will be remembered for his quiet strength, his passions, and the love he shared with his family and friends. His presence will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Edward's memory to The Cat House Totowa: <https://www.thecathousetotowa.org/>

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR 9. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Kamienski Funeral Home of Wallington
106 Locust Avenue
Wallington, NJ 07057

Chapel Service at Funeral Home

APR 9. 11:45 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JC

“ Ed was my friend for the last 40 years. I will miss him greatly. We enjoyed dinners, boating, and good times together.
Jim

Jim Chalmers - April 15 at 09:11 PM

JS

“ We were best friends from the time we met in 1956!! Inseparable during our school years. Summer sleep aways at "Camp Ocawasin" with the Passaic Boys Club....fishing trips deep into northern Canada.....camping trips to Woodstock....and more recent get togethers in Florida and NJ pubs (Ed enjoyed the Bourbons). Many more fond memories. RIP my old friend. Johnny

John Szot - April 07 at 10:32 AM

MP

“ Some families are not blood, Ed's family were our New Jersey relatives. Childhood memories will last forever... Your family down south...

Mark Palaszewski - April 06 at 05:10 PM

LS

“ Eddie was my best friend Eve's younger brother and we both had that "irritating little brother" syndrome. He grew into a fine man with a wonderful wife and fur babies. He loved his nephews and followed their paths of sports lovers! RIP Eddie. 🥹

Linda Stevens - April 06 at 10:13 AM