

Edward Arthur Caporin

February 2, 1933 - October 29, 2023

Edward Arthur Caporin, 90, of Centreville MD died at Compass Regional Hospice on October 29, 2023.

Ed was born in Syracuse NY on February 2, 1933, the son of Arthur and May Caporin. He attended Syracuse University on the GI bill after service in the Korean War. He married Karlyn "Karlie" Ann Sears in 1957 and relocated to Maryland to work at the Westinghouse Corporation in the Baltimore region. Ed eventually moved his family to a farm near Ruthsburg.

Following Karlie's death in 1982, he married Harriet Carroll in 1983. He retired as Director of Engineering for the Westinghouse Annapolis plant in June 1995, and he and Harriet began to build (plant & trim!) the Blue Heron Christmas Tree Farm. This post retirement venture became a blended family project that brought personal satisfaction of hard work, project management (an engineer's dream) and great joy to thousands of customers over the last 25 years. Ed began his holiday beard growth annually in October and was often mistaken as "Santa Claus" by the Farm's preschool visitors.

Ed was an active member of the Centreville Rotary, served on the Maryland Forestry Board of the Mid Shore, Queen Anne's County Board of Social Services, and the Queen Anne's County United Fund Board. He shared numerous community service commitments with Harriet as well. They were dedicated presenters and organizers of National Marriage Encounter retreat

weekends, were instrumental leaders in the committee for the fundraising and construction of the Ruthsburg Community Center in 1999, and delighted in the learning, service, and networking through the Maryland Christmas Tree Growers Association.

Ed's generous spirit, sense of adventure and unconditional love was not limited to his immediate family. If anything, that spirit extended his family to include the young men he mentored through Big Brothers in the 1960's when his own children were small, and as a retiree through Queen Anne's County Social Services. These resulted in lifelong relationships. He was an avid reader, delighted in his weekly poker games with Rotary and neighborhood friends, and was a devoted spectator for the numerous art and sport events of his beloved grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Harriet; daughter Sue Simmons (Jon) and son Rick Caporin (Heather) and step children Mark Carroll (Karen) and Michaele Ann Graves (John) and grandchildren: Michael Graves (Abigail), Matthew Graves (Laura), James Edward Simmons (Morgan), Robert Simmons, and Sabrina, Madison, Lilah, Camden and Violet Caporin, and five great grandchildren: Macy and Crosby Graves and Emma, Olivia and Owen Edward Simmons. He is predeceased by his wife Karlie, son Robert Allen Caporin and granddaughter Tara Leigh Burton.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, November 10 at the Centreville Global Methodist Church on 608 Church Hill Road in Centreville where family and friends may visit from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon. The memorial service will follow at 12 noon. Attendees are also welcome at a luncheon at the Ruthsburg Community Center at 1:45.

In lieu of flowers consider a memorial donation to the capital repair fund of the Ruthsburg Community Center at P.O. Box 182, Queen Anne MD 21657 or to

the Centreville Global Methodist Church.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **10**. 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Centreville Methodist Church
608 Church Hill Road
Centreville, MD

Funeral Service

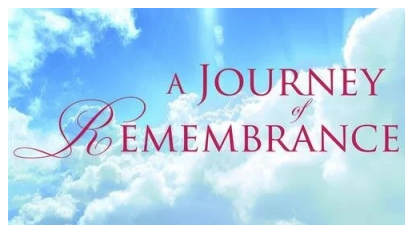
NOV **10**. 12:00 PM (ET)

Centreville Methodist Church
608 Church Hill Road
Centreville, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Edward Arthur Caporin*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - November 07, 2023 at 11:27 AM

SB

“ *Harriet just learned of the loss of your dear Ed. Danny and I have lovely memories of sharing Christmas Tree farming with you both. Will hold you in prayer. Sharon and Danny Blickenstaff*

Sharon Blickenstaff - November 25, 2024 at 10:18 PM

MH

“ *So very sorry for the passing of Ed. He was such a pleasant and gracious man. Your life with him will have many wonderful memories. May he rest in peace. Martha Herman*



Martha Herman - November 16, 2023 at 07:25 PM

CR

“ *Ed was a wonderful person! He would bring his family to Mollman/Wright family picnics and always kept us laughing. With deepest sympathy and lots of prayers to the entire family. Rest in peace, Ed! He will be missed. Charly Mollman Ryan*

charly ryan - November 15, 2023 at 05:30 PM

MM

“ *Mary Elizabeth Covington McDade lit a candle in memory of Edward Arthur Caporin*



Mary Elizabeth Covington McDade - November 10, 2023 at 11:14 AM

WG

“ *I worked with Ed from 1967 until he retired. Before my two hip replacement surgeries I would see him at the monthly retiree luncheons at Broadneck Grill. I had great respect for him as a person, as an engineer and as a manager. I will truly miss him.*

William Gordon - November 09, 2023 at 01:34 PM

TV

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. A great man indeed!! Terri Vlahos*

terri vlahos - November 08, 2023 at 03:41 PM

AH

“ *My sincere condolences to all of you during this challenging time. Ed was such a kind person and will be missed. Peace on your hearts.*



Allison Harper

Allison Harper - November 08, 2023 at 02:51 PM

BH

“ *Billy & Dorothy Hollingsworth lit a candle in memory of Edward Arthur Caporin*



Billy & Dorothy Hollingsworth - November 05, 2023 at 03:56 PM

MK

“ *The Queen Anne County Forestry Board extends eternal gratitude for the decades of unwavering dedication that Ed and Harriet contributed to our community. Their invaluable efforts included sponsoring students for the Natural Resources Career Camp at Camp Hickory and orchestrating the involvement of Queen Anne schools in Arbor Day poster contests and celebrations. Ed's profound participation and guidance brought unparalleled resources, leaving an indelible mark on our forestry initiatives. We honor their enduring legacy and profound impact on our community.*

Marshall Klinefelter - November 04, 2023 at 07:25 AM

MK

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Marshall Klinefelter - November 04, 2023 at 07:15 AM

MH

“ Prayers for friends and family!! He was a true friend to the Kennatd community/family!!



Michele Hampton - November 03, 2023 at 05:28 AM

MH

“ Sympathy to the family. You are in my prayers. Madelyn Hollis

Madelyn Hollis - November 02, 2023 at 05:13 PM

RC

I am wondering if this is the dear Mrs Hollis that taught math to me and my siblings in the 70's. Ed's son Ricky

Rick Caporin - December 14, 2024 at 12:24 PM

SB

“ To Harriet and family. You are in our thoughts and prayers. He was a wonderful loving man. Ed and your courage during the last month will be an inspiration for all. We will miss him so much.
Don & susan Blouch

Susan Blouch - November 02, 2023 at 10:59 AM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Edward Arthur Caporin.



November 02, 2023 at 10:58 AM



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

November 02, 2023 at 10:58 AM



“ Rip



Sol and Lynda James - November 02, 2023 at 10:56 AM



“ Harriet and family, Our deepest sympathy and prayers to you. We have many great memories from his ability to count cards playing poker, love of family, his service to his community and years of friendship. He will be missed.
Gail & Brad Lundberg

Gail Lundberg - November 02, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ It was my privilege to be able to work with Ed at Westinghouse for many years and after his retirement, seeing Ed at Blue Heron Farms became an important part of our Christmas. Our prayers and thoughts are with Ed, Harriet and your entire family.

Sam & MaryAnn Davies

Sam Davies - November 02, 2023 at 07:01 AM

GP

“ Gene & Lynda Palmatary sent a virtual gift in memory of Edward Arthur Caporin



Gene & Lynda Palmatary - November 01, 2023 at 07:39 PM

GP

Harriet and family: Our deepest sympathy and prayers to you during the loss of a great man. He will be missed in the Community and our church. Always great to see him and chat. Hold onto the wonderful memories and that will make the road a little easier. Prayers and blessings to all at this time. God Bless, Gene and Lynda Palmatary

Gene A. Palmatary - November 01, 2023 at 07:41 PM

JE

“ Jim And Mary Ann Edwards sent a virtual gift in memory of Edward Arthur Caporin



Jim and Mary Ann Edwards - November 01, 2023 at 03:56 PM

JE

Harriet and Family We are saddened to hear of Eds passing, and send our most heartfelt sympathy to all. God Bless You. Jim and Mary Ann Edwards

Jim and Mary Ann Edwards - November 01, 2023 at 03:59 PM

DS

“ So sorry to hear this, he was one of my favorite patients. Always had a smile on his face, such a kind soul. Sending the family my deepest condolences.



Diane Schmidt - November 01, 2023 at 03:38 PM

JP

“ Janet E Pauls lit a candle in memory of Edward Arthur Caporin



Janet E Pauls - November 01, 2023 at 03:16 PM

JP

“ John Payne lit a candle in memory of Edward Arthur Caporin



John Payne - November 01, 2023 at 11:31 AM

JC

“ June Clark lit a candle in memory of Edward Arthur Caporin



June Clark - November 01, 2023 at 10:36 AM

SD

“ *Sara Jane Davidson lit a candle in memory of Edward Arthur Caporin*



sara jane davidson - November 01, 2023 at 08:56 AM

SD

Always a smile and a comment also! Sorry to hear this as he will be missed!

sara jane davidson - November 01, 2023 at 09:00 AM

AB

“ *Agnes Blades lit a candle in memory of Edward Arthur Caporin*



Agnes Blades - November 01, 2023 at 08:01 AM

AB

So very sorry for your loss...

Agnes Blades - November 01, 2023 at 08:01 AM

CW

“ *Centreville Methodist Women sent a virtual gift in memory of Edward Arthur Caporin*



Centreville Methodist Women - October 31, 2023 at 09:28 PM

CW

Prayers to the family during the loss of our great church member. He will be missed and his dedication. Prayers. Centreville Methodist Women

Centreville Methodist Women - November 01, 2023 at 07:40 PM

CF

“*Harriet and family, Bob and I were deeply saddened to hear about Ed's passing. He was such a kind and jovial man. We know he loved his family deeply and leaves a wonderful legacy. Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire family. Carol Franks-Randall and Bob Randall*

Carol Franks-Randall - October 31, 2023 at 02:35 PM

DG

“*Harriet and family: I was so shocked to hear of Ed's passing and had no idea he was ready to cross over. Heaven surely gained another great angel. Will never forget that big smile and sparkling eyes (was probably Santa's brother). He was always so helpful and caring. I don't think I ever heard a cross word, even if you could tell he didn't like the situation. What a gentleman!!!! Just about all of those good guys are together again.... Ed, Trippe, John, Donald, Allen, Doc and Mr. Bill. I probably missed some. Cherish your memories, your heart will hold them forever. Love, Doris Greiner*

Doris Greiner - October 31, 2023 at 01:35 PM