



Harry "Ed" Edward Beekman Jr

June 19, 1929 - April 22, 2025

1949 Yearbook, Riverdale Country School

Is it a bird? Is it a plane? Is it Superman? Well, yes and no, but we call him Ed, a capable performer on the gridiron and a star in track. In football, Big Ed contributed much to making the team a success with his excellent play at end and tackle. He throws discus for the track team, often achieving heaves of 110 feet. One of the weight-lifting set, he spends his winter athletic periods in the playroom. In School he is the quiet, pleasant type but we suspect him of leading a double life from some of the rumors we hear of his doings in Hackettstown. (At that time, Lorraine attended Centenary Junior College in Hackettstown NJ) Ed is a man of many cars, having come to school in a Frazer, Mercury convertible and Lincoln Cosmopolitan.

Harry Edward Beekman Jr., known as Ed to friends and family, was born in New York City on June 19, 1929, the son of Harry Edward Beekman (NYC) and Mary Lloyd Hogans Beekman (Rock Hall, MD). Growing up in Englewood NJ, Ed attended Dwight Morrow High School, followed by two years of preparatory school at Riverdale Country School and in 1953 graduated with a BA from Bucknell University. He married his high school sweetheart, Lorraine Heussler, on June 21, 1952. He was a proud member of Bucknell's Chapter of the Sigma Chi fraternity. In 1953 Lorraine was honored as the Sweet Heart of Sigma Chi with a beautiful candlelight ceremony.

Ed began his career in New York City in advertising at The Blackstone Agency. Subsequently he worked for his father, who founded the ad agency Beekman & Packard, Inc. Upon his father's retirement, he became President of Beekman & Packard, Inc. and ran the agency for many years, retiring in 2018.

Ed & Lorraine lived for many years in Garden City, NY before their move to Rock Hall, MD. Ed had spent most of his summers in Rock Hall on his family's farms, first at Gray's Inn Creek, then at the one now known as Inn at Huntingfield Creek. Very active in golf, boating and bridge, he and Lorraine spent many happy years here on the Eastern Shore. They were members of the Chester River Yacht & Country Club, where Ed served on the Membership Committee. He also enjoyed serving on the Board of Directors for The Mainstay, Rock Hall's fabulous live music venue. Ed was a founding member of the Eastern Shore Intercollegiate Patriot League, a group that held monthly social luncheons.

Loving husband and father, Ed was a devoted family man. He is predeceased by his wife of nearly 60 years, Lorraine Heussler Beekman. And is survived by his children, Elizabeth Beekman, Edward Beekman (Cecelia) and Jane Beekman Ellis (David); five grandchildren, Elizabeth Ellis Vogel (Edward), Amanda Ellis, Brent Ellis (Cecelia Tefft), Timothy Beekman (Michelle) and Anna Beekman Banafato (Chris); and four great grandchildren, Emery & Alaina Vogel and Samuel & Madelyn Beekman.

Ed will be interred at Wesley Cemetery in a private ceremony alongside his wife, Lorraine, his parents and many generations of family.

Memorial Service -

Friday June 13th, 2025 @ 11 am

St. Paul's Church

7570 Sandy Bottom Road, Chestertown MD 21620

Memorial Celebration -

Immediately Following @ 12:30pm

Chester River Yacht & Country Club

7738 Quaker Neck Rd, Chestertown MD 21620

In Lieu of Flowers, Memorial Contributions are suggested for:

Compass Health 160 Coursevall Dr., Centreville MD 21617

Wesley Cemetary Association P.O. Box 338, Rock Hall MD 21661

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

St Paul's Kent
7579 Sandy Bottom Rd
Chestertown, MD 21620-4520
(410) 778-1540

Memorial Celebration

JUN 13. 12:30 PM (ET)

Chester River Yacht & Country Club
Chestertown, MD

Tribute Wall

JG

“ I was 38 years old when I was introduced to the Beekman family in 1991 having recently started to date Beth. Meeting Ed for the first time was like meeting a fictionalized patriarch in a 1950's or 60's family sitcom. He was too congenial to be plausible, yet too wonderful to turn away. He was a warm, gentle, unflappable, affable , sometimes wise (electronic devices not included), unassuming individual who appeared somewhat reserved and respectful one moment, and crazy and irreverent the next. He was the dad I yearned to have, but never got. Yet in the end, 34 years later, I'm grateful for what I did get - a good, reliable friend, and endearing memories. Jeff Gewert, ex-son-in-law.

Jeff G - June 12, 2025 at 09:52 AM

EH

“ Ed was a very special friend, whether as a golf partner, committee member, or sharing a social engagement. A man of great character, dedicated to his wife, family, business, friends and "Bucknell"
Ed Hatfield

Ed Hatfield - May 09, 2025 at 12:19 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Harry "Ed" Edward Beekman Jr.



May 03, 2025 at 11:57 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Harry "Ed" Edward Beekman Jr.

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“ Joan Horsey lit a candle in memory of Harry "Ed" Edward Beekman Jr



Joan Horsey - May 01, 2025 at 05:25 AM



“ The Crew From Blue Heron Oyster House lit a candle in memory of Harry "Ed" Edward Beekman Jr



The Crew from Blue Heron Oyster House - April 30, 2025 at 12:14 PM



“ Cheryl Butler lit a candle in memory of Harry "Ed" Edward Beekman Jr



Cheryl Butler - April 30, 2025 at 12:03 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Harry "Ed" Edward Beekman Jr.



April 29, 2025 at 02:33 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Harry "Ed" Edward Beekman Jr.

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“ Mr. Beckman was a sweet and gentle soul . My deepest condolences to his family and friends



Roni Thomas - April 29, 2025 at 01:56 PM



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My apologies for spell check

Roni Thomas - April 29, 2025 at 01:57 PM



“ Luisa's Cucina Italiana lit a candle in memory of Harry "Ed" Edward Beekman Jr



Luisa's Cucina Italiana - April 29, 2025 at 01:32 PM

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“ Charles & Donna Hubbard Edwards sent a virtual gift in memory of Harry "Ed" Edward Beekman Jr



Charles & Donna Hubbard Edwards - April 29, 2025 at 12:12 PM

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Mr Beekman was one of my favorite customers at the Peoples Bank in Rock Hall. He was a kind, sweet gentleman and will be missed greatly. Our thoughts & prayers are with the family. Love you Mr Beekman until we meet again.

Charles & Donna Hubbard Edwards - April 29, 2025 at 12:17 PM

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“ Kaye Barnes lit a candle in memory of Harry "Ed" Edward Beekman Jr



Kaye Barnes - April 28, 2025 at 05:56 PM



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Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - April 28, 2025 at 01:14 PM