



Edward J. Crouse

May 8, 1937 - November 30, 2022

Edward J. Crouse, age 85, of Richmond Heights, passed away Wednesday, November 30, 2022 at The Winfield at Richmond Heights, Richmond Heights, OH. He was born May 8, 1937 in East Cleveland, OH.

Mr. Crouse retired from John Carroll University and Richmond Heights Schools, as a bus driver for both. Prior to that he worked for Sears & Roebuck for more than 30 years, starting as an auto mechanic and then managing several auto repair centers, before moving on to security and then sales.

Ed was a longtime member of St. Paschal Baylon Church where he and his wife celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with mass.

He always made time for his kids and grandkids. He enjoyed watching his sons play baseball and was even seen attending a horse show or two when his daughter & wife competed. He LOVED going to 6th grade camp as a chaperone - he continued to go every year long after his kids graduated from Richmond Heights. Driving a school bus as his "retirement job" was something he enjoyed and he got to know each and every kid. The highlight of his driving career was when he was picked to drive an athlete transport bus for the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta.

Ed had a penchant for American history, John Wayne movies, and collecting

tools, pocket knives, coins and flashlights (each had a story behind it). He was a connoisseur of vehicles; if it had wheels and an engine he could tell you all about it. He also enjoyed fishing (or using one of his many pocket knives to cut the fishing line his kids and grandkids got hung up in a tree). He loved camping with his family and his nickname was "the Rain Maker", as it never failed to rain as soon as the tent went up. Ed and Carol belonged to several bridge clubs and a dance club. They took ballroom dancing lessons with Dick Blake and for a big guy, Ed was smooth and light on his feet. He enjoyed polkas, country music and Elvis. Although he claimed he didn't like dogs, they would always flock around him; Tammy, Cindy, Gus, Oreo, Mac and Lucky, along with numerous "grand dogs" were fans of watching TV with him (and getting a few snacks).

Ed's family nickname was "Stosh" and he was proud of his Polish heritage. His mother's homemade pierogies were his favorite. Her recipe was from her memory and try as hard as he could, he was never able to duplicate the recipe.

He enjoyed his retirement at Winfield (formerly known as Waterford), spending many afternoons, playing Bingo, Wii bowling, betting on the horses, watching movies or enjoying the live entertainment. He will be missed by the many friends he made at Winfield including the staff. He will be missed the most by his wife and partner in all things, Carol.

Survivors include his wife of 61 years: Carol J. (Gramberg) Crouse; children: Cathy (Kerry) Burke, Edward M. (Paula) Crouse and Timothy J. (Lori) Crouse; grandchildren: Joe, Katelyn and Hunter Crouse.

Preceding Edward in death are his parents: Hattie and Edward J. Crouse Sr.

The family will receive friends from 4:00 – 7:00 pm Monday, December 5,

2022 at Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave. Mentor, OH 44060.

Mass of Christian burial will be 10:00 am Tuesday, December 6, 2022 at St. Paschal Baylon Church, 5384 Wilson Mills Rd, Cleveland, OH 44143. Please meet at the church.

Interment will be in All Souls Cemetery, Chardon, OH, following the mass.

Send flowers or offer condolences at www.brunners.com

Cemetery Details

All Souls Cemetery

10366 Chardon Rd.
Chardon, OH 44024
(800) 582-6850

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 5. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center
8466 Mentor Avenue
Mentor, OH 44060
(440) 255-3401
ajs@brunners.com
<https://www.brunners.com/>

Mass of Christian Burial

DEC 6. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Paschal Baylon Church
5360 Wilson Mills Rd
Highland Heights, OH 44143

Tribute Wall

BH

“ *Crouse Family- Sorry to hear of Ed's passing, he was a great man. My prayers are with all of you !*

Brian Hrdlicka - January 09, 2023 at 04:20 PM

SK

“ *I will dearly miss Ed. He was so much fun to be with in activities. He loved to help keep the stats on the horse game! He was always a good sport and liked to joke with staff and residents at the Winfield. He was a big winner in all games: Bingo, Crazy Cards, Jeopardy. You name it he was a lucky guy! When we had discussion groups, Ed always had interesting information or history to add. He was a good friend to all and will be missed dearly.*

Susan Kozan - January 04, 2023 at 11:24 AM

CB

Susan, thank you for your kind words. He LOVED all the activities to you planned. He enjoyed his Winfield family and praised the staff for all their efforts!

Cathleen J Burke - January 13, 2023 at 07:37 AM

CC

“ *I'll always remember the family time that the Chalkos and Crouse's had during the holidays or special family celebrations. The food was always delicious and the conversation and family time was unforgettable!!! You had some of the most interesting stories to share with us.*

Chris Chalko - December 05, 2022 at 03:27 PM

JT

“ We will both remember Ed for his kind, jovial nature and what I personally thought were his rosy cheeks. He was always happy and always very interesting to talk to. Jay remembers talking "shop talk" with him about cars and car repair and because I love old movies, I will remember talking with him about his love of Westerns especially about with his favorite guy, John Wayne. As we look at his picture, we both agree, that's the Ed we remember and will continue to remember. He may be an angel in heaven, but will always be in so many hearts with memories made and shared. Cathy, we send you and Kerry, your Mom, and both of your brothers our deepest sympathy and love. Jay and Jeannine Traner

Jeannine Traner - December 05, 2022 at 11:14 AM

CB

Jean and Jay, thank you for your beautiful tribute to my Dad. He was a character any will be missed!

Cathleen J Burke - December 05, 2022 at 01:51 PM

BK

“ Bob and Debbie Knapik purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Edward J. Crouse.



Bob and Debbie Knapik - December 05, 2022 at 09:26 AM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Edward J. Crouse.



December 04, 2022 at 05:39 PM

MG

“ Carol, you and Ed were such a huge part of our dad's, (Vincent DeCrane) life at the Winfield. We were blessed to share so many laughs, stories, and rosaries with the 2 of you. The whole family is sending lots of prayers to you and in thanksgiving for Ed. Sincerely,
The Vincent DeCrane family

Melissa DeCrane Gary - December 04, 2022 at 01:17 PM

YF

“ Your Winfield Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Edward J. Crouse.



Your Winfield Family - December 03, 2022 at 03:16 PM

VF

“ Vicki L Frank purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Edward J. Crouse.



Vicki L Frank - December 03, 2022 at 01:56 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Edward J. Crouse.



December 03, 2022 at 08:26 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Edward J. Crouse.*



December 02, 2022 at 06:30 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Edward J. Crouse.*



December 02, 2022 at 06:19 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Edward J. Crouse.*



December 01, 2022 at 08:49 PM