



Edward Reid DeMeter

June 16, 1924 - September 4, 2022

Edward Reid DeMeter (Ed) passed away peacefully in his sleep at Fairfax Hospital in Falls Church, Virginia on September 4th 2022. He is preceded in death by his parents Edward John DeMeter and Adelaide Rosalind DeMeter, brother Gene Harold DeMeter, wife Anita Margaret DeMeter, and daughter Christine Elizabeth DeMeter. He is survived by his sister Olive Dorothy DeMeter Brower and remaining children Eugene Edward DeMeter, Edward Christopher DeMeter, and Kathleen Anne DeMeter Young. In addition, Ed has 6 surviving grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

Ed was born June 16th 1924 in Newark, New Jersey. He attended Asbury Park High School graduating in 1942. He enlisted in 1942 and served with the 460th Fighter Squadron 5th Air Force. Ed flew 124 combat missions in P47's and P51's in New Guinea, Philippines, and Luzon. He was honorably discharged January 19, 1947 and subsequently served in the New York Air National Guard until May 28, 1951. Ed enrolled at Syracuse University in 1947 graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering on June 1951. Ed met his future wife Anita Margaret Schrimpe of Woodbridge, New Jersey during this period and they were married June 16, 1949.

Ed and Anita spent their first two years together after graduation in Hawaii where Ed worked as a commercial pilot surveying pineapple plantations. They returned to the states settling in Alexandria, Virginia where Ed began his

career with the federal government as an engineer at Fort Belvoir developing equipment to automatically produce maps from satellite photographs. This was followed by assignments at the Naval Observatory and finally at the Pentagon. After retiring from the federal government Ed built their retirement home on the Chesapeake Bay and started a custom home building business. Ed and Anita continued with this business for five years before deciding to finally retire. They spent their retirement years together in Bay Ridge and Edgewater Maryland before moving to Greensprings Village retirement community in Springfield Virginia in 2000.

Ed enjoyed many activities in his 98 years including motorcycles, flying, sailboat racing, scuba diving, sports cars, hunting, fishing, canoeing, traveling in their motorhome, and computer games. Never one to give up, he converted his scooter to a trike for stability which he continued to ride until age 97. He enjoyed emailing jokes & videos back and forth with family and friends and video calling via Skype almost to his last day. Ed was also a devout Catholic and active with the Kiwanis chapter in Edgewater. He also work as a volunteer reconditioning used computers to donate to schools and charities.

As a WW II combat veteran Ed will be interred at Arlington National Cemetery with his beloved wife Anita who passed away in March 2016. Due to the extended backlog of military funerals at Arlington it is not possible to set a date for the funeral ceremony at this time.

Cemetery Details

Arlington National Cemetery

1 Memorial Drive
Arlington, VA 22211

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall



“ *Edward Reid DeMeter*

October 27, 2022 at 09:45 PM



“ *Our condolences to the DeMeter family. May Ed rest in peace.*

Joanne & Bob Madison - September 11, 2022 at 04:56 PM



“ *Thanks for this outstanding tribute to Ed and thanks to him for his service to our country! We now understand why he could operate his electric chair with so much skill and confidence here at Greenspring Village! Sincerely, Joan and Ron Willard*

Ronald D. Willard - September 09, 2022 at 07:22 PM