



Edward D. Leonard

November 10, 1938 - January 8, 2024

Rochester - Edward "Ed" Dennis Leonard, of Rochester, passed away at home on Monday, January 8, 2024, surrounded by his family at the age of 85. He was the loving husband of 58 years of Sandra Leonard.

Born in Newark NJ, on November 10, 1938, Ed was the son of the late Francis and Mary (Danahy) Leonard. Raised and educated in Lawrence, MA, Ed attended Lawrence High School. His senior year, Ed enlisted in the United States Navy where he served 4 years. He joined the Lawrence Fire Department in 1969 and served for over 30 years, retiring as Deputy Chief in 2000. In addition, Ed served 20 years with the United States Coast Guard Reserves.

Ed resided for over 20 years in Newburyport MA, including many years on Plum Island. He and Sandra spent the past 20 years in New Hampshire. They took many vacations with family and friends, and he particularly enjoyed Las Vegas. He also made two trips to Ireland.

Ed loved his dogs, Feathers, Minnie and Sam-E. He enjoyed walking, and reading about history and politics. He was a huge patriots fan, and he liked to point out that he followed them even when they were lousy. All who knew him enjoyed his rapid-fire wit. Most of all, Ed loved and supported his family. In return, he was loved and respected by family, friends, and the people he

worked with.

Ed is survived by his children, Jennifer Leonard and her husband John Carpenter of Rochester, Catherine Fowler and her husband Steven of Hampton, and Rebecca Backstrom and her husband Jesse of Somerville, MA. He is also survived by his six grandchildren, Max, Rebecca, Keenan, Naomi, Jonathan, and Leah, as well as his four great grandchildren, Marceline, Memphis, Leah, and Jeremiah. In addition to his parents, Ed is predeceased by his siblings, Frances Crowe, Patricia Brown, John Leonard, Mary Ord, and Margaret DeFelice.

Family and friends will gather to honor and remember Ed for a period of visitation on Saturday, January 20, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. in the Remick and Gendron Funeral Home, 811 Lafayette Road, Hampton, NH. A funeral service with military honors will take place immediately following the visitation at 11:00 a.m. in the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Ed's memory to the NH SPCA in Stratham, NH by clicking here (<https://nhspca.org/donate-today/>)

The New Hampshire Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
PO Box 196
104 Portsmouth Avenue
Stratham, NH 03885

or the Parkinson's Foundation New England Chapter by clicking here (<https://www.parkinson.org/newengland>)

Parkinson's Foundation New England Chapter
Attn: Donor Services
200 SE 1st Street, Suite 800

Miami, FL 33131

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 20. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Remick & Gendron Funeral Home
811 Lafayette Road
Hampton, NH 03842
info@remickgendron.com
<http://www.RemickGendron.com>

Funeral Service

JAN 20. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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811 Lafayette Road
Hampton, NH 03842
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<http://www.RemickGendron.com>

Tribute Wall



“ Love Rick and Denise planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward D. Leonard.

Love Rick and Denise - January 19, 2024 at 11:11 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Edward D. Leonard.



January 19, 2024 at 11:11 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Edward D. Leonard.



January 18, 2024 at 07:46 PM



“ 61 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - January 18, 2024 at 02:09 PM

LB

“ *Liz Backstrom* planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of *Edward D. Leonard*.

Liz Backstrom - January 17, 2024 at 11:18 AM

LB

“ *Liz Backstrom* purchased the *Country Basket Blooms* for the family of *Edward D. Leonard*.



Liz Backstrom - January 17, 2024 at 11:18 AM

MW

“ *Mary W.* planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of *Edward D. Leonard*.

Mary W. - January 12, 2024 at 02:29 PM

JB

“ My father, Jack Leonard, was so proud of his “kid brother,” that he saved this newspaper photo all these years. As a family, we had so much love and respect for Uncle Eddie!
Jayne (Leonard) Beaton



Jayne Beaton - January 12, 2024 at 01:10 PM

SM

You done us proud, Cousin Eddie, love you forever!
Rest in Heavenly Peace!

Sheila Danahy McCann - January 12, 2024 at 08:21 PM

FO

“ A wonderful husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather uncle, and a man of honorable service to the City of Lawrence as Deputy Fire Chief for many years. Eddie was loved by so many, and his warm and caring demeanor will be remembered always.
Sincerely
Fran Ord

Frances M Ord - January 12, 2024 at 09:26 AM

SM

You done us proud, Cousin Eddie, love you forever!
RIP

Sheila Danahy McCann - January 12, 2024 at 08:18 PM

RL

“ *Deepest sympathies to Sandy and the family. It was an absolute honor and pleasure to work for Deputy Leonard. I enjoyed every moment. Lots of laughs and serious moments. Great leader, great friend. GOD BLESS. Love you Dep.*

Ron Lavallee - LFD



Ron Lavallee - January 10, 2024 at 10:08 PM