



Edward C. Stead

November 19, 1941 - June 9, 2017

North Hampton - Edward Charles Stead, 75, of North Hampton, died peacefully after a lengthy illness on Friday, June 9, 2017 at Clipper Harbor in Portsmouth.

He was born in Lynn, MA on November 19, 1941 a son of the late Prince E. Stead and Bertha (Midgley) Pote.

Raised in Lynn, he graduated from Lynn Classical High School with the Class of 1959 and went on to proudly serve in the U.S. Navy for three years.

He had a lifetime love of avionics, making it his career with the establishment and propriety of Stead Aviation at Manchester Airport from 1970 until his retirement in 1997. He was a member of various organizations such as Quiet Birdmen Club of NH, Aviation Museum of NH, Classic Jet Aircraft Association, AERO Club of New England, Yankee Chapter Pontiac Club. He was one of the founders of the Quiet Birdmen Club of Manchester, NH and helped to organize the N.E. Escadrille Airshows at the Manchester Airport.

Ed or Ned to his family was a talented aircraft and automobile mechanic, restoring military aircraft and a collection of classic American cars to his own meticulous degree. He was a carpenter and electrician, building two homes for his family during his “spare time” away from his business. Ned was a lover

of military history and most likely watched every WWII documentary known to man, in spite of being foretold that the ending was always the same. In his later years, he became a model train enthusiast and was a member of the Bristol S Gauge Model Train Club.

He is survived by his loving wife Roberta Messina Nicholson Stead of North Hampton; son Douglas E. Stead of Manchester; daughter Heather E. Driscoll and her husband John P. Driscoll Jr. of Lynnfield, MA; sister Darlene Ferragamo of Milford; aunt Evelyn Stead McAloon of Mashpee, MA; sister-in-law Patty Stead of FL; three sons by marriage, Thomas Nicholson and his wife Jen of San Jose, CA, John Nicholson and his wife Donna of Pembroke and Philip Nicholson and his companion Jenny Leary of Wilmot; grandchildren Sarah Nicholson, J.J. Driscoll, Danielle Smith, Taylor Smith, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

In addition to his parents he was predeceased by his brother Robert Stead of Florida.

Visiting hours will be held from 5 to 8 PM on Monday, June 12, 2017 in the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home-Crematory, 811 Lafayette Road, Hampton. Services will be held at 11 AM on Tuesday, June 13, 2017 in the Trinity Episcopal Church, 200 High Street, Hampton, NH 03842. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 96011, Washington, D.C. 20090-6011 or Aviation Museum of NH, 27 Navigator Road, Londonderry, NH 03053. Please visit www.RemickGendron.com to view Ned's memorial website, sign his tribute wall or for directions.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **12**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - Crematory
811 Lafayette Road ·
Hampton, NH 03842
(603) 926-6500
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<https://www.RemickGendron.com/>

Service

JUN **13**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Trinity Episcopal Church
200 High Street
Hampton, NH 03842

Tribute Wall



“ *Remick & Gendron Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Edward C. Stead*



Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - June 12, 2017 at 02:31 PM



“ *Edward C. Stead*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *It's been many, many years, but happy memories of Ned have popped into my head many times when remembering a happy childhood on Lendell Rd in Lynn. As friends with Darlene, Ned was the big brother we all trusted & looked up to. My first airplane flight was in Ned's (back yard, home made) plane when he flew my grandmother & I to Nantucket to visit my aunt. What a thrill. Ned was one of the kindest people I knew. May your happy memories bring you peace.*

Cindy Card Robinson

cindy card robinson - June 14, 2019 at 11:55 AM

EB

“ Our condolences to Bobbi, Dougie, and Heather. So many wonderful memories of "Uncle Ned" as well as stories told. He was a great friend to my dad when they were kids, introduced my parents to each other, gave my brother and I our first airplane rides, and tried to do what he could to help during my parent's later separation and divorce. Unfortunately I was too young to remember the time he flew my dad and I up a river and under a bridge! That must have been fun! My dad loved telling that story. I do remember the time he let me run the pedals during a taxi down the runway before take-off when I was about 12. The tower called asking if he had been drinking and was he in any condition to fly! He was the kindest man and will be greatly missed.
Eve Bergstrom

Eve Bergstrom - June 23, 2017 at 03:18 PM

BN

“ ear Bobbie My heart and prayers go out to you and your family. I am sending you hugs and much love Barbara

Barbara Nicholson - June 13, 2017 at 11:05 AM

BB

“ My heart aches for you Bobbie, and for what you face in the days ahead. Ned will be smiling down on you, watching you all the way. I have many fond memories of Ned from St. Stephen's Church and the Class of '59. Such a class act! I suppose Ned will go on to sing with the Angels Choir as he loved singing.
Fondly, Barbara (Plummer) Belliveau

Barbara Belliveau - June 12, 2017 at 06:28 PM



“ 108 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - June 12, 2017 at 12:23 PM



“ *Kevin L. Harriman purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Edward C. Stead.*



Kevin L. Harriman - June 12, 2017 at 12:08 PM



“ *Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Edward C. Stead.*



June 12, 2017 at 12:06 PM

JG

“ Our memories go way back to the 50's and they were great ones. Ed was always happy doing what he loved best. My husband Jim Griffin and Ed worked together at Logan Airport. Aviation was in Ed's blood. Farewell and God Bless you Ed. Jim and Jean Griffin

Jean M. Griffin - June 12, 2017 at 11:30 AM

TF

“ The Stead Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Edward C. Stead.



The Stead Family - June 12, 2017 at 10:41 AM



“ Summer's Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Edward C. Stead.



June 12, 2017 at 07:13 AM

“ *My Memories of my Cousin, Edward (but always "Ned") Stead*
by Bill Dyke

In our younger years, Ned lived in Lynn, but my family was living on Long Island. Two or three times a year my Mom and Dad , Ada and John Dyke, would have a need to see "the folks up in Lynn", so off we'd go for a five hour drive to Massachusetts. Fortunately, I would always be dropped off at Uncle Prince and Aunt Bertha's house, so I could visit with Ned and his brother Bob.

It didn't take long for me to know that while some men's eyes look straight ahead and others deep into the ocean, Ned's eyes always looked up, Not just up, but WAAAAAAAAY UP! He loved model planes and when we arrived one time, a fully functioning Piper Cub was in the backyard. Wow! the excitement in Ned's eyes, when he started it up and revved the engine and filled the whole neighborhood with the sound of the engine, what a noise..... but not for Ned. It was more like a cat purring.

The military and other significant parts of our lives kept us away for a long time, Sometimes he would come to Maryland, where my own married family lived, and he would have a new plane to take us up for a ride or a new convertible that Ceil, the girls and I would all go for a ride in.

However when he took me up in his British BAC-111 Fighter Bomber. Wow!!! It was so amazing, so good, me, little me, and "risk taker" Ned in a real fighter bomber sitting next to this amazing pilot, my cousin Ned. Those moments flying over Manchester airport one time with Ned will be with me always.

A wonderful memory of Ned was his enthusiasm for life. I never saw him halfway about an adventure or business. Always that smile and a glint in his eye of what his next project was to be. Most of all are my memories of Ned being a really good guy, someone special in my life, who I considered way above average. I always could call him up on the phone and he would still be the same "cousin Ned" God bless him and I am sure he will rest in peace and be happy with all his passed family members now.

Ceil and I and our girls, Jeannine and Danielle and their families

want to thank him for what he gave to all of us over the years, and we offer sympathy and prayers for his wife Bobbie and his children and grandchildren and all his extended family. We are so sorry we cannot be there to express this to you all in person, but we are thankful for the time we shared with him. Much love and sympathy.... Bill, Ceil Dyke, Jeanine & David Covington, Danielle & Rick Arnstein and our grandchildren.

William Dyke - June 11, 2017 at 09:27 PM

JN

“ Jacquelyn N. purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Edward C. Stead.



Jacquelyn N. - June 11, 2017 at 02:43 PM

JC

“ I remember with fondness driving around in Ned's Model T the one time we visited in NH, as well as the flight he took myself and Dad on when he was flying through Frederick, MD. He always had a ready smile and a great laugh. My condolences to your entire family.

--Jeannine (Dyke) Covington

Jeannine Covington - June 11, 2017 at 10:50 AM

DF

“ It is with great sorrow that I say goodbye to my wonderful brother, Ned. I couldn't have asked for a more loving, caring, intelligent, and successful bro. I am so grateful that we were able to share so many memorable experiences together. God speed, I love you, and until we meet again...

Darlene Ferragamo - June 10, 2017 at 04:19 PM

MB

“ *I have great memories of my first small plane ride with Ed and my Dad. Rest in peace Ed.*

Matt Barrett - June 10, 2017 at 03:43 PM

FA

“ *Please accept our deepest sympathies and condolences to all of the Stead family.*

We have fond memories of “Steady Eddie” growing up. Hail to you Classical High ’59er “ as you take that final flight in the sky and thank you for your service.

May god bless you and may you rest in peace.

Frank and Kathy Andrews , Peabody MA.

Frank Andrews - June 10, 2017 at 01:17 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Edward C. Stead.*



June 09, 2017 at 10:10 PM