



Edward R. Melanson

September 22, 1946 - July 6, 2025

Edward R. Melanson, 78, of Northampton, passed away peacefully on Sunday July 6, 2025, at Linda Manor Nursing Home surrounded by his family. He was born in Revere, MA on September 22, 1946, to the late Raymond and Mary (Rubino) Melanson.

He was educated in Boston schools and graduated from East Boston High School. Ed was a U.S. Army Veteran serving during Vietnam in the 7th Calvary.

Ed enjoyed watching and cheering on all Boston sports teams, especially the Bruins and the Red Sox, he also liked spending time at the YMCA where he enjoyed working out. He liked his scratch tickets and spending time with friends at Byrds store in Florence, but most of all he cherished his family especially his loving daughter Marissa and granddaughter Bella who he absolutely adored.

Ed is survived by his devoted wife of 35 years, Jocelyn (Lemieux) Melanson of Northampton, his daughter, Marissa Melanson of Easthampton, his granddaughter Bella Mercado of Easthampton, his sister, Joanne Mitrano of Wilton, NH, and his niece Sandra Ziele of Wilton, NH.

Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his brother Ronnie and his

brother-law Louie Mitrano.

There will be a calling hour on Thursday July 17, 2025, from 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM at the DROZDAL FUNERAL HOME, 120 DAMON RD., NORTHAMPTON. A Prayer Service will begin at 12:30 PM in the Funeral Home. Burial with Military Honors will immediately follow at the Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Agawam.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to Dakin Humane Society, PO Box 6307, Springfield, MA 01101 or to Boston Children's Hospital, 401 Park Drive, Suite 602, Boston, MA 02215.

Previous Events

Calling Hour

JUL 17. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Drozdal Funeral Home
120 Damon Rd
Northampton, MA 01060
(413) 584-5306
<https://drozdalfuneralhome.com/>

Prayer Service

JUL 17. 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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Northampton, MA 01060
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Burial

JUL 17. 2:00 PM (ET)

Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery
1390 Main St.
Agawam, MA 01001

Tribute Wall

ED

“ Don't know why I looked up Eddies name today just reminiscing I guess but I am so sorry to learn of this today. I wish that I had the opportunity to see Eddie again. We were best of friends in East Boston during our high school years. He even came and stayed with me in Melrose for a couple of months while I adjusted to my new surroundings due to my parents leaving East Boston and purchasing a home in Melrose. I remember us driving to E.B. just to see friends and coming home were hit by a car with a number of injuries and being hospitalized. He was a true friend. I will miss him. Hope that someone in the family sees this and knowing how much he was loved as a friend including my parents. Will always remember the good times that we had. Eugene DiGregorio.

Eugene DiGregorio - August 05, 2025 at 10:56 AM

JC

“ My favorite memories of Eddie was him listening to sports radio while he drove us home. Always so stylish in his track suits, drinking his Tab and talking in that very distinct Italian voice. Rest in peace Uncle Eddie

Julianne Cronin - July 16, 2025 at 08:00 PM

JO

“ My fondest memory of my husband was the pure love he shared with our daughter Rlssa and our granddaughter Bell. They truly were the love of his life. They will forever be with him. Also. Ed and I truly bonded over music. I'd show him videos and he would just light up. He'd ask about the singer and the song being performed. Music became our bond.

Jocelyn - July 16, 2025 at 07:43 PM

KF

Jocelyn was a dear friend I meant in college so long ago! She often spoke of how much she wanted a child. She had that baby with Ed and life was changed forever. I met Ed at their beautiful wedding and instantly knew he was a good, kind man. God rest your soul

kim Foss - August 04, 2025 at 03:10 PM

KF

Love you ole friend

kim Foss - August 04, 2025 at 03:11 PM