



## Mr. Edward Butala

March 4, 1928 - April 28, 2018

Edward F. Butala, age 90, passed away on Saturday, April 28. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Thelma “Sandy” Butala, and by two children, John Butala (Mary) of Monroe, CT and Sharon Kurkis (John) of Roswell, GA. He is also survived by 4 grandchildren, Dr. Greg Kurkis (Corinne), Caitlin Butala, Timothy Butala, and Noreen Butala. He is also survived by his sister, Josephine Hornung of Dodge City, KS, nieces Brenda, Joyce and Kay Lynn, and nephews Duane, Warren, and Lonnie and their families. Ed is also survived by many life-long friends.

Ed was born in Salida, Colorado to the former Mary and John Butala. He graduated from Salida High School, and proudly served his country at the end of World War II as an electronics specialist for the US Navy. He attended Notre Dame University, and graduated from University of Colorado as an electrical engineer. He moved to Maryland, and worked first for Westinghouse, and then had a long career with the Department of Defense. After moving to Maryland, he married Sandy, and they had a long and happy life in Linthicum and then Severna Park, Maryland. Sandy and Ed moved to Georgia several years ago to be closer to family during their golden years.

Ed was a talented engineer, and he could build or fix just about anything . He enjoyed woodworking, and he leaves behind many beautiful pieces of furniture and cabinetry as treasured family heirlooms. After retiring, Ed enjoyed many hours in his workshop, as well as traveling, dining with friends, computers, church and taking classes. Ed valued precision and excellence in

all that he did. He is fondly remembered by his family and dining companions for his love of his electric knife in all kitchen slicing chores.

Ed's life will be celebrated with a memorial mass on Tuesday, May 1 at 10:30am, at St. Peter Chanel Catholic Church in Roswell, GA. Internment will be at a future date in Maryland, at the cemetery of Our Lady of the Fields Catholic Church in Millersville, Maryland, where he and Sandy worshiped for many years. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to either church, as follows:

St. Peter Chanel Catholic Church, 11330 Woodstock Rd., Roswell, GA 30075

Our Lady of the Fields Catholic Church, 1070 Cecil Avenue S., Millersville, MD 21108

# Cemetery Details

## Northside Chapel Crematory

12050 Crabapple Rd  
Roswell, GA 30075

# Previous Events

## Memorial Mass

MAY 1. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Peter Chanel Catholic Church  
11330 Woodstock Road  
Roswell, GA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Edward Butala*

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October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *Sharon and John - Just hearing of your loss. Glad you were able to enjoy your dad for so long and have lots of great memories.*

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**Michele Flegal Perkins** - July 07, 2018 at 10:25 AM



“ *Sharon and John, Greg and Corinne - we're so sorry to hear about your loss. You're in our thoughts prayers.*  
*- Gail and Chuck Ruys*

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**Gail Ruys** - May 05, 2018 at 03:18 PM

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“ Hello friends and family of Ed Butala,

*I was a Midshipman with John, Ed's son, from 1977-1981. John and I and Dan and others would be invited regularly to spend time up in Severna Park at the Butala household. The Butalas were always so generous in opening their home and they treated all of us as if we were their own children.*

*As we got more senior in the Naval Academy system, we were allowed to drive and spend more time away from the Academy on the weekends. The Butalas would often let us borrow Ed's pickup truck to get around. We had some great adventures in that vehicle. We were very grateful to the Butalas. We drove it to go camping, skiing, and even a few trips to Georgetown.*

*One weekend I can remember being up at their house visiting and Ed was putting a new exhaust system on the truck. The work was essentially replacing the mundane stock system with Headers with "Cherry Bomb" mufflers which effectively improved the truck's get up and go significantly and did very little muffling. In fact, it made the truck loud and very much a hot rod.*

*John had earlier in the week told us about this project and although I don't think he warned us, subconsciously, we all felt that when we saw and heard the truck we should not act too excited but rather just respectfully admire the work and reflect on the improved fuel efficiency and engineering simplicity and elegance of the low back pressure. We certainly didn't want Mr. B thinking that whenever we might be out in the truck in the future that we would be burning rubber and generally causing a civil nuisance and creating a danger to the public with our recklessness and his truck.*

*Several of us were up at the house when John and his Dad finished the project. All of our concerns about keeping our excitement about the power and raw strength of the "new" truck were quickly wiped out because the most excited and thrilled was John's Dad. He*

*started it up and revved it up over and over. It sounded like a drag strip right in their driveway. John's Mom came out to see what had gone wrong and if everybody was okay! Ed revved it up even more and more when she came out. He couldn't help himself. Gunning it and just listening to the horsepower. It roared and roared and Mr. B just kept doing it over and over and then he would sort of giggle and he had this great grin on his face.*

*It is a great memory for me. I regret not having a chance recently to relive this memory with Mr. B.*

*My sincere condolences,*

*Stu Bailey,  
First Company Class Mate of John  
USNA Class of 1981*

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**Stuart Bailey** - May 01, 2018 at 09:09 AM

 Dan Hudson

“ *With warmest sympathy and great appreciation for sponsoring USNA First Company, Class of 1981.....and particularly from Rock and F.B.*

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**Dan Hudson** - April 30, 2018 at 05:38 PM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Mr. Edward Butala.*



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April 30, 2018 at 10:37 AM



“ I remember your Dad cutting the Lemon Meringue Pie with that electric knife. Never saw such perfect pieces of pie! Sorry for your loss, but take comfort in the many fond memories you have to keep him close to your hearts forever. Thinking of the entire Butala family at this difficult time. Sandee & Chuck McClain

Sandee McClain - April 30, 2018 at 10:35 AM



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Sandee McClain - April 30, 2018 at 09:42 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Edward Butala.



April 30, 2018 at 08:45 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Edward Butala.



April 29, 2018 at 04:42 PM

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“ *Maureen O'Keefe purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Mr. Edward Butala.*



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**Maureen O'Keefe** - April 29, 2018 at 03:05 PM

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“ *Patrick and Karen O'Keefe & Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. Edward Butala.*



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**Patrick and Karen O'Keefe & Family** - April 29, 2018 at 03:00 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Edward Butala.*



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April 29, 2018 at 02:47 PM