



Edward Joseph Wargo II

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Edward Joseph Wargo II, 78, of Elmer, New Jersey, passed away on Sunday, October 27, 2024. Born in Trenton, Edward (EJ) was the son of Edward and Lena (Kozak) Wargo. As a young child his family moved to Edgewater Park where he grew up playing along the Delaware River, thus cementing his life-long love of the water. He graduated from Burlington High School in 1964.

EJ earned his BA in Education from Glassboro State College in 1968 and was subsequently drafted into the Army. Because he was a college graduate, he was given the opportunity to become regular army. After training at Sandia National Laboratory in New Mexico, he served for 3 years as a nuclear weapons and ordnance specialist in Germany.

When his term of service was completed, EJ returned to New Jersey and taught various science courses at the high school level. He spent 44 years in the classroom, 43 of which were at Washington Township High School in Sewell, NJ. It was there that he met his wife of 16 years, Lisa Morris. After retiring in 2015, he and Lisa enjoyed traveling, boating on the Sassafras River in MD, and spending time with the grandchildren, whom he loved dearly.

EJ was an avid outdoorsman all of his life. As a youngster and a member of the Boy Scouts of America, he achieved the rank of Eagle Scout; as an adult, he was an active assistant with Troop 58 out of Pittsgrove and later worked

with the local troop in Elmer. He hiked Philmont twice (the boy scout ranch in New Mexico), once as a 15 year old and again at 52, assisting with other scouts. He had a particular love for sailing and for many years was a member of the Red Dragon Canoe Club in Edgewater Park. He spent summers sailing the Chesapeake Bay, fishing for striped bass on the coast, and making his own flies for fly fishing. He was a long time member of the USANA gun club and an expert rifleman who shot competitively. Always keen to capture a moment on film, EJ also enjoyed photography and never traveled without his Leica.

EJ was predeceased by his mother, father, and brother Gregory. He is survived by his wife Lisa (nee: Justice); son Edward Joseph Wargo III and his wife Kathryne; stepchildren, Ryan Morris and Kristen Morris-Green and her husband Steven and three grandchildren.

Services will be private. Please consider a donation in EJ's memory to Shriner's Children's Hospital in Philadelphia, lovetotherescue.org.

Cemetery Details

Private Interment