



Joseph "Harvey" Edelen

May 22, 1950 - July 14, 2017

Joseph Harvey Edelen, age 67, of Newburg, Maryland, transitioned into eternal paradise on July 14, 2017 at the University of Maryland Charles Regional Medical Center in La Plata, Maryland.

Edelen was affectionately known as Dad, "Pa-pa," and Joe. At a young age, Harvey became a devout member of Holy Ghost Catholic Church in Issue, Maryland. Harvey attended Bel Alton High School, graduating in 1969. He initially planned to enlist in the U.S. Marine Corp. At the time, though he was ready and qualified, he was denied for being the youngest male sibling in his family. Instead, he began working at the Pepco Power Plant where he would retire after 36 years of employment. He was ambitious enough to start his own business, Edelen Marine Construction Inc., 11 years into his Pepco stint. He then went on to work for himself and Pepco, in tandem, for over 25 years.

Harvey, Joe, had a genuinely positive personality. His spirit inspired and touched all those he met, many viewing him as a mentor. He could get a room full of strangers to know exactly who he was in under five minutes, his smile and laugh was infectious. A conversationalist, he loved to talk even if he didn't always listen. A selfless man, this flaw was easily forgiven for Harvey would satiate the needs of others before his own, often exceeding expectations to make sure his loved ones were happy. A one-of-a-kind family member, many friends of his and his kids became adopted family members. He was an

exemplary example of community support.

Joseph Harvey Edelen was born on May 22, 1950 in Rock Point, Maryland to the late Claude and Leola Edelen. In 1964 Harvey met the love of his life, Ruth T. Swann, whom he married in 1970. In addition to his loving wife Ruth, his loving presence will also be cherished and celebrated by his children, Chris, Michelle (David), Nicole (Russell) and Raheem; his grandchildren, Alexsea, Zakaira, and David III; his siblings, Charles, Liz, James, Inez, Roscoe (Darlene), Joanne (Larue), Laura Jean, and Cynthia (Samuel); his sibling-in-laws, Peggy (Nathan) and Shirley Swann; his godchildren, Tony Tolson, Gregory Woodland, Terrence Bushrod, Na'Zyia & Za'Nyia Hicks. In addition to those listed above, many great nieces and nephews, friends and community members will cherish his memory as well.

My Angel up in Heaven, I wanted you to know
I feel you watching over me, everywhere I go
I wish you were with me, but that can never be,
memories of you in my heart, that only I can see

My Angel up in Heaven, I hope you understand,
that I would give anything, if I could hold your hand
I'd hold you oh so tight, and never let you go, and all the love inside of me
To you I would show.

My Angel up in Heaven, honey, for now we are apart,
you'll always live inside of me, deep within my heart.

Friends received on Wednesday, July 19, 2017 from 9AM until Mass of Christian Burial at 12PM at Holy Ghost Catholic Church, 15848 Rock Point Road, Issue, Maryland 20645, officiated by Fr. Robert Golas. Interment to follow at the church cemetery.

Memorials are asked to Cobb Island Volunteer Fire Department & EMS, PO Box 156, Cobb Island, Maryland 20625 or Newburg Volunteer Rescue, PO Box 9, Newburg, Maryland 20664.

Cemetery Details

Holy Ghost Catholic Church Issue Cemetery

15848 Rock Point Road
Newburg, MD 20664

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 19. 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Holy Ghost Catholic Church Issue
15848 Rock Point Road
Newburg, MD 20664

Rosary

JUL 19. 11:30 AM (ET)

Holy Ghost Catholic Church Issue
15848 Rock Point Road
Newburg, MD 20664

Mass of Christian Burial

JUL 19. 12:00 PM (ET)

Holy Ghost Catholic Church Issue
15848 Rock Point Road
Newburg, MD 20664

Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph "Harvey" Edelen*

October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ *Joseph "Harvey" Edelen*

October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *Our prayers are with the Edelen family. So sorry for your loss. Harvey as a good man. God Bless You all*

Bob and Evelyn Jupiter



Bob and Evelyn Jupiter - July 21, 2017 at 06:03 PM

BP

“ Our most sincere sympathies and condolences to the Edelen family. Harvey was a wonderful person and true gentleman. He brought a positive light and had a genuine gift for positively impacting everyone around him. Harvey will be deeply missed by us and many others in our community.

We seemed to run into Harvey very regularly in different places across our area. We loved stopping to talk with him. He was selfless, and well respected for his work ethic and willingness to make time to help others at any time.

Harvey helped us get settled in the area, gave us great advice over the last few years, and was loved by those who were fortunate enough to know him.

This is how we will always remember him.

We will keep you and your family in our thoughts and prayers.

Most sincerely,

Jade Pham and Bill Pierce, Cobb Island, MD

Bill Pierce - July 20, 2017 at 09:38 AM

RL

“ God be merciful and gracious to the family of Harvey - a just man beyond reproach. Truly the best of men I had met at Holy Ghost Church in the 70's and 80's - the Caimi era. Heaven awaits the family of Christ. God bless you Ruth and your family. Thanks for sharing Harvey. May 'The Comforter' be with you now and forever. Our condolences with sad hearts.
Thanks for your warmth and friendship Harvey.
God bless,
Robert and Theresa (Joan) (Farrell) Lucini

Robert Lucini - July 20, 2017 at 08:58 AM

SB

“ Mrs. Ruth and family, my prayers for confront and understanding during this difficult time. Mr. Harvey will always be remembered with his kindness, smile, his conversation.

Stephanie Butler - July 19, 2017 at 05:29 PM

MH

“ Our sincerest sympathy to all the family and many friends. He was a great man and we will miss him. Be assured of our thoughts and prayers.

Mike and Millie Huseman - July 19, 2017 at 02:35 PM

LM

“ Ruth, our thoughts and prayers to you and your family during this difficult time. I will always remember Harvey for his kindness, and his smile said it all! May God give you peace with the memories you both shared. He will not be forgotten!

Always,
Gerald & Linda Murray

Linda Murray - July 19, 2017 at 01:09 PM

SY

“ Remembering, you from the younger days growing up and playing baseball, I'll never forget a great pitcher and catcher. you will be missed:

Sylvia Flemming

Sylvia - July 19, 2017 at 11:55 AM

GM

“ Rest In Peace Harvey, along and loving friend, you always had a great smile and words of kindness to me and my family. Condolences to Ruth and his family. May the angels carry you. Rest easy.



Gloria Minor - July 19, 2017 at 11:40 AM

WJ

“ Sorry that I couldn't make the service was shocked to hear this. I just saw him at the Safeway in LaPlata a few weeks ago and we talked for 30 minutes.

May the blessings of God be upon all of you

May its peace abide with you

May its essence illuminate your heart

Now and forever

Wayne Jones - July 19, 2017 at 10:54 AM

EB

“ *My sincere condolences to the Edelen family. Harvey was a very kind and generous man. Always willing to help. He will be greatly missed by the community and way beyond.*
Eddie Bowling

eddie bowling - July 19, 2017 at 08:45 AM

RY

“ *We are so sorry to learn of your loss and our hearts and prayers are with you. We always enjoyed our chats with Mr. E.*

Richard Young

richard young - July 19, 2017 at 07:30 AM

DM

“ *To Ruth and family, Joan and I offer our heartfelt condolences on the passing of Harvey. You are in our prayers for comfort and understanding during tis difficult time.*
Deacon Robert and Joan Martin.



Deacon Robert Martin - July 19, 2017 at 03:17 AM

HL

“ My husband Aaron and I (Hazel) met Harvey several years ago when he provided service to our pier on the Wicomico River. Harvey treated my husband and I as if we had known him for years. Because we were new to the community, he embraced us. We were devastated when we heard of his passing. Our sincere condolences to his wife Ruth and his family. His passing is a total loss to the whole community. Rest in peace Harvey.



Aaron and Hazel Lucas

Hazel Lucas - July 18, 2017 at 08:31 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph "Harvey" Edelen.



July 18, 2017 at 08:26 PM

KS

“ Mr. Edelen I want to take this time to thank you for your love, friendship and mentoring through the years. Steve and I will forever cherish you. Your spirit and smile was infectious and comforting. Please continue to watch over us down here. Lord, I ask that you comfort the Edelen Family through this difficult time. In Jesus name I pray, Amen.

Forever Loved & Never Forgotten,
Steven Shryock, Kia Rosier-Stewart and Tim Stewart Jr.

Kia Stewart - July 18, 2017 at 07:26 PM

DF

“ Thoughtso and prayers and blessings for the Edelen family during this time of mourning and loss.

Peace,

Deacon Bill Frere

Deacon Bill Frere - July 18, 2017 at 04:24 PM

YW

“ Your colleagues and Friends at Work. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Joseph "Harvey" Edelen.



Your colleagues and Friends at Work. - July 18, 2017 at 02:59 PM

SH

“ Harvey was a sweet, kind man and he will be deeply missed. I knew Harvey from what used to be Goldsmith's Store, where I worked for 2 years. I was a newcomer to the area and the store, but when he came in, he treated me like he had known me forever. I was deepmy saddened when hearing of Harvey's passing. My prayers are with you Edelen family. May God bless you and keep you.

Shanika Hancock - July 18, 2017 at 02:33 PM

SB

“ Mr Harvey was a good, kind loyal man to those he loved, years ago I had a pool store, his children called me the pool Lady, Harvey would bring his pool water in and he invited Leo and I to come see his children swim and look over his pool, we were happy too, Harvey was so very proud of his girls as they swam in the pool, doing all kinds of strokes and having fun... Over the years I met his wife Ruth who I love to this very day... If you read this Ruth, I am so sorry for your loss, I know you 2 shared a genuine true pure love... if there is anything I can do... I am here for you... I owe you, remember how Glenn had climbed a 60 ft pine tree and I panicked, you held it together, told me to tell him his favorite meal was ready, Mac and cheese is ready is why I yelled out the door, while I silently prayed, you watched him come down the tall pine tree..... Thank you for that Ruth.. God pit you in my home that day.... for that reason... and I've been grateful all my life. I know just like that day... you will hold it together you are a brilliant woman, loving and caring and kind.. God has a genuine love for you.... and Harvey will go to God on your behalf and all those he loved... you were there for me..... strong and brave and loving... I hope to be here for you, if you need me, I am not jars to find.... Your sister in Christ, Sherry Borrer... Harvey and Leo are both in God's home... we will miss them forever.. of this I am sure.

Sherry Borrer - July 18, 2017 at 02:08 PM

MG

“ Mr. Edelen was a very nice man. I had the pleasure of meeting him some time ago when he did some work for my parents. He had a way of making you feel like you had known him all your life. My thoughts and prayers go out to the family and friends. He will be truly missed by all who knew him.

Melissa Gatton - July 18, 2017 at 12:28 PM

TS

“ Mr. Joe Edelen has been around my family since I go back to a child when he and my father worked at Pepco together. My fondest memories of him will always be his ever present smile. Every time I would see him, he always had a smile and a was just like time hadn't passed since I last saw him and Ms. Ruth. His family and ours did trips together when we were kids and those were truly the good old day. Rest in peace "Joe"

Takaya Savoy - July 18, 2017 at 11:47 AM

TJ

“ Since four years ago when Harvey and Ruth drove the truck to move us from Potomac View Road to Ganiesville, GA, we regularly have talked about them and have missed them. Periodically, I have have visited with Harvey on the phone--- always getting an uplift! No one could have a better friend than Harvey: wise, decent, honest, serving in all ways, uplifting, and on and on. We especially appreciate his influence from her childhood on in the life of our now 24 year old Lora who will, along with us, and with countless others like us whose lives have been permanently changed for the good, will continue the influence of Harvey throughout our lives. As Harvey has moved on to make heaven evermore friendly, we commit our on-going love, prayers, and support to Ruth and the family for whom Harvey cared and loved so much. Thanks be to God who gives the victory!
Tom Jones

Tom Jones - July 18, 2017 at 07:57 AM

KB

“ Ruth, our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family. Our hearts go out to you. He was a very good person and he will be missed. Love you, Kathy (Smith) & Steve Brukardt.

Kathy & Steve Brukardt - July 18, 2017 at 06:08 AM



“ *The kindness in his eyes and his ever present smile was Harvey's gift to the world.He will be sorely missed.May he rest in peace.*

Paul Stout - July 17, 2017 at 11:45 PM

SS

“ *Harvey, we celebrated friendship, each other's marriage, the birth of each other's children and now grandchildren! I remember the day outside church when you role me you wanted to marry that wonderful girl, your Ruth! I've watched your love and family grow for many years. You were an inspiration to all of us! Rest in Peace.*

Sue Shymansky - July 17, 2017 at 08:34 PM

KW

“ *Katrina Wiskup lit a candle in memory of Joseph "Harvey" Edelen*



Katrina Wiskup - July 17, 2017 at 06:25 PM

KW

“ *My sincere condolences to the Edelen family. I am so very, very sorry for your loss. It is a loss for all of us on Cobb Island. He will be missed terribly. I wish for you all some measure of comfort and peace, in time.*

Katrina Wiskup, Cobb Island

Katrina Wiskup - July 17, 2017 at 06:23 PM

TD

“ Tiffany Dew lit a candle in memory of Joseph "Harvey" Edelen



Tiffany Dew - July 17, 2017 at 05:35 PM

TD

“ My deepest condolences to the Edelen family. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Tiffany Dew

Tiffany Dew - July 17, 2017 at 05:33 PM

NC

“ To the Edelen family,
Our sincere condolences to your family. Harvey was such a wonderful, generous man who would always bring a smile to everyone he came into contact with. He will be sincerely missed. Our thoughts and prayers to your family.
Steve and Nicole Crews

nicole crews - July 17, 2017 at 05:15 PM

 Tammy Lovett

“ To the edlen family my prayers are with you in your time of need joespeh was a great man that would help anyone so my condolences are with you all from tammy lovett and family

Tammy Lovett - July 17, 2017 at 04:45 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joseph "Harvey" Edelen.



July 17, 2017 at 04:32 PM



“ CousinJoesph Webster Edelen/Joeand Wilma lit a candle in memory of Joseph "Harvey" Edelen



CousinJoesph Webster Edelen/Joeand Wilma - July 17, 2017 at 01:10 PM



We love you! You are in our thoughts and prayers

CousinJoesph Webster Edelen/Joeand Wilma - July 17, 2017 at 01:35 PM



Ruth & Family,
We're so sorry for your loss. About 30 years ago I met Joe and have lots of cherished memories of all the good times we shared. Please know that he truly was a great guy and will be greatly missed. We are all here for you in your time of Sorrow.

🙏 May he rest in Gods Hands now 🙏

Love,

Robin & Ronnie Robinson

Robin & Ronnie Robinson - July 17, 2017 at 02:55 PM

PA

I had the pleasure of meeting Harvey when he installed the boardwalk at the Nanjemoy Creek Environmental Education Center. Harvey and Ruth were such a joy to work with and I remember that time fondly. Harvey was an honorable man and a true craftsman. I know that anyone who met him walked away a better person. My thoughts and prayers are with Ruth and the rest of the family.

Paula Batzer

Paula - July 17, 2017 at 06:21 PM

TS

I am deeply saddened at the sudden death of Joe. I met Joe about 35 years ago. he worked at Morgantown and I worked at Chalk Point. We hit it off right from the start. We attended Training classes together and would always compare notes on what was going on at each of our plants. Recently I saw Joe at Captain Johns Crab House. He came up to me and we shook hands and hugged each other. I had not seen him in a couple of years, but it was a great moment seeing him again. Joe was a wonderful guy and the world was a better place while Joe was here with us. My thoughts and prayers are with his family, for I know he will be forever missed.

Timmy Gardiner Sr.

Timmy Gardiner Sr. - July 18, 2017 at 05:46 AM

EF

“ *Edelen/Dixon Family lit a candle in memory of Joseph "Harvey" Edelen*



Edelen/Dixon family - July 17, 2017 at 12:53 PM



Charles Shaw

“ *Our Deepest Condolences and Sympathy to the Edelen Family on their loss of Joe Edelen a Husband, Father, Grandfather and a Friend to many in the community. May our God comfort the Edelen Family as we Send our Brother Joe home to be with the Father. May Joe Edelen RIP, with the Father Forever!!*

Charles and Karen Shaw, & Family

Charles Shaw - July 17, 2017 at 12:46 PM

JH

“ *Jim and I were heartbroken to hear of Harvey's passing. He was such a good person and role model to so many. Our prayers and thoughts to the whole family. RIP our dear friend. Jim and Jeanne Haynes*

Jeanne Haynes - July 17, 2017 at 12:21 PM

LJ

“ *May God Bless Y'all In This Difficult Time
Good Man Gone To Soon So Sorry For Y'all
Loss Y'all Have My Deepest Sympathy May
God Bless Y'all Love Cousin Laverne
Johnson Family*



Laverne Johnson - July 17, 2017 at 12:11 PM

PG

“ I knew Joe through our employment with Pepco. He always gave me a word of encouragement and sound advice. He will be missed by many. My condolences to the family. I'm praying that God comfort and strength you through the days ahead and beyond.
God Bless

Paula Greene

Paula Greene - July 17, 2017 at 09:38 AM

LL

“ Love, Trisha, Arabella, and Tony Jr Lewis purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Joseph "Harvey" Edelen.



Love, Trisha, Arabella, and Tony Jr Lewis - July 17, 2017 at 09:14 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Joseph "Harvey" Edelen.



July 17, 2017 at 09:04 AM

TF

“ Our condolences to the family. Harvey was a good man and a family man. I pray for peace and comfort for his family. Tracey & Gene Foster



Tracey Foster - July 17, 2017 at 08:54 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joseph "Harvey" Edelen.*



July 17, 2017 at 08:46 AM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph "Harvey" Edelen.*



July 17, 2017 at 06:45 AM



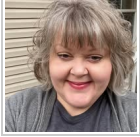
“ *Our sincere sympathy to the family of Harvey Edelen. May God give you strength and peace to endure this difficult time and loss. The calm, serene Neale Sound reflects the love and dedication of Harvey for the many people he knew and the work that he did. He always gave us his time, no matter how busy he was, for a smile and a friendly chat. He will be remembered and missed. From Bill and Jayne Parrish*

Jayne and Bill Parrish - July 17, 2017 at 06:34 AM



He was truly a gentle person who will be missed by many. He never met a stranger, for everyone was a friend. He did some work for my family throughout the years. Prayers to him and his whole family. He will truly be missed.

Susan Jackson Brown - July 17, 2017 at 03:02 PM



“ *Harvey will be fondly remembered as a good devoted family man. He never met a stranger. His warm smile will be missed by many. My prayers continue for his loved ones.* ”



Torri Albright - July 16, 2017 at 11:00 PM



“ *Sending our sincere condolences on the sudden loss of Harvey. May God bless Ruth and the family during this difficult time. A great guy gone too soon. From Whalon and Janice Wilson.* ”

Janice Wilson - July 16, 2017 at 10:59 PM