



## Edmund J. Zwirek Jr.

June 19, 1937 - October 15, 2018

Wantage - Edmund J. Zwirek, Jr., age 81, peacefully passed away on Monday, October 15, 2018 at his residence while surrounded by his loving family. Born in Scranton, PA to the late Edmund J. Zwirek, Sr. and Catherine (Shontz) Zwirek, he had lived in Fair Lawn before moving to Sussex County in 1969. He graduated from Fair Lawn High School in 1955 and received his BS in Business Administration from Fairleigh Dickinson University in 1959. Mr. Zwirek had served in the United States National Guard. He had been employed as a plant manager in the corrugated container industry before his retirement. Mr. Zwirek was a member of the Port Jervis Country Club and was an avid sports fan and especially enjoyed football and wrestling. He also liked gardening, stories of World War II history, and smoking his cigars.

Mr. Zwirek is survived by his wife of 58 years, Jean (Barnard); his two daughters, Heather Zwirek Neuhs of Cornwall, New York and Jennifer Zwirek and her husband Mark of Scottsdale, Arizona; his three sisters, Joan Zwirek of Midland Park, Constance High of Fort Meyers, Florida, and Susan Kiernan and her husband Thomas of Bernardsville; his three grandchildren, Madeline, August, and Atlas. Funeral services will be held at 5 p.m. at the Pinkel Funeral Home, 31 Bank Street (Route 23), Sussex. Friends may pay their respects to the family prior to the service on Thursday, October 18, 2018 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. Online condolences may be offered to the

family at [www.pinkelfuneralhome.com](http://www.pinkelfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

**Private Cremation Services**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

OCT 18. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Pinkel Funeral Home, Inc.  
31 Bank Street (Route 23)  
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### Service

OCT 18. 5:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

SC

“ *Sorry for your loss our thoughts and prayers are with you*

Sally Del corsano - October 18, 2018 at 03:32 PM

KF

“ *We affectionately called him Big Ed. I was part of a gaggle of kids that were friends of Heather and Jenn and became part of the Zwirek family over the years. It was a moniker that was so fitting because Ed was, if nothing else, a big personality. His smile, his laugh, his dramatic exasperation when we did something silly, it all was part of the joy of being in his life. He taught me how to golf, he enthusiastically justified his very detailed strategy for crafting proper run-off for his driveway (regardless of the fact it gave so many of us suspension issues and near back injuries driving up it).*

*As we grew up, his big love continued. I will never forget when I lost my father at 17, how he sprung into action. He made sure I felt supported and listened the way only a dad could.*

*I feel very fortunate to have known him and so grateful to Jean, Heather and Jenn for letting me see him one last time. You are all in my prayers and you Big Ed, will forever be missed.*

*Kim Friday*

Kim Friday - October 18, 2018 at 01:26 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Edmund J. Zwirek Jr..*



October 17, 2018 at 04:18 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Edmund J. Zwirek Jr..*



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October 17, 2018 at 10:21 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Edmund J. Zwirek Jr..*



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October 17, 2018 at 07:07 AM



“ *Rose Romanesque Bouquet was purchased for the family of Edmund J. Zwirek Jr..*



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October 16, 2018 at 10:53 AM

TK

“ Jean, Heather, & Jenny,

*What can be said about your husband or father? My best memories will remain of our times at West Point football games where we laughed, drank & eat to excess, his joy & expressiveness for Sue & I when Jack was born & the evening before Kay's passing when he, Jean, my son - Tom & I sat at her bedside saying good-bye.*

*Always quick with a joke, enjoying his trains, quaffing a bourbon, smoking a cigar or just being himself- Ed was always fun to be around & we will miss him.*

*Our thoughts & prayers are with now and always.*

*Tom*

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**Tom Kiernan** - October 16, 2018 at 08:18 AM

DE

“ So sorry to hear of the passing of the husband of my FLHS '57 classmate, Jean. May The Lord grant her and the wonderful family comfort at this time. Dick Engelhardt, Fair Lawn, NJ



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**Dick Engelhardt** - October 16, 2018 at 07:18 AM

RR

*Jean & family: So sorry to hear of Ed's passing. We had some good times at the golf course. The cigar reminds me of me I still have it in my mouth. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*  
*Ronnie Rome*

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**Ron Rome** - October 18, 2018 at 01:22 PM

JR

“ so sorry to hear about your husband passing. Have lots of memories of you and your family. Prayers, hugs. Joy Ricker

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**Joy Ricker** - October 15, 2018 at 08:20 PM