



Edward T. Rogan

December 25, 2021

CLOSTER – Edward T. Rogan, 62, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his family on December 25, 2021, of cancer.

Ed was born on September 26, 1959 to Edward (Harvey) and Mary Rogan. He attended St. Cecilia High School, St. Thomas Aquinas College, and Pace University School of Law. Ed worked as a civil litigation attorney in private practice for 35 years and was recently honored with the distinction of Top Attorney of North America 2020-2021.

A lifelong resident of Closter, Ed was actively involved in local politics. He was elected to serve as a Closter Councilman and then as Mayor, for 2 and 8 years, respectively. At the time he was one of Bergen County's youngest Mayors. He was a member of the Closter Planning Board for 10 years and served on the Closter Board of Ethics as Chair. He most recently served as Borough Attorney of Closter for the past 17 years.

Ed also served as the Closter Lion's Club President. He was a member of the Belskie Museum Board, the Spectrum For Living Board, the Closter Nature Center Board, and the Closter Democratic Club.

An ardent advocate for environmental and social initiatives, Ed pursued equal housing and clean-park policies that furthered the interests of Closter

residents and all those who live, work, and serve in this community. Ed valued honesty and integrity above all.

A member of the Church of St. Mary in Closter, Ed served as a Lector and Eucharistic Minister at the 5:00pm Saturday Mass for nearly 40 years. Ed was serving on the altar when he met the only love of his life, Carolyn (Zuleg) Rogan. They were later married on that same altar.

In his spare time, Ed could be found playing with his dog Scout and grand-dog Riley, listening to Johnny Cash music, and rooting for mediocre sports teams, the Chicago Cubs and the Miami Dolphins. A longtime magician, Ed entertained many with his "Magic 4" All Occasions.

Ed leaves behind his loving wife of 33 years, Carolyn. He was a devoted father to Kristina, Jacqueline, and Eddie. He was the beloved brother of Kathleen Olsen and Elizabeth (Betty) Gardner. He is lovingly remembered by his brother-in-law Ralph and wife Patricia Zuleg. Ed was the caring uncle of many nieces, nephews, and great-nephews. He was predeceased by his brothers-in-law Allen (Ron) Olsen and John Gardner, as well as his parents.

Above all, his family was his pride and joy.

Visitation at St. Mary Church, 20 Legion Pl, Closter on Thursday, December 30 from 4pm to 8pm. Funeral Mass at St. Mary on Friday, December 31 at 10am. Interment will be private.

A ceremony honoring Ed's contributions to Closter will be held in Spring 2022.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Closter Volunteer Fire Department, Closter Volunteer Ambulance Corps, or St. Jude.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **30**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

St Marys Church
20 Legion Place
Closter, NJ 07624

Funeral Mass

DEC **31**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary's RC Church
20 Legion Pl
Closter, NJ 07624

Tribute Wall



“ *My deepest condolences to Carolyn and Eddie’s family. I was only 10 years old when we moved to Fairview Avenue and met our neighbor Eddie. Even at that young age, I thought he was a very kind person who was fair and showed leadership qualities. My first impressions were right. Eddie was a friend, and a wonderful neighbor who my family kept in touch with through the years. I will never forget his kindness. Soar with the angels, Eddie.*

Linda Jablonski - January 04, 2022 at 05:02 PM



“ *I worked in a law firm that Ed worked in many,years ago...very nice guy..always liked by so many...RIP Ed until we meet again*

Jeanne Strayhall - January 02, 2022 at 08:59 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Cathy Coniglio - January 01, 2022 at 11:42 AM

SB

“ *My thoughts & prayers are with you all. Ed was my 2nd cousin. Fond memories spent with him as children and his Mom Mary going to football games, Catholic daughter trips to Asbury Park Beach, Lancaster Amish country and spending time at family gatherings always treating me so well. He was a gentle kind person with an incredible smile. Rest In Peace. Love you* ❤️🙏💕

Susan Banta - December 31, 2021 at 10:35 AM

AC

“ *My condolences to you and your family Carolyn.*

Antonio Cruz - December 30, 2021 at 05:29 PM

KC

“ *Ed was a Classy Man who led by example. A wonderful person who will be sorely missed! We offer our condolences to the Rogan family. Prayers and thoughts are with you during these difficult times. The Corcoran family*



Kenneth Corcoran - December 30, 2021 at 03:17 PM

AD

“ Dear Carolyn, Kathleen and Betty. Eddie's Irish visits are remembered by Gerry when he visited the Breague in Armagh for the first time about aged 9 with Mary and Harvey. This led to many lovely contacts over the years. We in Ireland are weeping with you across the pond at Eric's passing and wish we could be with you at this sad time. He filled his years on earth productively through friendships, hard work, his lovely family and work with the Church. He fought the good fight in his illness and we are so sad that we will not have the opportunity to see again the light in his eyes as happened when he was eucharistic minister and we, visiting from Ireland, presented ourselves unexpected in front of him to receive holy communion after his mother, Mary, who was quite blind directed Gerry, who was driving, directly to the church. thinking of you all, best wishes, Gerard, Anna and all the Doyles, Ireland.

Anna and Gerard Doyle - December 30, 2021 at 02:58 PM

HL

“ They say that when people pass, they take a piece of your heart with them. Eddie had the grace of giving a piece of his heart to all that knew him. We shared many years of friendship accompanied with countless adventures, shenanigans and hilarious moments. Together we experienced and cultivated a childhood of abundant creativity, laughter and trust. We grew through the seasons of life together through childhood, adolescence and into adulthood. Within the twists and turns of each changing season, our friendship endured and remained one of the few constants in my life, for which I will be forever grateful.

The memories that we share are vivid and rich and they will be forever close to my heart. When I think about these memories, I am drawn to one in particular. Eddie often liked to tell the story of when we first met. At the time I was two years old and Eddie was four. He recalls that I curtsied...which is probably the first and last time I ever did this. This year as we recalled this memory together I shared with him that I must have curtsied because I knew I was in the presence of greatness when we were together. To a life full of determination, resilience, compassion and joy; it is a privilege to have walked this earth with you. I will love you forever, Eddie.



Hillary Leonard - December 30, 2021 at 01:33 PM

MR

“ There are no words to ease the pain the family is going through. Take it one day at a time and do the best you can, as you enter the next chapter in life. I offer my deepest sympathy and pray God will ease the pain.

Melanie Reckling

MELANIE RECKLING - December 30, 2021 at 01:14 PM

MR

“ Ed was a fellow STAC alum. One of the kindest, nicest, people you'll ever meet. A true gentleman and professional. Last time I saw Ed was in 2018 at a fund raiser in Bergen County. It was so great to see him and catch up. Such a kind individual. Ed made a difference in so many lives. Wishing you peace and comfort during this hard time. God Bless Ed Rogan. May he rest in peace. Mark Romano, STAC Class of 1979

Mark Romano - December 30, 2021 at 12:27 PM

KM

“ Uncle Eddie was how I was introduced he was the loving uncle to my son-in-law Kevin. Always a gentleman always kind and friendly the last time I saw him he spoke at my grandsons baptism service. May he Rest In Peace my sincere condolences. Kathleen malara



Kathleen Malara - December 29, 2021 at 05:16 PM

MM

“ *Uncle Ed long and lean would shake my hand
and a smile that would gleam! Hair so black
and suits so blue he shined up nice like Irish
attorneys do. A man of faith - A man of
kindness - solid as a rock no secrets behind
him.*

*A Dolphin fan through and through and now that makes me a fan
too.*

*Go rest high on that Mountain that's where you belong your family
and friends will keep on keeping on.*

*We all will grieve and shed our tears but we all know that your spirit
is near.*

Thanks Uncle Ed for being my friend.

*Thanks Uncle Ed Godfather for being such a big part of my brother
Eric Olsens life.*

I'll miss you my friend.

Much Love,

Mike , Jeanie , Samantha , Cosmo Marri

Mike Marri - December 29, 2021 at 12:36 PM



JL

“ *To Ed's family. I can only say what you already know. Ed was one of
the kindest genuine people I have come across. We came to know
each other through my brief stint as a Closter Lion and through the
legal profession. Please accept my deepest condolences.*

Joseph Licata - December 29, 2021 at 12:10 PM

MG

I offer my condolences to Eddie's wife and family and to his sisters. I met Eddie in Ireland when he visited with his mother and when I visited America many years ago. I am a second cousin and from Armagh in N Ireland. I was very sad to hear this news today.

Marie Grimley - December 29, 2021 at 12:29 PM

MG

“*Thoughts and prayers are sent to the entire Rogan family. Eddie surely rests now in the arms of God but it is always difficult to say good bye to a loved one. As his second cousin I remember the great joy of his birth. He was a special person who shared his special touch with many and he will be missed. Fondly, Mary Jo Banta Gohmann*

Mary Jo Gohmann - December 29, 2021 at 12:04 PM

ER

“*Uncle Eddie Godfather. A true Rogarsen! Everything I experienced as a child was with Uncle Eddie. Love Eric*



Eric - December 29, 2021 at 09:51 AM

CS

“*Sorry on the loss of Edward he was a great man and he will be very missed by a lot of people may he RIP*

Cristina Sommo



Cristina Sommo - December 29, 2021 at 07:58 AM

RA

“ *Ed Rogan was a kind, thoughtful individual. Always there to help and he loved his faith and St. Mary Parish in Closter. Steadfast in every way and he ran his race as St. Paul encourages us all to do.*

The Peace of our Lord is with you and there is no doubt that he was escorted by the Blessed Mother directly to Heaven.

Ralph Armenta

ralph - December 29, 2021 at 05:57 AM

MG

“ *An angel was called back home.*
Marilyn Gogluicci



marilyn gogluicci - December 28, 2021 at 08:54 PM

MR

“ *Ed*
Thank you for being my attorney and dear friend for many years. I'll miss you very much. May the Lord keep you safe under His wing as you begin to navigate this new existence. Our prayers are with you and your family. Rest In Peace my friend.

Michael Ro - December 28, 2021 at 07:55 PM

JJ

“ Eddie --- Its hard to believe you are gone but that you are at peace is the only blessing I can find now. My condolences to Carolyn, your kids and all of the family that was his pride in life.

I am lucky that my childhood is filled with wonderful memories since as a child you were already kind, interesting, bright, fun and full of spirit and adventure. It didn't seem like anyone had to teach you these things. As an 8 year old when we first met you already were what many people should be as adults.

You will be forever missed by many but never ever forgotten.



JOHN JABLONSKI - December 28, 2021 at 06:32 PM

JM

“ I am so sorry to hear about his passing a couple days ago. He was a very nice and conscientious boro attorney. My sincerest condolences to his family.

Jo Anna Myung - December 28, 2021 at 06:12 PM



“ Ed has been a constant in our lives not only as our family attorney but as a lifelong friend of the Feldman family. He was a Lion with my dad Marvin and his mom worked in the travel business with my dad. Ed was kind, compassionate and extremely smart. He had a wonderful way of putting others at ease. My heart aches for his family and friends. May he be at peace.

Caren Feldman - December 28, 2021 at 04:40 PM

JM

“ I am so sorry for your loss Carolyn, I know how unfair this must feel to you. Please know you and your family are in our prayers and thoughts and we are all here for you like brothers and sisters. If there is anything we can do for you just ask. May Ed be in heaven with the angels in peace ❤️

jeffrey martinez - December 28, 2021 at 02:19 PM

MA

“ I'm so sorry to hear of your loss Carolyn! My deepest sympathies to you and your family!

Marlend - December 28, 2021 at 09:35 AM

NG

“ I am saddened to learn of the loss you've had, please let us know how we may help you heal. You are in my prayers and thoughts!
Co-Worker and Friend Nilda German.

Nilda German - December 28, 2021 at 09:22 AM