



## Edward A. Knapik

March 28, 1942 - March 1, 2025

Edward (Ed) A. Knapik, 82 years old of Gansevoort, passed away on March 1, 2025, at home with his family after a long illness.

Ed, the oldest of three boys, was born on March 28, 1942, to Edward and Jane Knapik of Schenectady, NY.

Ed enjoyed a long career as a full-time member of the New York Air National Guard, spending 34 years at the Division of Military and Naval Affairs in Latham, NY and the 109th Airlift Wing at Stratton Air National Guard Base in Schenectady.

Ed loved to water ski and was a member of the Jumping Jacks water ski team in Scotia in his youth. Summers were spent at the family camp on Sacandaga Lake. Ed was an avid hunter and outdoorsman, enjoying the company of his many friends at deer hunting camps in the Adirondacks and Catskills. Most of all, Ed loved to do for his children and grandchildren and did so tirelessly his whole life.

Ed is survived by his devoted wife of 58 years, Margaret Knapik (Pawlowski) who cared for him in the comfort of home till his death; his two sons Kenneth Knapik of Greenwich, NY and Stephen Knapik of Gansevoort; and his 7 grandchildren Kyle, Destiny, Darren, Julia, Kayelee, Spencer and Chase.

Family and friends are invited to services at St Clement's Church 231 Lake Ave. in Saratoga, NY on March 6th at 9:30AM, followed by burial at the Gerald B.H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery at 11:30 A.M.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Cure Alzheimer's Fund (in memory of Edward A. Knapik) through the link below. 100% of general donations are appropriated directly to Alzheimer's research, in hopes of helping those who may struggle in the future.

<https://curealz.org/giving/donate/>

# Cemetery Details

## Gerald B.H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery

200 Duell Road  
Schuylerville, NY 12871  
[http://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/geraldbhso  
lomonsaratoga.asp](http://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/geraldbhso<br/>lomonsaratoga.asp)

# Previous Events

## Service

MAR 6. 9:30 AM (ET)

St. Clement's Church  
231 Lake Ave  
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866  
<http://www.stclementschurch.com/>

# Tribute Wall

“ I'd like to say a few words to honor my Dad today. Dad and I share the trait of being men of few words, so I'll do my best to do his memory justice.

*Dad and my Mom who is with us here today, were devoted lifelong communicants of the Catholic church. In good health they never missed a Sunday mass. Even during the summers when we were up at Sacandaga Lake, without fail we would pack up the beach in the late afternoon and attend services on Saturday evening in Northville.*

*Dad spent nearly his entire career as a full-time member of the Air National Guard, retiring after 34 years and achieving the rank of E-8, Senior Master Sergeant. I watched Dad go and return from work every day in his military uniform. Many of the families in our neighborhood were wealthier than ours, but it never mattered to me. He made me proud. Even in his fifties he was often selected as an honor guard member for inaugurations and other ceremonies because he looked better in a uniform than men half his age. There wasn't an ounce of fat on him.*

*Dad enjoyed deer hunting more than anything, He loved being in the woods, and the camaraderie of his friends. He was a member of 2 hunting camps – one in the Adirondacks and the other in the Catskills. I have many fine memories of hanging around with he and his buddies, even if I could never square myself with the actual hunting part of it. We never told Mom much of went on there.*

*Dad's other passion was do it yourself projects around the house. He would work all day and then toil a few more hours every night working around the house. Dad's willpower was like iron. Honestly, I've never met another human being like him. If he decided he was going to mow the lawn that day, golf ball sized hail or plagues of locusts wouldn't deter him from doing it. The Bible is always talking about locusts.... And meticulous? He used to shop vac the white stones under the bushes in front of our house, much to the delight*

*of our neighbors who found it hilarious. He could have cared less; he liked things “squared away” as he would always say.*

*The most important thing, the thing I will always remember my Dad for, is his generosity. He never called attention to helping myself, my bother or his grandchildren nor ever asked for anything in return. If he did us a kindness, it would never be mentioned again. Dad’s parenting style was that of a proud Airman. He would prepare the runway in meticulous fashion such that we could take off and be successful without impediments of any kind, financial or otherwise. I tried to remember instances of Dad and Mom having anything nice for themselves growing up. I couldn’t. They gave us the best of everything and asked nothing for themselves.*

*Dad, thank you for all you did for us. It is our burden to make you proud for the rest of our lives.*

*We love you, Dad.*

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**Ken Knapik** - March 07, 2025 at 07:56 AM

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*Your thoughts and memories,so beautiful!*

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**Patty Meservey** - March 07, 2025 at 10:40 AM

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“ *I have many wonderful memories with Uncle Eddie at Sacandaga Lake during the summers and I spent many weekends at their home in Clifton Park when the boys were young. He taught me how to water ski and drive the boat. May he rest in peace and may his family find comfort in all the memories they have made over the years! Love, Sheila*



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**Sheila Phelan** - March 04, 2025 at 07:07 PM