



Edward J. Samansky

September 29, 1945 - March 6, 2025

Just moments before the day's end on March 5, 2025, Ash Wednesday, Edward Joseph Samansky left here for Heaven. After a lifetime spent strong in faith, there is comfort in the fact that his passing took place on such a spiritual and significant day. We'd like to think it brought him a sense of peace as he said goodbye.

Born and raised in Vallejo, California on September 29, 1945 to Elizabeth (Essy) and Joseph Samansky, Eddie Joe, as he was often called by family and friends, was the oldest of four children. His school years began at Steffan Manor Elementary School, later graduating from Hogan High School, Class of 1964. Between the two, he was a Boy Scout, played Little League Baseball, had good friends, cool cars and cute girlfriends. Family was at the center of it all and the most important part of his life. He made sure to take good care of them. He was a kind and caring man with a good and giving heart. He was always ready to help. He could fix and do anything. You need it, he's got it! Probably two. It brought him joy to share what he had with others — tools, tomatoes, pomegranates, Tums. At Christmas, it became tradition that he would gift mint coin sets to the younger nieces and nephews. An investment that would grow in value, slow and steady over time, which speaks to the way he lived his life. He was a collector and keeper of things. As kids we were in awe and envy of Uncle Eddie's impressive, magical collection of marbles. And he never did lose them. He had a great sense of humor and way of storytelling

with a laugh that still rings here. Donned in a pair of shorts and a polo shirt, even on the coldest of days. He had a love and appreciation for a good (hot) meal and dessert, especially the family recipes made special by his mom. And he was grateful — always following up with a thank you call.

After joining with friends here in the 1970's, Napa became home for more than 50 years where he enjoyed a nice life tending to family, friends, church, work and some traveling throughout the years. He was honored and proud to be an Usher at St. Apollinaris Church and for his time spent working at Mare Island Naval Shipyard and Marine World Africa USA before ultimately working for himself.

The last several years, Eddie was grateful for the special care and support he received that enriched and bettered his days and life. A special thank you to Terry Samansky for going above and beyond in caring for his brother. And to Patty Blum Samansky for her love, care, support and generosity, as well as that of her family. Also a warm thank you to his caregiver Elizabeth, who cared for and loved Eddie as if he were her own family. A love that was mutual.

Eddie was predeceased by his father Joseph Samansky, mother Elizabeth Samansky, sister Patty Samansky, brother-in-law Rex Gilbreth, and nephew Brian Gilbreth.

He is survived by his brother Terry Samansky, sister-in-law Patty Blum Samansky, brother Michael Samansky, sister-in-law Rochelle Samansky, niece Michelle Mecchi, nephew-in-law Jason Mecchi, niece Janelle Samansky, nephew Collin Samansky, great nephew Tyler Mecchi, great niece Reese Mecchi, and great niece Layne Mecchi.

We miss seeing him, reminiscing and catching up on old and new. Whether on the phone or in person, Eddie would usually greet you with, "Hey Kid!" or "Hi

Sweetheart!” and something about hearing that made you feel special. He was special, loved and will be missed very much, especially at family birthdays, get-togethers and holiday gatherings, which will forever be changed. Hope you get free and unlimited channels as you rest easy up there. Love you.

- A Rosary and Viewing will be held on March 19, 2025 from 5:00pm - 7:00pm at Claffey and Rota Funeral Home in Napa
 - A Funeral Mass will be held March 20, 2025 at 11:00am at St. Apollinaris Catholic Church in Napa
- (A reception will follow on Thursday. Details to be announced at the service.)

Interment at Tulocay Cemetery will be at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to:
St. Apollinaris Catholic Church — stapollinarisparish.org
or to the Parkinson’s Foundation — parkinson.org

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 19. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

Claffey and Rota Funeral Home
1975 Main Street
Napa, CA 94559
(707) 224-5210
services@claffeyandrota.com
<http://www.claffeyandrota.com>

Rosary

MAR 19. 6:30 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

Claffey and Rota Funeral Home
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Mass

MAR 20. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

St. Apollinaris Catholic Church
3700 Lassen St
Napa, CA 94558
(707) 257-2555