



Edward William Sharpenter

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Edward “Ned” Sharpenter, 77, of Sarasota, Florida, passed away peacefully on Saturday, May

24, 2025, at Sarasota Memorial Hospital, surrounded by the family he so deeply loved. After a

brief and courageous battle with cancer, Ned left us far too soon, but not without leaving

behind a legacy full of laughter, stories, and a life well lived.

Born on June 3, 1947, in Aurora, Illinois, to Theodore A. Sharpenter and Catherine B. Morrissey,

Ned spent his early years in Aurora attending St. Mary’s School and Marmion Military Academy.

He went on to the University of Dayton in Ohio on a basketball scholarship, proudly playing for the Dayton Flyers.

After college, Ned returned to Aurora to work in the family business, Ted Sharpenter, Inc.,

distributing Old Style beer, a role he took great pride in. In 1980, he married the love of his life,

Becky Neitzel, and together they built a beautiful life and raised three children:

Nicklaus, Marc,
and Leanne.

In 1993, the family moved to Sarasota, Florida, where Ned transitioned into a successful real estate career that he pursued with passion until his final days. He was a proud member of the Knights of Columbus, the Fraternal Order of the Moose, and the Fraternal Order of the Elks.

Ned was the ultimate host and the heart of every party. Known for his cooking, sense of humor, and legendary storytelling, his most cherished times were spent around a dinner table full of people he loved. He found joy in duck hunting, fishing, sporting clays, golf, and spending sunny days at the beach, always with a cold beer in hand. He was a devoted sports fan, with unwavering loyalty to the Green Bay Packers, Chicago White Sox, and his beloved Dayton Flyers.

Above all, Ned loved his family. His five grandchildren were his greatest joy, and nothing

brought him more happiness than being surrounded by those he loved.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 45 years, Becky Sharpenter (Neitzel); sons Nicklaus

(Lindsay) and Marc (Kristy); daughter Leanne (Damon); grandchildren Lillian, Owen, Ella, Jacob,

and Olivia; mother-in-law Mary Jean Neitzel; sister Joanne Blincoe; brother Rich Sharpenter;

and many cherished nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his brother, Robert

Sharpenter.

A Memorial Mass will be held on Friday, June 27 at 9:30 a.m. at Incarnation Catholic Church,
2901 Bee Ridge Road, Sarasota, FL 34239. A celebration of life will follow at Calusa Brewing,
5377 McIntosh Road, Sarasota, FL 34233. All who knew and loved Ned are welcome to attend.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Cat Depot at <https://catdepot.org>, a cause close to the family's heart.

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

JUN 27. 9:30 AM (ET)

Incarnation Catholic Church
2901 Bee Ridge Road
Sarasota, FL 34239

Tribute Wall

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“ Susan G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward William Sharpenter.

Susan G. - June 27, 2025 at 09:26 AM

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“ Solfisburg Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Edward William Sharpenter.



Solfisburg Family - June 24, 2025 at 12:37 PM

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June 21, 2025 at 05:08 PM



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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Edward William Sharpenter.



June 10, 2025 at 03:54 PM



“ Incredible circumstance of learning of the sad news of Ned's passing. Just hours ago I called my brother Mike to share the Legacy Spotlight piece of the Sharpenter family history by Father Charles Reichenbacher in the Marmion Magazine this month. I had barely mentioned the article and Mike just got the shocking news of Ned's premature journey to the Lord. I will always remember Ned from my years at Marmion and of course his prowess on the basketball court. A year younger than Ned but a person whom I always looked up to (pun intended) with much regard and respect. God Bless and requiescat in pace Ned.

James Burton Reynolds - June 05, 2025 at 01:09 AM



“ Bill Shroyer and the Crabtrees purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Edward William Sharpenter.



Bill Shroyer and the Crabtrees - June 01, 2025 at 11:49 AM