



Herman Edward Garlick

November 25, 1941 - August 6, 2024

Herman “Ed” Garlick was born on November 25, 1941 in South Kingstown, RI and was raised in the village of Saunderstown. He died peacefully at home on August 6, 2024, at the age of 82.

Ed is survived by his wife, Marilyn Damon Garlick; his sister, Mary Green; his daughter Donna Coppola [David Coppola]; his son, Edward Garlick, and four grandchildren, Ashlee, Nicolas, Austin, and Emily. Ed lived in North Port, FL with his wife Marilyn since 1998. They spent 34 years together and Ed passed on their 30th wedding anniversary. Friends say Ed’s life started and ended with Marilyn – they were inseparable.

Ed and Marilyn moved to North Port from Narragansett, Rhode Island in 1998 to care for Marilyn’s parents and quickly became a part of the growing community. Living in Villas of Sabal Trace II since 2006, Ed and Marilyn developed some very special relationships with the wonderful people in their fabulous community. During Ed’s last days he was continually touched and overwhelmed by the outpouring of love and caring from the many friends he had made.

While in Rhode Island, Ed worked for the Electrical Engineering Department at the University of RI for 12 years. He also spent many years working part time on a lobster boat in Narragansett Bay. He had an entrepreneurial spirit

and launched several ventures. Ed also did field service work repairing industrial sterilizers. His talents were varied and multi-faceted. Ed had a love for electronics and a penchant for detail which landed him the last job he held in RI before moving to Florida at Atlantek, Inc. where he designed printed circuit boards. He was most proud of his design work at Atlantek and especially the work he did on a particular board that ultimately powered a driver's license printer used by the State of Florida. Another board design was for SpaceLabs and was utilized in equipment to monitor astronauts. Ed also spent 8 years in the Army National Guard artillery division.

After moving to North Port, Ed worked in several capacities. A real estate agent for the Matthews family, Sarasota County Public Works, the Sarasota County Supervisor of Elections office, the City of North Port Parks & Recreation Division, and the City of North Port Facilities Maintenance Division. Ed was always willing to learn new things and never afraid to tackle the unknown.

In his spare time, Ed followed the stock market, and was quite passionate about financial planning for retirement. He spent countless hours creating spreadsheets that close friends and family could use to understand how their investments could grow over time. Ed also enjoyed nightly walks around the community with his wife Marilyn, often pausing to say hello to neighbors and spread some cheer. He especially loved taking frequent trips to Disney World – it always made him feel like a kid again.

Ed will be greatly missed, and a celebration of life will be held in the fall when Ed's "snowbird" friends return.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the following in Ed's memory:

*Tidewell Hospice (Port Charlotte office was our team but I'm sure the

donations are distributed accordingly)

*The Bridge Church located at 871 S. River Road, Englewood, FL 34223

(Office address is 720 Commerce Drive, Venice)

*New Day Christian Church, 20212 Peachland Blvd., Port Charlotte, FL 33954

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“Marilyn and Family, so very sorry for your loss, Ed was a kind and gentle man and will be greatly missed by all, keeping you all in my prayers 🙏

Marie Smith - August 16, 2024 at 03:51 PM

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“Barbara and I are truley sorry for your loss. Ed was our door mate and friend. Enjoyed our many talks about various subjects. He will be missed.

Sebastian lavasile - August 14, 2024 at 11:01 AM

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“Ed was a good neighbor to my parents when they lived next door in Sabal Trace and he loved my parents dog Jessie. Prayers to the family.

Linda Pioch Pollard - August 14, 2024 at 09:46 AM



“The Pioch family sends their sincere sympathy to Marilyn and his family. We enjoyed the time we spent talking to him and Marilyn while our parents lived next-door in Sabel Trace. He now knows God's promise, rest easy Ed.....

Lori Nelson - August 14, 2024 at 09:38 AM

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“ *Trudy and I were so sorry to hear of Ed's taking ill and passing away. It was a pleasure getting to know he and Marilyn when we moved to Florida. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Marilyn and their extended families.*

Gene M Mitchell - August 13, 2024 at 02:46 PM