



Edward Gerald Rawa

September 7, 1941 - January 24, 2018

RAWA, EDWARD GERALD ("Ed"), 76, a resident of Winter Park since 1973, died on January 24, 2018.

He was Catholic and a member of Saint Margaret Mary Church in Winter Park.

Born on September 7, 1941, in Erie, Pennsylvania, Ed was the eldest of three children of Edward and Teresa Rawa. He was raised in Pennsylvania and graduated from Holy Trinity Grade School (1955), Cathedral Preparatory School (1959), and Gannon University (1964). He also attended St. Mark's Seminary and St. Mary's Seminary and University in Baltimore (MD). Ed earned a Master of Social Work (MSW) from Florida State University (1966) and won grants from both the Veterans Administration and National Institutes.

Ed joined the United Way and served as the Executive Director of the United Way of Central Florida (1977-1992). He later served as the Regional Director of Catholic Social Services for the Diocese of Orlando. He retired (2006) after a forty-year professional career in non-profit community service.

Ed married Mannee J. Vanduser a week after their respective graduations from Florida State University. She survives him along with their two children, Edward J. Rawa and Julia M. Rawa; sisters, Diane (PA) and Delores (RI); as well as four grandchildren, seven nieces and nephews, and thirty-five first

cousins. Edward walked faithfully with God.

He devoted his life to helping others and remains an inspiration to all those fortunate enough to know him.

Services shall be held for family and friends at St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church in Winter Park. Please call or refer back to our website with updated service information.

Memorials may be made to Cathedral Preparatory School (PA) or Catholic Charities.

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“ For our beloved Edward Gerald Rawa, the very best of men.

You are in our hearts. Forever, your family.

Matthew 5:1-12a

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain,

and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him.

He began to teach them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit,

for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they who mourn,

for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,

for they will inherit the land.

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

for they will be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful,

for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the clean of heart,

for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,

for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,

for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you

and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me.

Rejoice and be glad,

for your reward will be great in heaven.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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“ *I am so sorry to find that Ed passed recently. I knew Ed as a both a valued member of our Board of Directors at Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Central Florida and the Suncoast, plus as my immediate successor as CEO of the same non-profit organization. His devotion to our local not-for-profit efforts was highly valued. Rest in peace, Ed.*
Thomas E. Yost

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