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Edward Howard Petelle, age 94, of Seminole, Pinellas, Florida died in his home surrounded by family on Friday, June 2, 2017.

He was born March 26, 1923 in Chicago, Illinois, the son of Walter Petelle and Marie Hansen.

His older siblings have passed: Dorothy, Walter, Robert, and his younger brother Donald (Carlee) survives him. As a boy he traversed across Chicago in trolleys exploring the World's Fair and the Field Museum. Graduating from Lane Tech in January 1941, took a job at Western Electric. He enlisted in the Army Air Corps (Air Force) during World War II and served as armorer gunner on the Tequila Daisy in the 492nd until his crew was transferred to the 44th Bomb Group.

Before being sent overseas, he married his sweetheart Dorothy Mae Snow. They raised their family in St. Petersburg, Florida. He is survived by their four children: Patricia Yanulis (Stephen) of Tampa, Edward Scott (Check) of Panama, Cynthia Petelle (Paul Scherer) of St. Petersburg and Daniel (Karen) of Tennessee. His grandchildren: Michele, Mary, Andrew, Kristi, Ayla, Tasmin, Lana, Travis, Stephanie, Ryan, Rachel, Michael, Kim, Kira, and Katy. His great-grandchildren include: Andersen, A.J. Jayden, Madison, Ezra, Jackson, Kailaka, Sarah, Abigail, Sean, Nicholas, Laura, Sophie, Leo, Flora, Brian and Mary Beth.

He was a Boy Scout as a boy and his enthusiasm extended to becoming a leader in his son's troops and helping to maintain Camp Soule. It was a family commitment as he once described arriving at the Camp to find his 70 year old father on the roof repairing one of the halls. He was awarded the Order of the Arrow. He stood proudly with his grandchildren who earned the Eagle and Gold awards, helping both with their service projects.

An avid sailor, he taught his children and many nieces and nephews how to sail in his wooden fish class boat. He built a home for his family in Northbrook. He made



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dollhouses and forts for his children and grandchildren and could be counted upon to fix anything, even if it required an inventive solution.

His 40 year career in the telephone industry included working as a lineman, plant manager, sales, marketing and business relations manager. He earned an Associate of Arts Degree from St. Petersburg Junior College in 1980, but he lost many secretary because he would encourage them to finish their degrees and take additional training to further their careers. He was a member of the Telephone Pioneers, was one of the first lay Lectors, Toastmasters International, GTE Skin and Scuba Club, United Way, and the St. Petersburg Sales Executive Club.

He retired from General Telephone in 1981 to care for his wife who died later in the year. He married June Deierl Nolan and was lovingly accepted by her nine children. They enjoyed travel and visiting with their large extended family. She passed away in 1993.

In later years he went on many excursions with Elder Hostel, including forays into the jungles of Belize to count monkeys. He plunged into life at Freedom Square, building sets and acting in plays and talent shows the residents staged and was known for being “the dancer” for his participation in line dancing. He chaired the Scholarship Fund to raise money for the nursing staff to use in continuing education. He penned his autobiography “All About Me” and encouraged others to do the same believing it would be an awesome legacy for future generations.

“I hope all who follow me will endure their tribulations, shrug off failure, carry their crosses courageously, succeed with humility, laugh at themselves and enjoy life as much as I have!!!”

A strong believer in education and in helping others, Ed headed up a scholarship fund to assist the nursing staff at his home in Freedom Square. Please honor his memory with a donation to the Freedom Square Scholarship Fund, Inc. (c/o Freedom Square, 7800 Liberty Lane, Seminole, FL 33772) in lieu of flowers.



Events

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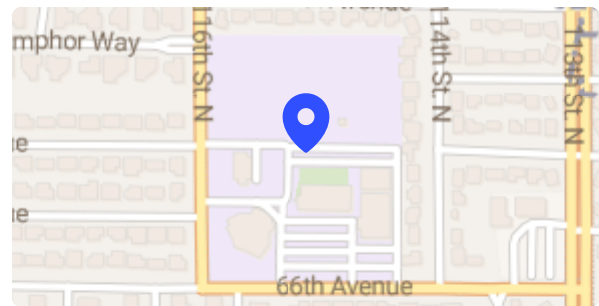
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Funeral Mass


 **Saturday**, June 10, 2017


 10:00 AM ET

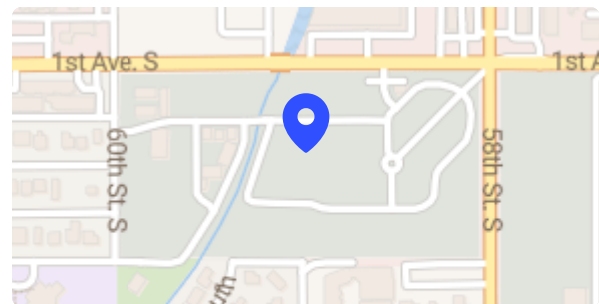
 **Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church**
11501 66th Ave, Seminole FL 33772



Cemetery Details

 **Woodlawn Memory Gardens**
101 58th Street South, St. Petersburg FL 33707

 **(727) 345-7626**





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Memorial Park Funeral Home shared a **Video**.



June 8 at 4:26 AM



Sharon Petelle-Kantor July 4 at 2:39 PM

WHAT A BEAUTIFUL TRIBUTE TO MY UNCLE EDDIE. MAY YOU REST IN PEACE.



Deborah Petelle June 10 at 2:13 PM

Ed was an awesome man and had so many adventures in life which he shared with everyone he knew and met. He was a wonderful grandfather to my daughter Kristin an a special great grander to Kai an Sarah. Thank you for all the memories may you rest in peace NEVER FORGOTTEN



Jim Santori posted:

Ed was an inspiration with his optimism and self sacrifice. I'll always remember his generosity and how he was so patient and fun-loving with our children. He's left quite the impression in my life as one-in-a-million kind of person.

June 9 at 9:45 AM



Anonymous sent a Magnificent Life Spray to the Petelle family.



June 8 at 7:59 PM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Petelle family.



June 6 at 11:44 AM



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Cindy Nolan posted:

Ed was one of the most gracious people I've ever met. He actually chose to marry a woman (after Dorothy's death) with 9, supposedly adult, children :), and yet he patiently tolerated their idiosyncrasies with great humor. (What choice did he have at that point??) What a guy! We were the handful I don't think he bargained for! Yet, Ed was so devoted - making it clear that he was the lucky one to have had 2 wonderful wives! Ed worked hard to show us, June's children, that he planned to take good care of her. We were delighted when they took the opportunity to travel. That was the kind of retirement my mom wished for, but without Ed, it would not have happened. I've always been impressed by how Ed lived his life. Every day he was the living example of the way he felt people should be - from early morning stretches and exercise to his devotion to the church, to his tolerance of different lifestyle choices. I have never found him to be judgmental. We loved his WWII stories, his desire to keep learning new things, his willingness to share all that he had. He set a high bar and will be remembered by all who knew him. I believe Ed sought this spiritual transition knowing he goes to be with loved ones, knowing his soul lives on. I am grateful I had the opportunity to know Ed, to see his values expressed in everyday conversation and to be accepted into his family with unconditional love. I say again: What a guy!

June 6 at 9:43 AM



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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Edward by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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