



## Edward W. Denning

September 25, 1943 - January 24, 2024

Edward W. Denning, age 80, of Washington Township, formerly of Oradell, passed away peacefully on January 24, 2024 after having family and friends at his bedside for the last 48 hours of his life on earth. He courageously battled Lewy Body and Parkinson's diseases and dementia like the fighter he was, displaying enormous strength, compassion, and an unmatched sense of humor.

Eddie was born on September 25, 1943 to Helen Napoli (nee Adamo) and John Denning. He was raised by his single Mom Helen and grew up in Union City. Eddie attended Union Hill High School with the love of his life since 8th grade and wife of 60 years, Judith A. Denning nee Righi. They had their first daughter at a young age and had to give her up for adoption but joyously reunited with her later in life and raised three additional daughters from birth. Eddie was a homicide detective, catching many serial killers and serving the public for more than 30 years, retiring as Deputy Chief of Investigators at the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office. He was a competitive and natural athlete, dominating in any sport he took on but especially football, basketball, racquetball, and golf. He was a runner and a cyclist. He was a Yankees and Giants fan. He was incredibly competent and confident. He had a big heart, big sense of humor, and was the ultimate protector, advisor, and leader. Ed was always up for some fun but also knew how to get things done and he could literally do anything. Ed was the epitome of a wonderful Husband,

Father, Grandfather, Brother, Uncle and Friend. He handled adversity in life with dignity and grace. He was a real-life superhero.

Edward is survived by his beloved wife, Judy Denning; daughters Joy Paternoster Rock (Kevin), Carol-Ann Denning, Michele Haviland (Jay), Kristine Denning (Bobby); grandchildren, Lyla Haviland, Aidan Cochran, Christina Spangler, Cole Haviland, Lindsay Rock, Nicole Rock, and Kayla Rock; brothers Thomas Denning (Lorraine) and Frank Napoli, Jr. (Anna); and his brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, cousins, nieces, nephews and friends, all of whom he loved dearly. Edward was predeceased by his beloved sister Patty Pisillo (Bobby).

The immediate family held a private service and is planning a celebration of life in the spring.

# Cemetery Details

## Maryrest Cemetery

770 Darlington Avenue  
Mahwah, NJ 07430

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

JAN **29**. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

JL

“ Dear Judy,Carol Ann,Michele,Kristine, my heart is saddened by the passing of Eddie,I've been trying to reach Eddie at the house by phone to know avail figuring he was away .. my son told me today of his passing..I loved him like a brother and am so so sorry of his passing..he was wonderful man and a great police officer,we spent many hours together on patrol ...I miss him deeply already,my sincere condolences to the family .....God Bless my good friend...

John LaDuca - March 24, 2024 at 08:19 PM

JW

“ Dear Judy and family....Kenny and I are so sorry for your loss of Eddie...we just heard about his passing today. Our deepest condolences to you and your family. May your fond memories give you comfort in this sad time.

Love, Jane and Kenny Wondrack

Jane & Kenny Wondrack - February 02, 2024 at 06:07 PM



MJ

“ Denning Family we are sending our deepest sympathy for your loss.  
Mary Ann & Jacob Grubesich

Mary Ann and Jacob - January 28, 2024 at 08:48 PM



MJ

“ *Mary and Jacob lit a candle in memory of Edward Denning*



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**Mary Ann and Jacob** - January 28, 2024 at 08:44 PM