



ERNEST D. RELYEA

April 25, 1936 - May 4, 2014

Ernest D. Relyea, 78, of Hewitt, NJ, passed away on Sunday, May 4, 2014 at the Bloomingdale Health Care Center in Bloomingdale, NJ.

Ernie was born on April 25, 1936 in Passaic, NJ to the late Lena (nee DeAdezio) and the late Ernest Relyea, Sr.

Ernie married Rosemarie (nee Klee) in 1959 and together they raised their family in Clifton and Lake Lookover in the Hewitt section of West Milford Township, NJ.

Ernie proudly served in the US Navy in the Air Sea Rescue Unit from 1955 to 1958.

Ernie retired as Deputy Chief with the City of Clifton Fire Department.

Ernie was a member of the West Milford Elks Lodge #2236, serving as Indoctrination Committee Chairperson for the past 12 years.

He was a coach for 10 years with the Central Division Little League in Clifton, NJ. and served for 20 years with the Upper Greenwood Lake Volunteer Fire Department.

Ernie was also a member of the Athenia Veteran Post in Clifton, NJ.

Ernie was predeceased by his beloved wife Rosemarie in 2012.

Ernie is survived by his dear and loving friend Barbara Doster, his loving son Ernest "Butch" Relyea and his loving daughter-in-law Wendy Relyea of Bloomingdale, NJ; his son Jim Relyea and his wife Stacey of Rockaway, NJ, and his daughter Roberta Salerno; his cherished grandchildren Sarah and Lauren Relyea of Bloomingdale, NJ, Kimberly and Kyra Relyea of Rockaway, NJ, and Allison and Tom Salerno of Pequannock, NJ; and several nieces and nephews.

The family will receive visitors on Monday, May 12, 2014 from 2-4 and 7-9 pm at the Stickle-Soltesz Funeral Home, 187 LaRue Road, Newfoundland, NJ 07435. (GPS use 1 Post Place).

A prayer service will take place on Tuesday, May 13, 2014 at 10am at the funeral home.

Memorial donations may be made in Ernie's name to the West Milford Elks Lodge #2236, PO Box 336, Hewitt, NJ. 07421.

Log onto www.sticklesolteszfuneralhome tribute wall to personally post your condolences, memories, photos, and videos, as well as obtaining driving directions to the funeral home.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 12. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Stickle-Soltesz Funeral Home
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Newfoundland, NJ 07435
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Visitation

MAY 12. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Prayer Service

MAY 13. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ 1 file added to the album MEMORIAL VIDEO TRIBUTE



Stickle-Soltesz Funeral Home - June 04, 2014 at 02:20 PM

HC

“ Ernie, You were the BEST company Officer i ever worked for. I learned alot from you and I carried it with me through my entire career. A great Pinochele partner, a great Company Officer and a one of the best the Fire Dept. ever seen. You were a Cement Head but you were our Cement Head, and that's why you were loved. Rest easy my friend, I will always remember you. Until we laugh again, Peace! Henry Cholewczynski

Henry Cholewczynski - May 12, 2014 at 03:38 PM

PA

“ I met Ernie at the gym where we became buddies.. But in the short time we were friends we shared our concerns about a lot of different things, passed on news on just about anything or just plain out complained while the other listened. We'll hang around again I'm sure at a new gym just not around here. Behave bud, see you later. Phil Ahrens

phil ahrens - May 11, 2014 at 10:20 AM

KD

“ Ernie was a captain on Engine# 3, Clifton Fire Department and the first company officer I worked for as a rookie just out of training. He later became the deputy chief of platoon #2 where I was assigned to Engine #5. We always got along and we did keep in touch after both of us retired from the C.F.D.
My sympathies to his family, friends and brothers from the Clifton Fire Department.

Ken Dalton - May 08, 2014 at 01:46 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of ERNEST D. RELYEA.



May 08, 2014 at 11:50 AM

WW

“ Mr Relyea will always be part of my childhood central little league sweet memories past. I remember Mr Relyea always showing up on the sidelines leaning on the fence encouraging his son and the team. His presence was warm and forever comforting. Thank you for teaching me what love and support represents. You may be missed but you will always remain in my heart.

My sincere condolences to the family,

William Wurch

william wurch - May 08, 2014 at 05:36 AM



Peter
KFitness

“ *Ernie was my surrogate father, coaching me in little league and being there when my father wasn't. I owe him much and will always hold him in the highest regard. Thank you Ernie. Thank you to the Relyea family, my second family growing up.*

Peter KFitness - May 07, 2014 at 07:14 PM



JK

“ *We are so sorry for your loss Ernie will be missed.*

Joan and Don Keeler - May 07, 2014 at 01:54 AM