



## Edward W. Hornkohl Jr.

May 26, 1944 - December 13, 2024

Edward William Hornkohl, Jr., of Kensington, beloved and cherished husband of Joyce (Deprey) Hornkohl passed away in his home on Dec 14, 2024 with loved ones by his side. He was 80 years old.

Born May 26, 1944 in New Britain. He was the son of the late Edward and Shirley (Neurath) Hornkohl. Ed was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend. Besides his wife Joyce of 57 years, he is survived by his son Edward W. Hornkohl, III, his wife Gail and a cherished granddaughter Katelyn Joy all of Castle Rock, Colorado. He also leaves a sister Linda Navarro and her husband John of Bristol and a loving sister-in-law Mary Adrina Bazzoni of Newington; Three special godchildren, Kristine Bidmead of Canton, and Noah and Ava Constantine of Bristol, along with several nieces, nephews and cousins. He was predeceased by his brother Alan R. Hornkohl. Ed attended New Britain High School. He joined the U.S Navy in 1963 during the Vietnam War and proudly served aboard the "USS Canopus" until he was honorably discharged on April 30, 1967. His military service reflected his deep sense of duty and patriotism...values that shaped him throughout his life. In June of that year he married Joyce (his high school sweetheart) and together they had 57 years of devoted married love. Theirs was a love story that spanned 65 years.

A loving father, Ed enjoyed coaching his son's softball team and never missing a hockey game he played in. Touring the state to attend his granddaughter's swim meets were thoroughly enjoyed as well. A man of

integrity and character, Ed was a true gentleman and a man deeply loved and respected. Ed was known for his extraordinary generosity he willingly helped family and friends, whether it be fixing a car, building a shed or snow blowing your sidewalk.

Ed was employed as a Facilities manager for Lithographics in Farmington, retiring in 2014. He was a member of St. Paul's Church in Kensington; the Berlin American Legion Post #68; the Southington Sportsmans Club; Berlin Fish and Game Club and also served on the Town of Berlin Cemetery Commission. He enjoyed fishing, pheasant hunting with his dogs Beau and Gibbs and NASCAR.

A mass of Christian burial will be celebrated Monday, January 6, 2025 at 10 AM (please go directly to the church) at St. Paul's Church, 467 Alling St. Kensington, followed by military honors and committal prayers at the Berlin Veteran's Memorial Park, Massirio Dr. Berlin. There are no calling hours. He will be laid to rest privately. Carlson Funeral Home, New Britain, is assisting the family with arrangements.

Memorial donations in Ed's name may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave, Floor 17, Chicago, IL 60601 or to the Wounded Warrior Project, PO Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675. To leave a memory or note of sympathy please go to [www.carlsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.carlsonfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Memorial Mass

JAN 6. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul Church  
485 Alling Street  
CT 06037

## Committal Prayers and Military Honors

JAN 6 (ET)

Berlin Veteran's Memorial Park  
Massirio Drive  
Berlin, CT 06037

*Immediately following service*

# Tribute Wall

OK

“ *My dear Joyce, I was searching the internet for your address and saw that your beloved Ed had passed last year. So sorry to hear that. Love and prayers to you and your family. Ornella.*

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**Ornella Kilduff** - December 06, 2025 at 10:29 AM

SL

“ *So surprised to hear of Ed's passing. I had been wondering why I was not getting responses. Always sad to find out this way. Sorry For Joyce and his family. We became friends with the printing business. Then fishing trips to Rhode Island, Off Mitch's boat and here in Ct. Great guy I am sure he is missed by many. Steve Ludwig East Haven,Ct former Heidelberg Service Rep.*

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**Stephen Ludwig** - May 28, 2025 at 12:41 PM

CG

“ *Dear Joyce. I just heard about Ed's passing and I just wanted to tell you how sorry I am to hear it. Ed was a wonderful friend to Larry and I have many fond memories of his visits to see him almost every Friday during Larry's illness and he would bring with him Larry's favorite pizza. He was also an incredible support when Larry was in the hospital visiting him almost every day. He also hung a NASCAR flag in the wall of Larry's hospital room. I still have that flag. Ed was one of the nicest guys and those who knew him were lucky to have known him. I hope your memories help you through the difficult days ahead. So very sorry again for your loss. Cherry Gatzen*



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**Cherry Gatzen** - February 23, 2025 at 10:38 AM

RL

“ Eddie and I stocked SSA with pheasants for years and we hunted with Beau and Willie for years and we both always talked about how good they worked together. It is a special time in our lives. I will always miss Eddie as there are so many memories of our hunts together. My sincere love goes out to u and your family.

Ralph Lawless - January 05, 2025 at 06:58 PM

PD

“ My condolences to Joyce and the Hornkohl family. Amaya is still watching for your garage door to pop open each day when we walk by, and for Ed and Gibbs to come out and greet her.

Patty Devaux - December 31, 2024 at 09:19 AM

ST

My deepest condolences to Es's wife, Joyce, his family and friends. I remember Ed from NBHS. Thank you also for your service in the Navy, Ed. May you always rest in peace.

Sharon (Facey) Truglio - January 04, 2025 at 06:55 AM

TM

So sorry to hear the news. It seems like I've known Ed most of my life via hunting and shooting and even some fishing at Southington Sportsmans Assoc. (I have the blind Brittany). Ed always asked how he did after each hunt and was generous with the compliments, even after I'd kid him about both Beau and Gibbs finding all the birds. He was a fine gentleman who left a lasting impression. He was even talked about fondly during the 2024 season and how it wasn't the same with him and the labs. He was as proud of those dogs as he was of his family, and rightly so.

Tom Murtha - January 05, 2025 at 06:51 PM

RD

“ Ed was my childhood friend we joined the navy together and Ed and I were discharged at the same time , we have so many memories together goodvand maybe not so good made no difference, feel like part of my life is gone with him. I will miss him stoping by and dropping off some pheasants will miss him putting flags on my Dad's grave, but most of all I will miss him. Ed and his wife Joyce took great care of me Mom when she was sick can never express my gratitude. I will see you on the other side my brother.R I P ED

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**Robert Drzata** - December 22, 2024 at 06:26 PM

CP

“ I spent many days pheasant hunting with Ed beginning in the early 2000's at both clubs and other properties around the state. It was a pleasure watching him work with Beau and Gibbs. And he always was happy to see my dog Gracie and have her work with Gibbs. During every one of our hunts he expressed how proud he was of his family. He would fill us all in on how Ed, Gail and Katelyn were doing, and would send us weekly texts of Katelyn's awesome swimming accomplishments. He loved you all vey much. He will be greatly missed.

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**Craig Pernerewski** - December 22, 2024 at 03:35 PM

RS

“ Rest in peace Eddie, Condolences to Joyce ,Linda ,Ed Jr. And family.

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**Roland Salerno** - December 21, 2024 at 10:28 AM

GN

“ To Joyce and the entire Hornkohl family- The wonderful memories of Ed on Newton street walking his many dogs, and always taking the time to stop and say hello will always be remembered. Ed always had a smile for everyone, and was always willing to lend a helping hand. I will miss his caring way, and the feeling we had knowing he was always in our corner. RIP neighbor... You know we will keep the memory of you alive in the neighborhood.

*With sincere sympathy-  
The Nappi family.*

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**Gina Nappi** - December 21, 2024 at 07:53 AM