



Mr. Edward M. Krech Jr.

June 28, 1932 - March 23, 2015

Jack of all trades and master of all of them. Amazing husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather and an inspiration to all who knew him. Graduate of Cornell University with a BS in Mechanical Engineering and post-graduate degrees in Engineering and Business Administration with honors. He was also on the varsity crew that won the national championship in 1954 and coached Cornell lightweight crews for two years. He served in the U.S. Navy, first at sea and then as Olympic Trials rowing coach and Engineering Instructor at the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis for 2 years. Ed retired after 34 years as Associate Director of Engineering from Procter and Gamble, all in International, including living and working 12 years in five countries in Europe and working in 50 other countries around the world. After retirement he and wife Joan moved to South Carolina in 1994 and continued an active life. World traveler, sculptor, painter, runner, hiker, mountain climber, sailor, scuba diver, lecturer, model train enthusiast, philanthropist, writer (his book "Six Lives In One" was voted by the Editors of Amazon, their top 100 books of 2014). He also won the South Carolina Arts Commission 2006 Award for Short Fiction. He was a volunteer coach of marathon runners for Leukemia Society's Team-in-Training program for 8 years. He had run 28 marathons, including 4 Boston marathons. Ed also was Board President of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Clemson University for 3 years. He also taught portrait and figure sculpture for OLLI. He was an active hiker and climber, including five trips to the Himalaya and also working in a rescue hut on the Mt. Everest route in

Nepal in 2000 at age 68. A lifelong member of the Presbyterian Church, he was active in Seneca Presbyterian Church and served as Elder, Deacon and chair of many committees.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Joan Gras Krech, son Edward M. Krech III of Easley, daughter Kathleen Bridges and husband Wayne of Tamassee: grandchildren Christopher Michael Edwards of Maineville, Ohio, Richard William Edwards and wife Crystal of Cincinnati Ohio, Sean Southard and Gabrielle Holodnak of Tamassee, William Henry Holodnak and wife Hannah of Bellevue, KY, Tiffany Southard of Virginia Beach, VA; and greatgranddaughter Maci Edwards; brother Alan Starr Krech and wife Lou of Columbia, SC, sister Virginia Lynn Krech Jasko and husband Al of Manasquan NJ; and five nieces and nephews. Predeceased by daughter Susan Carol Krech Edwards Holodnak and daughter in law Donna Johnson Krech.

A Memorial Service will be held at the Seneca Presbyterian Church on Saturday, April 18th, 2015 at 1:00 PM.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the ALS Society (www.alsa.org) or American Cancer Society (www.cancer.org).

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR 18. 1:00 PM (ET)

Seneca Presbyterian Church
Seneca, SC

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Edward M. Krech Jr.*

January 28, 2023 at 01:03 PM



“ *To Joan, Kathy, Sean, and the rest of the family.*

A bit late, but with still much sadness. While reading his book, it was as though he was reading it to me, I could "hear" his voice, How appropriate is the title! He packed an awful lot of living in his 81 years. Never without a smile when we saw him. How proud you all must be of him--he was quite a guy!

You have so many memories and we hope they give you comfort.

God Bless all of you and know you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Marie and George Murphy

Marie Murphy - April 25, 2015 at 10:50 PM



“ *Charlotte McDonald lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward M. Krech Jr.*



Charlotte McDonald - April 17, 2015 at 03:24 PM

KG

“ I remember that time we ate at tiki hut I didn't know what a great man he was or what amazing adventures he shared with his wife and children . Just recently I read his book and was amazed by all he had done. I am glad that I got to know him attending church with him. He shall be missed . Karen Gomez

Karen Gomez - March 29, 2015 at 01:53 PM

RG

“ Ed was a wonderful guy, a good friend at Cornell, and again at Procter. We had very much hoped to see him again at the 50th and were disappointed he was not there.
Rod Glover

Rodney Glover - March 28, 2015 at 02:19 PM

JE

“ Mrs Krech and family, our deepest sympathy to you all. Ed was my favorite customer and a great man, I was amazed to read of his life accomplishments. Such a humble and gentle man. When Ed would come back to Cincinnati we would frequently see him running down Winton road, he had to be in his 70's, what an inspiration to us all. What a wonderful life you must of had with Ed...God bless you all...Jeff Koester(JPKS LANDSCAPING)

jeff - March 26, 2015 at 08:40 AM

SM

“ To Joan, Kathy & all of the family, Please know that you have my deepest sympathy & all of you are in my thoughts & prayers. I have been richly blessed by knowing such a an amazing individual as Mr. Ed. I always looked forward to hearing some of the accounts from his unparalleled journey through this life. The life that he experienced, is something most of us only dream about. I applaud his zest for living this life as he chose, & for the positive & upbeat impression he will leave with those of us who are fortunate to have known him. His life will be our greatest legacy & we will continue to be blessed & inspired by it.
Sincerely,
Sherrie M

Sherrie M - March 24, 2015 at 08:37 PM

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Sincerely,
Sherrie M

Sherrie M - March 24, 2015 at 08:18 PM

DS

“ *Diane & Sherrie lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward M. Krech Jr.*



Diane & Sherrie - March 24, 2015 at 07:41 PM

GJ

*Dear Joan and all the family,
I send my sympathy to all of the family; I know through Ginny what a valiant fight Ted fought and I also know how difficult these days will be for all of you. It has been a joy to know you since the beginning of your marriage and to see long-distance how you all lived life to its fullest!
God bless you all-
Ginny (Weltz) Jarratt*

Ginny Jarratt - March 25, 2015 at 01:47 PM

RW

*Enjoyed many runs and conversations with Ed on the leisure trail.
Good memories.*

Richard Webster - April 09, 2015 at 11:03 AM