



## Edward H. Yursky

May 20, 1922 - May 15, 2020

Edward H. Yursky, age 97, of North Ridgeville passed away on Friday, May 15, 2020 at Jennings Senior Living in Garfield Hts. from complications of COVID19.

He was born in Johnstown, Pennsylvania and had been a resident of North Ridgeville for the past 14 years after moving from Stuart, Florida. He also lived in Seven Hills.

He served in the Army Air Corps. during WWII where he was a POW in Germany for 8 ½ months. He was a Tail gunner on a B-17 serving in Normandy and earned the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with two Bronze Battle Stars. He was a member of the Barbed Wire Buckeyes, where he was the Commander from 1983-1985, VFW Post 1079, Elyria, life member of Disabled American Veterans and 95th Bomb Group.

Edward was a teacher for the Cleveland City School System for 35 years and was primarily at Lincoln West High School, retiring in 1984.

He was a member of St. Peter Catholic Church in North Ridgeville, 4th Degree Knights of Columbus, Grand Knight of Council in Stuart, Florida from 1999-2000.

He enjoyed golfing, leather work, woodworking, and working on his cars.

He is survived by daughters Carol (Stuart) Heller of North Royalton, Kathy (Ken) Kotyk of Garfield Hts. and Mary (Barbara Hovekamp) Yursky of Lakewood, son John (Terri) Yursky of Olmsted Falls, grandchildren Kenny, Sara, Julia, Jennifer, and Emily, great-grandchildren Kevin, Kelly, Aidan, Callum, Graham, and Gabriel, sister Beverly Papalia of Seminole, Florida and many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his wife Agnes, parents, John and Mary Ann Yursky, sisters, Helen Timchak and Marie Vilchinsky, brothers, John and Emil Yursky.

A Memorial Mass will be held at a later date.

Burial will be in St. Francis Cemetery, Johnstown, PA.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Edward's memory to the Cleveland Food Bank at [www.greaterclevelandfoodbank.org](http://www.greaterclevelandfoodbank.org)

# Comments

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“ We were grateful to know Ed as a neighbor at Pioneer Ridge. He was always quick with a smile and a story.

May you know peace in the coming days as you remember Ed and the amazing life he lived.

Bob and Jan

**Jan Fitzpatrick** - May 20 at 02:28 PM

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“ Carol and Stuart,  
We are very sorry to hear about your lost. Cleveland and I were so fortunate to meet your dad; and have such fund memories of him and your mom going to my Jazzercise class, and him sharing stories about his time serving in the war. I remember it like it was yesterday.

**Carolyn & Cleveland** - May 19 at 10:27 PM

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“ To the yursky family i am very sorry for your loss. It was a pleasure getting to know ed and listening to his stories.



**Tracy Anderson** - May 17 at 11:16 AM

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“ Mary,  
I'm sorry to hear of your dad's passing. He lived a very full life and I'm certain he will be missed by everyone. May he rest in peace...

Joe DeCaro

**Joe DeCaro** - May 17 at 09:47 AM

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“ I remember meeting Ed at the Premier Inn on Bath Road near Heathrow. I think he was as happy to meet me as I was to meet him! He had non-stop stories, all told with enthusiasm. I will never forget his lengthy story at a Fireside Chat in Orlando. We thought he would never finish; and I hoped he wouldn't! He was such a happy friend with three lovely daughters who are as joyful as he was. I wanted to see Ed again, but it was not to be. Our hope is that we will see his family again at a Reunion one of these years! So we wish Ed RIP. Well done, Ed. A life well lived..

**Bob Rosenzweig** - May 16 at 04:22 PM

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“ This man was a hero! He was one of the people for whom the nickname "the greatest generation" was coined. He was fearless and amazing! We loved seeing him and his daughters every year at the 95th Bomb Group reunions. I will always remember him.

**Vanna Walker** - May 15 at 07:36 PM

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“ To the family of Ed Yursky, it is with our sad regret to hear of his passing. He had come to the reunions with his wonderful doting daughters and the caring relationship they had with him. We were fortunate to meet and get to know him when he would attend some of the reunions. One reunion I will always remember when he was at the Orlando Reunion, at an age where he decided to go down the pool slide, what a brave man his age then. Unfortunately, we are saddened that Ed lost his battles with complications with COVID19 and couldn't fight this. RIP Ed as you will be missed by your family and the 95th BG Family. Keeping you and your family in our prayers.

**Laney Baltazar** - May 15 at 03:50 PM