



## Edward J. Ferris

August 18, 1946 - June 15, 2022

Edward J. Ferris, of Southampton, NJ passed away on June 15, 2022 with loving family by his side. He was born in Burlington, NJ to Harold and Vera (White) Ferris on August 18, 1946. He was 75.

He is survived by his son John ( Stacey) Ferris, daughters Jacqueline Kelly and Jennifer (Timothy) Tedesco, and his most dearest friend (and ex-wife), Doris Ferris. He is also survived by his beloved grandchildren, Matthew (Sarah) Kelly, Jr., Patrick Kelly and Isabella, Rocco and Vittore Tedesco; great grandchildren Ryan, Matthew III and Dustin Kelly; and sisters Patricia Willitts, Teresa Herndon, Katherine Epperson, Anne Ricchia and Veronica Kraft, and sister-in-law, Peg Ferris. He is reunited with his parents, and siblings Harold (Skip), Marianne and Daniel Ferris.

He graduated Rancocas Regional High School in 1965, and served in the United States Army from 1966 to 1972. He was stationed in Korea, post-war, and received honorable discharge. From there, he was accepted to apprentice with International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 439 (now 351) where he would spend the next 37 years perfecting his trade until his retirement in 2009. That's when the real fun began! His boat collection grew exponentially and he became very active in the Mid-Atlantic Chapter of the Antique and Classic Boating Society, where he'd been a member since 1988. He trailored his award-winning boats and sporty runabouts between Lake

Hopatcong, St. Michaels, Harvey's Lake, and Barnegat Bay, among others. Ed was instrumental in introducing the now annual Mullica River Cruise. An avid collector of outboard motors, he was also an active member of the Antique Outboard Motor Club, Knuckle Busters Chapter and gathered with them frequently on Lake Lenape.

And then there were the cars. His first car was an old 1948 Chevy, shared with brother Skip. While he never let go of a single boat, over his lifetime the garage was a revolving door of street rods and antique Chevys, including his beloved 1979 Corvette and 1931 Street Rod. He maintained them all meticulously, and spent hours car-side at the Mt. Holly Car Show, Cruise Night at Johnson's Farm and many others across the region, ready to share their history with you or just talk cars in general. He was a talker.

More than the boats, cars and club memberships, Ed was 'Dad' and 'Grandpop', fiercely loved and respected by his kids, grandkids and extended family; and was regarded a 'best friend' by so many. He made time for you, was thoughtful, there for you when you needed a hand and made you feel special. His passing leaves a gaping hole in the lives of family and those who knew him well. RIP Dad.

Friends are invited to visit with the family on Saturday, June 25, 2022 from 10:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. at Perinchief Chapels 438 High Street, Mt. Holly, NJ 08060. A service with Military Honors will be held at 12 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Diabetes Action Research and Education Foundation ([diabetesaction.org](http://diabetesaction.org)).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **25**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Perinchief Chapels  
438 High Street  
Mt. Holly, NJ 08060  
(609) 267-0399  
info@perinchief.com  
<http://www.perinchief.com>

## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Edward J. Ferris*

October 29, 2022 at 11:57 AM



“ *Edward J. Ferris*

October 29, 2022 at 09:53 AM



“ *i too was an apprentice when i worked for Ed at CBS records in Pitman, he never said much but when he did you listenend. He was a old school foreman when he gave you a job it was laid out and the material and tools were there. Also the boat ride on the Mullica River on his restored vintage Chris Craft made of Mahogany is a memory i will never forget. So long Ed, Michael B Murphy.*

Michael Murphy - June 25, 2022 at 09:05 PM



*Michael - Thank you so much for sharing this memory of our dad. 🙏❤️*

Jackie - June 26, 2022 at 10:33 AM

MS

“ Ed was a great friend and I am so sorry to hear of his passing. When we were apprentice together in the same class, after I had a accident making me unable to work or drive, Ed would come to my house and pick me up to go to our classes at night. I am forever grateful for the unselfishness he showed me. Not just once, but for several weeks until I had recovered enough to be able to function again. Ed was always a great guy and he will be missed. A classmate, Morey Smith.

Morey Smith - June 25, 2022 at 09:44 AM

JA

Thank you so much for sharing this memory of our dad, Morey - such a great representation of the man hr was. 🙏❤️

Jackie - June 26, 2022 at 10:35 AM

JH

“ I worked for Ed as an apprentice. It was a very hot summer working in a parking lot and gas station on the turnpike. One day after work he stopped for a beer. Probably the hottest day at that point for the year. We were outside. The next morning he said that was the first time he ever ordered a beer with ICE in it. It was a hard but fun job. We redid the lights and gas pumps on the turnpike. I got to know him well that summer. Also got my first ride in the 57 Chevy. That was the coolest car I ever rode in. I am grateful for the time I got to spend with my FRIEND.



John Howarth - June 24, 2022 at 09:07 PM

JA

John - Thank you so much for sharing your memories of our dad. 🙏❤️

Jackie - June 26, 2022 at 10:37 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Edward J. Ferris.*



June 24, 2022 at 10:01 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Edward J. Ferris.*



June 22, 2022 at 04:06 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Edward J. Ferris.*



June 21, 2022 at 11:01 AM



“ *Ed was a true gentle man; so very sweet and caring, and a wonderful brother. Just an all around extraordinarily nice person. I didn't see him often but I will miss him. Sending love and hugs to his family, especially Jackie and Veronica. Mo Bircks xoxo*

**Maureen Bircks** - June 20, 2022 at 05:04 PM

JA

*Mo - Thank you so much for the beautiful, kind words about our dad.*



**Jackie** - June 26, 2022 at 10:39 AM

DL

“ *My condolences, I never met him, and im sure he was a great man.  
So sorry to hear about your loss*

**Douglas L** - June 20, 2022 at 04:57 PM

SM

“ *Condolences to the family. May he RIP.*

**Samuel F Maczko** - June 20, 2022 at 02:08 PM

BG

*A good friend, always there when he was needed. Our condolences to the family. He will be missed.*

*Ellen & Brian Gagnon*

**Brian J Gagnon** - June 20, 2022 at 04:06 PM

GS

*I have many happy memories over a fifty year friendship with Ed. He was my most trusted friend.I am grateful that we talked a month or so ago.He was always willing to give a hand to anyone in need. I remember driving Ed home on a Sunday night ( many years ago when we both were still working) when we encountered a “biker”broke down on a lonely road. We loaded his cycle into my truck and drove him to Lakewood. We got back late that night happy that we were helpful. I miss you my friend.*

*George Stevenson*

**George Stevenson** - July 04, 2022 at 05:58 PM