



## Edward Squirts

May 15, 1929 - February 28, 2017

Edward Squirts, 87, of Charleston went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, February 28, 2017.

Ed was preceded in death by his parents, Alex and Anna Squirts, who immigrated to this country from Russia and Poland.

Ed grew up on Summers Street in a hotel that his father owned. He graduated from Charleston High School and Morris Harvey College, where he starred as a basketball athlete. Ed was a probation officer for the State of West Virginia and an army veteran of the Korean War. He was a member of the Village Chapel Presbyterian Church.

Dad is survived by his very close friend and companion, Lou Maxson; children, Edward A. Squirts (Daisy) and Martha Smith (Keith); grandchildren, Brian Withrow (Autumn), Chastity Thornton, and Bridget Jett; great-grandchildren, Andrew and Maddux Withrow, and Reese Edmonds.

Ed loved sports, music, and cars. He played the accordion and harmonica. Played volleyball for many years at the YMCA and tennis at Kanawha City courts. He coached little league baseball, umpired baseball and refereed basketball for youth leagues. Dad was always a Mountaineer fan. He enjoyed NASCAR racing and Citizen Band Radio. His radio handle was "7-Up".

Dad enjoyed traveling. When we were young, he took us cross country to California, getting up early and driving all day on Rt. 66. He and Lou traveled to many beautiful and interesting places.

We will remember our father as a kind and gentle man, honest and true, and he will be missed so very much.

A celebration of Ed's life will be held 1:00 on Friday, March 3rd, at the Donel C. Kinnard

Memorial State Veterans Cemetery with Pastor Todd Wright officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Hospice Care of Charleston, 1606 Kanawha Blvd., Charleston, WV 25387.

Visit Ed's tribute page at [ChapmanFuneralHomes.com](http://ChapmanFuneralHomes.com) to share memories with the family.

Bartlett-Chapman Funeral Home, family-owned and located at 409 Sixth Avenue, St. Albans is honored to serve the Squirts family.

# Cemetery Details

## Donel C. Kinnard Memorial State Veterans Cemetery

130 Academy Drive  
Dunbar, WV 25064

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

MAR 3. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Edward Squirts*

October 06, 2023 at 08:41 AM

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“ *I first met Ed in 1970 while playing basketball in the women's church league in Charleston, WV. I wasn't a very good basketball player and spent most games warming the bench. Our coach finally gave me a chance to get on the floor and in my excitement with being given the ball, I proceeded to take an extra step in my dribble. Referee Ed, quickly caught my error and blew his whistle, rolled his hands in the "walking" sign, and pointed at me. Back to the bench. I can still see it in my mind! Thanks for the memories, Ed! :-)* I was fortunate to meet Ed again, under better circumstances, over 30 years later through my mother, Ann Ovington, and her good friend Lou Maxson. Apparently this crowd had a pretty good time playing tennis, traveling and most likely having a cocktail or two (although that is conjecture on my part.) Later, when I had moved Mom to Austin, TX to be closer to me, Ed and Lou came out to visit her and we became better acquainted. I learned that he loved to play the accordion, but that his needed repair and he couldn't find anyone in the Charleston area to do the work. Living in the "live music capital of the world" and near the accordion-playing German decedents in the Texas hill country, I figured I could find someone who knew how to repair accordions. I did, and it was a joy to see his face when he was able to play again. He seemed to be a very kind man who cherished his friendships and found the best in life no matter his circumstances. My Mom proceeded Ed in death. I hope they are back to playing tennis, sharing memories and perhaps having a drink or two, in heaven. Tell her a joke, Ed, she loves to laugh.



*My condolences to those he left behind. I know he will be missed. That is the beauty of having being loved.*

*Lynne Ovington  
Breckenridge, Colorado*

Lynne Ovington - March 08, 2017 at 04:25 PM

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“ *Sending our deepest condolences to the entire family  
Cathy Roberts Friedman*

Cathy Friedman - March 02, 2017 at 01:22 PM

PB

“ I worked with Ed for many years at the Circuit Court of Kanawha County as a probation officer. He was always the consummate professional in dealing with his clients and cases. He was helpful to me as a co-worker; a kind, generous man. He will be missed.



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**Paula Bland** - March 02, 2017 at 11:13 AM

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“ Sorry for your loss. I knew Ed when he was a volunteer basketball referee at the old Charleston downtown YMCA Biddy Basketball League in the 1960s where I was a coach in the A league. He gave his Saturdays during basketball season to kids and was a good and fair-minded referee. He was a kind and gentle man and was well respected. I am fortunate and proud to have known him.

*Don Harmon  
Red House*

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**don harmon** - March 02, 2017 at 08:43 AM

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“ Thank you for your service to our country Mr. Squirts!

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**Kaye** - March 02, 2017 at 07:41 AM