



## Edward "Eddie" Robert Schwarz

October 16, 1935 - June 13, 2024

Edward "Eddie" Robert Schwarz, age 88, of North Fort Myers, Florida, died on Thursday, June 13, 2024, at his summer home in Brimley, Michigan. He was born on October 16, 1935, in Chicago, Illinois, to Robert and Frances (Baldas) Chwarzynski.

Eddie grew up in Chicago and attended Carl Schurz High School. After graduation he attended Wilbur Wright College and joined the United States Army National Guard. Eddie joined the police academy where he served for 30 years before retiring in the late 1980s. He met his beautiful wife Katherine, they married on August 1, 1965, and raised their two children together in Chicago. Eddie and Kathy later retired to North Fort Myers.

Eddie was a member of the Fraternal Order of Police, the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Chicago, Saint Nicholas Albanian Orthodox Church, and the Moose Lodge of Southwest Florida. He was also an ordained minister in the Universal Life Church and performed weddings in that role.

Eddie loved vintage automobiles, especially Ford Thunderbirds. He had an expert knowledge of the cars and hosted regional gatherings on his property in Antioch, Illinois. He was also a writer and enjoyed documenting his memoirs in his book, "My Chicago." Eddie also loved buying and selling antiques and vintage items in North Fort Myers. He was passionate about

music, played the piano and organ, and wrote many songs, including, “My Kathy”, a love song to his dear wife.

Eddie is survived by his wife, Katherine; son, Steven (Reena Levin) Schwarz of Chicago; daughter, Christine (Mark) Winger of Bartlett, Illinois; granddaughter, Samantha F. Winger; sister, Janet Marlo of Chicago; and many nieces, nephews, grandnieces, and grandnephews.

Eddie was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Frances Chwarzynski, and brother, Walter Chwarzynski.

Per Eddie’s wishes, cremation has taken place. No services will be held at this time.

Family Life Funeral Homes assisted the family with arrangements.  
Condolences may be left to the family at [www.familylifefh.com](http://www.familylifefh.com).

# Tribute Wall

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“ I recently came across the book of poetry he published for his wife with her poetry. I had the pleasure of meeting them both a few years ago. I'm sad to hear of his passing. I was trying to reach back out to him to thank him for the gift. I'll carry his gift and his wife's gift of poetry along for future generations to enjoy.

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**Michelle Speer** - August 15, 2025 at 09:19 AM

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“ Oh Miss Katherine I am so so very sorry to see that your beloved has passed. I wondered why I only seen you the once early on in the summer. My condolences to you and your family. Thank you both for your friendship over the years I am very glad to have met and come to love you. Take care dear friend

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**lee Napoletano** - September 08, 2024 at 05:15 PM