



# Edward Sowa

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**E**DWARD SOWA - Edward Sowa, of Leesburg, Va., passed away surrounded by his family on Nov. 7, 2013 at 2:50 p.m. He is the beloved husband for more than 62 years of Liane R. Sowa, and cherished father to four children: Norah Sowa of Loveland, Colorado; Martin S. Sowa of Westminster, Maryland; Leisha Sowa of Woodbridge, Virginia; and Heidi Walsh of Leesburg, Virginia. He is also survived by two grandchildren, Megan and Kaitlin. Ed will be sadly missed by his family and many friends.

Mr. Sowa was born in Fall River, Mass., Sept. 13, 1930. Joining the Navy at 18, he served in the Korean War. He later transferred to the Air Force and after 20 years retired from the service. He then joined the Federal Aviation Administration in Leesburg, Va., retiring after 25 years of service. Soon after, he became a fixture in downtown Leesburg as the coffee roaster at "The Bean," now King Street Coffee, where he frequently gave coffee roasting demonstrations. The man with the big mustache and big dog was often seen sitting outside the coffee shop, coffee in hand, enjoying time with friends and making tourists welcome.

Visitation will be held on Nov. 15, 2013, at the home of Heidi Walsh, 362 Deerpath Ave., Leesburg, Va., from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Graveside services and internment will be held at a later date at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Va.

The family requests that memorials in his name may be made to: The Wounded Warrior Project at: [www.woundedwarriorproject.org](http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org).



## Events

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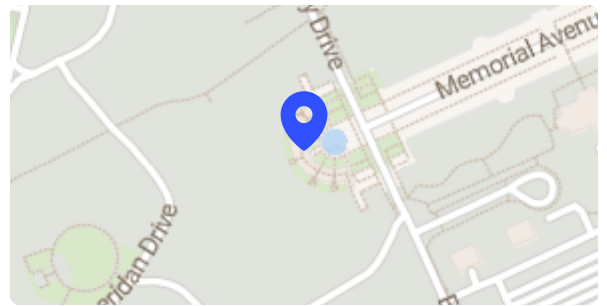
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### Cemetery Details



**Arlington National Cemetery**

1 Memorial Ave. , Arlington VA 22211





# Tribute Wall

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**Loudoun Funeral Chapels** shared a **Tribute Video**.



November 6 at 8:00 PM



**Lisa Sacchini** posted:

Liane, thoughts and prayers for you and the family. We are very sorry to hear of Eds passing. Joann, jim and Lisa Thornsburry

November 27 at 5:25 AM



**Johnurphy** posted:

Still remember the visits you made to Fall River and the times you stayed with us. He will be missed

November 15 at 1:35 PM



**Ray And Peggy Gillich** posted:

Our sympathy to all of you. We worked with Ed at FAA and enjoyed knowing him for many years. Ray and Peggy Gillich

November 14 at 4:50 PM



**Mijad Mujkic** posted:

Dear Liane, Martin, Heidi, Norah and Leisha, We are sorry you have lost loving husband and father . Ed was our favorite neighbor and precious friend who showered us with care, love, and readiness to help. We enjoyed seeing him, talking to him, listening to his life stories, and we were amazed with his vitality, intelligence, clear memory, and kind heart. He planted friendships and kindness while he was here on the Earth, and may God give him place in the Everlasting Kingdom of Friendships. Whenever 'good Friend' and 'good Neighbor' words are spoken it will always bring a memory of Ed to us. Blessed be the Lord who gave us Ed for friend and neighbor. May God send comfort and peace to his family. Neighbours Mijad & Branka

November 14 at 2:33 PM



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KE

**Kenny** posted:

My heart felt well wishes goes out to the family. As a brash new trainee at the Washington ARTCC, I met and worked with Ed some 30 years ago. He was a great technician and even a better mentor. Through his tutelage, I am sure that he has helped in part to shape the man that i am today. Thank you Ed! May God provide you rest.respectfully,Kenny Simmons, FAA

November 14 at 11:30 AM

TI

**Tina** lit a candle in honor of Edward.



November 14 at 6:49 AM

SK

**Susan Karels** posted:

Dear Liane and Norah, I am so sorry to hear of your husband/dad's passing. I know it is difficult to grasp and accept. Know that I'm keeping you and your family in my prayers for comfort as you move through the days ahead. Try to remember the things you loved about him and the way he made you laugh. While I never met Ed, it sounds like he was quite a character and will be missed by many. May God bless you.With love, Susan Karels

November 14 at 5:13 AM

BK

**Brenda Kelley** posted:

Norah and Family. I am so glad I got to meet your dad when we had lunch at your house. He had just gotten his first Ipad and he and Thomas were trying to figure out how it worked. He and your mom were such sweet people and made us feel just like family. I know he is looking down on you now and sending you his deepest love. We love you!Brenda Kelley and family

November 14 at 4:37 AM

DL

**Donna Lutkins** posted:

Liane, My deepest condolences to you and the family. He was such a delightful person and he will be missed dearly. We will be donating to the Wounded Warrior in his name. I will see you on Friday.  
Donna Lutkins

November 14 at 3:03 AM



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**Ruth Grubbs** posted:

Heidi, I am so sorry to hear about your dad. He was a sweet and genuine man, and I know you will miss him. Please give your mom a hug for me. We are thinking of you at this time. . . peace, Ruth & Stephen Grubbs

November 13 at 10:35 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers to the Sowa family.



November 13 at 4:52 AM



**T. Kelly** posted:

My deepest condolences to the family. Losing a dear loved one can leave a very empty space in one's life. Please find strength, hope and comfort in the God of Comfort (1 Corinthians 1: 3,4). You can read or listen to the Bible online at [www.jw.org](http://www.jw.org)

November 12 at 8:26 AM



Loudoun Funeral Chapels shared a **Tribute Video**.

November 6 at 8:00 PM

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