



## Edward J. Pantalena Sr.

August 7, 1927 - March 29, 2021

Edward J. Pantalena Sr. passed away peacefully March 29, 2021, at home surrounded by his loving family. He is now reunited in heaven with his bride Olivia. Ed was born on August 7, 1927 in New Haven, Connecticut. He was predeceased by his parents Frank and Mary Pantalena, brothers Frank and John Pantalena, and sister Mary (Frank) Sosnowski. He is survived by his loving children Elisa (Dennis) Pannone, Edward (Deborah) Pantalena Jr., Paul (Robin) Pantalena, David Pantalena, and Lynda (Jim) Bode; his eight grandchildren Christina, Stephen, and Danielle Pannone, Blake and Ryan Pantalena, and Gabby, Anthony and Jack Pantalena; his four great-grandchildren Nicholas and Lillian Maher and Arianna and Garrett Brown, his beloved nieces Marilyn (James) Pellegrino and Dorothy (Joseph) Lockwood. Also, his amazing care family Amanda "Mandy" Przybylowski, Dawn Raccio, and Cathy Cyr, whose unconditional love, care, compassion, and devotion will never be forgotten.

Ed played football for Hillhouse High School and at Fordham University, where he was also a member of the Kappa Iota Pi fraternity. He left Fordham to serve as a Private First Class in the Second World War and was privileged to play on the Army Football team. He was Deacon for over 30 years for the Archdiocese of Hartford. He participated in the Knights of Columbus in Hamden and volunteered with many other local organizations. Ed was a dedicated father of five children and provided for his family with a determined, entrepreneurial attitude. His earlier endeavors included owning Ed's Kiddy

Korner a children's clothing store, and Ed's Place restaurant, known for its authentic, homemade food, welcoming atmosphere, and great conversation. He then continued to provide for his family by holding positions at Quinnipiac University and Nestlé's Corporation until his retirement. Having held a position with Nestles, Ed and Olivia's house was known to be the most popular house to stop at on Halloween. It was here where you would receive full sized candy bars for both the trick-or-treating kids and their parents. It was hard to see who received more joy out of this simple gift, Ed, the kids, or their parents. Despite all these endeavors, none had brought him more joy than his marriage to Olivia, and the family they created. Ed was so devoted to his bride of 65 years, that he joined her in heaven only two short months after her passing.

Ed was a thoughtful, loyal friend, who cultivated life-long relationships and could make a friend out of anyone. He and Olivia could be found every Friday making noise and surrounded by friends at the local dinner. He had a wry sense of humor and an infectious sense of optimism and gratitude for the little things. He delighted in trips to Saratoga Springs Race Track or to the casino. Ed tended dutifully to his apple tree and the rose bushes he grew to always have flowers for his bride. In his later years, Ed wielded a trademark shillelagh as he "putzed" around the yard and sat comfortably on his deck watching his friends (the birds, the squirrels, and the chipmunks) with his loyal companion Frankie by his side. Best remembered for his love of scratch-off tickets and his ever-present catchphrase "life is good". His knack for cutting one-liners was with him until the end (be careful of the mailman, he's a carrier!). While Ed was a man of few words, he made every one of the count. He will be deeply missed.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Tuesday morning at 11:00 in Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Hamden. Private burial will follow in Centerville Cemetery, Hamden. There are no calling hours. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to one of the following organizations, Friedriech's

Ataxia Research Alliance, 533 W. Uwchlan Ave., Downingtown, PA 199335 w  
ww.curefa.org, Mikey's Way foundation, 2228 Black Rock Turnpike, Suite 311,  
Fairfield,CT 06825 or The American Diabetes Assoc., PO Box 11454,  
Alexandria, VA, 22312. Arrangements are with Sisk Brothers Funeral Home,  
3105 Whitney Ave., Hamden. [www.siskbrothers.com](http://www.siskbrothers.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Centerville Cemetery

Washington Ave.  
Hamden, CT

# Previous Events

## Funeral service

APR 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church  
2819 Whitney Ave.  
Hamden, CT

# Tribute Wall

MP

“ My special Uncle Ed....you have been a special part of my life for so long ...now there will be a big void in it ....but you are with your bride now ....love and miss you both so much❤️❤️

Marilyn Pellegrino - April 12, 2021 at 11:45 AM

AD

“ I am sorry sorry to hear about "dad" and am so sorry it is 2 weeks late. He was a wonderful person who loved to make us laugh. My memories of being in their home many afternoons and weekends warms my heart. He is now back with his love. To the entire family hugs and may all your warm memories help you though this difficult time. Love Anne Barone D'Agostino Goodyear AZ

Anne Dagostino - April 08, 2021 at 09:37 AM

LD

“ I knew Ed when I worked at Quinnipiac many years ago. He would always offer me a candy bar and some good cheer. He worked hard at night so his children would get an education. Found him to be the most sincere kind person.

Lynn Dorsey

Lynn Dorsey - April 06, 2021 at 08:42 AM

LC

“ My condolences to all who loved him. We were lucky to have all the Pantalena's as neighbors growing up! Ed was especially funny, his terrific sense of humor always made me smile.

Laura Curran - April 03, 2021 at 06:23 PM

DM

“ Goodbye "Uncle Ed"! My love for you and Lill will go on in all the wonderful memories I carry in my heart...All you "Club" guys are there together.I have to say I am a little jealous! (maybe not really)! Rest in peace my dear friend...you are very special to me. You raised a wonderful family,and my love goes out to all of them! Love..Dolores (Auntie Dolores)

Dolores McGuinness - April 03, 2021 at 01:38 PM

JM

“ Mr. P was an amazing man! In early years he was a father figure to me. He was caring, compassionate and filled with empathy. He had a wonderful sense of humor and always had the right words for every situation. He a Father McDonald married my husband and I and baptized both of our children. He will me missed by those who knew him. God bless the family and May God's comfort and love surround you all.

Jim and Debbie Mutts - April 03, 2021 at 09:02 AM

LP

Thanks Debbie for your kind words and support. It's nice to read about your fond memories of Dad. I agree, he was amazing :)

Lynda Pantalena - April 03, 2021 at 06:54 PM

AF

“ Dear Dave and family ,We are so sorry for the lost of your dad. You are in our prayers and thoughts. Love 💕 you Anna, Lisa and Dena



Anna Feniola - April 02, 2021 at 07:39 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Edward J. Pantalena Sr..*



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April 02, 2021 at 01:11 PM



“ *To the Pantalena Family,  
I extend to all of you my prayers at the passing of your father, grandfather and great grandfather Ed. I had the privilege of being with him in Cheshire as his Pastor and friend. He and Olivia were a delight and how appropriate they share eternal life now with the Lord this Easter together. He was known for his Candy bars at our auctions and other fundraising events. But his love of the Lord and sharing in the Eucharist is what I will treasure the most. Well done good and faithful servant! Thank you for sharing your life and love of the Lord with me. Rest in peace.  
Fr. Norman Brockett*

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Rev. Norman Brockett - April 02, 2021 at 12:23 PM



*Thank you for such sweet comforting words, it truly brings some peace having people share their memories and showing the personal individual impact he had on all.*

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Lynda Pantalena - April 04, 2021 at 08:32 AM



*Thank you for reaching out and sharing such kind words and memories of my Dad. It is so meaningful to have such support.*

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Lynda Pantalena - April 04, 2021 at 09:34 PM

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“ Dear Pantalena Family,  
The peace of the Lord fill you.  
Dear friend (Dcn.) Ed is now in the tender embrace of our Risen Lord Jesus United with his dear wife Olivia. They could not be separated for too long.  
Besides sharing the Diaconate with him, and his “candy” in the trunk of his car, but in Ed’s Place in Centerville. It was indeed a place of smiles and friends. Years later his meeting with Deacon colleagues Bob, Al, and me, we regained and dreamed.  
It was great to have met and walk with him.  
Blessing and prayers!  
(Dcn.) Dick and Ange Santello  
St. Petersburg, FL

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**(Dcn.);Richard Santello** - April 02, 2021 at 10:39 AM

LP

*Thank you so much for your kind words and sharing your fond memories of my Dad. It is so fun to hear about all of the people who remembered him giving out candy.*

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**Lynda Pantalena** - April 03, 2021 at 09:46 AM

DD

“ It was with great sadness I heard of your father's passing  
To all of you my deepest sympathy  
They are together again. God bless

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**Donna Howe Dzubzk** - April 01, 2021 at 11:36 AM

DR

*Deacon Ed had been a faith-filled servant to many through his ministries and work in the Church. May you rest in peace with the Lord. We offer our prayers to your family. On behalf of the Conference of Deacons - Archdiocese of Hartford, Deacon Joe Ryzewski - Chair*

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**Deacon Joe Ryzewski** - April 01, 2021 at 06:00 PM

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Thank you ☐

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**Lynda Pantalena** - April 04, 2021 at 08:18 AM

GG

*I remember Ed from my days at Quinnipiac in the 1980s. What an extremely nice gentleman. He used to leave candy in the student club offices in old Alumni Hall. We would talk late into some nights, and he would dispense some great life advice. My sympathies to family and friends in this time of sorrow.*

*Gerry Gagliardi  
QC 1989*

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**Gerry Gagliardi** - April 04, 2021 at 09:54 AM