



Ellwood Thomas Risk Jr

December 20, 1933 - February 6, 2020

Ellwood Thomas Risk Jr, 87, of Charlotte, NC, died Thursday, February 6, 2020.

“Woody” as he was commonly called, was born in Plymouth Township, Pennsylvania, on December 20, 1933, the son of Ellwood T. Risk Sr and Anna Stremba. In 1953, Woody answered his country’s call to service and joined the United States Navy. Woody was a patriotic man who loved his country and he was proud to serve aboard six different ships before retiring in 1975 as a Lieutenant Commander after 22 years of honorable service. Woody then worked for several Defense Contractors in the Norfolk, VA, area. During this time, he attended evening classes at St Leo College, attaining his BA in Business Management in 1983. He and his wife Betty co-owned and operated Bayshore Enterprises Inc. from 1990 to 1995 until selling the business and retiring. Continuing his legacy of service, Woody also served as the President of The Great Neck Kiwanis Club of Virginia Beach from 1997 to 1998. In 2003, Woody and Betty moved to Charlotte, NC, and became active members of Calvary Church.

Family and friends were important to Woody and he enjoyed spending time with them. He was a devoted Christian, faithful husband, loving father, proud grandfather and a good friend who demonstrated his love with selfless acts of kindness. Woody had a way of remembering the special things that matter

most, of bringing out the best in others with his warmth, of really listening and understanding, and letting people know he cared how they were feeling.

Woody is survived by his wife, Betty Obrien Fowler Risk; his sons, Ellwood T. Risk III, Stephen M. (wife Kelly) Risk; his stepsons, Randy (wife Emily) Fowler, Ron Fowler, and Craig (wife Amy) Fowler; his brother, Tim (wife Carolee) Risk; and his grandchildren, Cole and Ava Risk, Chelsea (husband Scott) Daniels, Kiah and Tara Fowler. He is further survived by numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Woody was preceded in death by his parents and his sisters, Elletta Herring, Ann Stuart and Lois Risk

A service to celebrate Woody's life will be held at Calvary Church, 5801 Pineville-Matthews Road, Charlotte, NC 28226. Visitation will begin at 1 pm with service to follow at 2 pm on Friday, February 14, 2020. After the service, interment will take place at Calvary's Magnolia Garden Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials would be gratefully appreciated to Calvary Church or to The Wounded Warrior Project, 4899 Belfort Road, Suite 300, Jacksonville, FL, 32256.

Cemetery Details

Magnolia Memorial Gardens

5801 Pineville–Matthews Road
Charlotte, NC 28226
http://www.calvarychurch.com/site/18_150_112.cfm

Previous Events

Gathering of Friends and Family

FEB 14. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Calvary Church
5801 Pineville-Matthews Road
Charlotte, NC 28226
info@calvarychurch.com
<http://www.calvarychurch.com>

Celebration of Life Service

FEB 14. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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Committal

FEB 14. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Ellwood Thomas Risk Jr*

October 05, 2023 at 07:26 AM



“ *Ellwood Thomas Risk Jr*

October 24, 2022 at 08:52 PM



“ *Someone once said: "That there are people in this world who Smile...Like They Mean It... And Care about those around them. They see each day as a Gift from God and try to make the most of it. They help everyone else Believe that it's possible to Live and Love Well. Yes, there are people who make this World a better place just by being in it." Uncle Woody was one of those wonderful human beings and he will be greatly missed by so many, But remembered forever, for his True Kindness to Others! Blessed Are Those Who Felt His Love, DANIEL, KAREN AND TIMOTHY STUART*

Daniel, Karen and Tim Stuart - February 12, 2020 at 11:10 AM



“ *A kind, caring and loving brother- in- law forever.
Rest in Peace Woody.
Jim and Mary Anne Alfe*

Mary Anne Alfe - February 11, 2020 at 02:46 PM

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Woody Risk III - February 10, 2020 at 06:10 PM

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Woody Risk III - February 10, 2020 at 06:06 PM

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Patricia Averso - February 10, 2020 at 08:00 AM

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“ You leave behind beautiful memories of many happy years together. Your love lives on through our Sons, Woody and Stephen, and our Grandchildren, Cole and Ava. Rest In Peace in the arms of our Savior. Your Tour of Duty has ended, but your sweet memory never will. 💙



Patricia Averso - February 10, 2020 at 07:48 AM

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“ One of the finest Naval Officers I ever knew. Served together at AMSU Little Creek, VA 1970-72. LT (LDO), USN, Ret. Thomas G. Kahler Sincere condolences to the family.

Tom Kahler - February 09, 2020 at 07:37 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ellwood Thomas Risk Jr.*



February 09, 2020 at 05:30 PM



“ *Shipmates come and go, but sometimes they stay with you forever. Woody has staying power and will be remembered as a valued shipmate to the sailors he served with for the longest of time. And for those unfortunate to see Woody caring for his crop of hair in his dress blues before going on Liberty, shame on you.*

The sweetest "SALTY SAILOR" to ever sail our seas will be remembered forever. Muster me for the next watch.

Henry Ruiz DCC (DV) USN Ret.

Henry Ruiz - February 09, 2020 at 03:29 PM