

Edward Stephen Sovich

August 28, 1925 - March 31, 2017

Edward Stephen Sovich passed away peacefully on the morning of March 31, 2017, in Oxnard, California at the age of 91. His beloved wife of 63 years Carmen Aguado predeceased him by 363 days.

Ed was born in his family home on August 28, 1925, in the small steel mill town of Monessen, Pennsylvania. He had three siblings, Helen, Bill and Irene. Ed was a cherished sibling, father, grandfather(Didi) and uncle to his family, a humble and generous soul to all who knew him. He is survived by his children, Suzanne, Frank, Marie and Jan, together with his grandchildren, Joseph, Jacqueline, Steven, Andrea, Teresa and Taylor.

At the young age of 17, Ed was drafted into the Navy. He was a Coxswain on the USS LST-355 landing ship during the Second World War and when not at the helm he worked in the scullery aboard ship. He made 44 trips across the English Channel in the LST and was witness to the dreadful shores of Normandy on D-day. He internalized, processed and transformed this energy into his strength, his conviction and his will to make the world a better place for himself and those that would cross his path throughout his life.

After his return from war he enrolled in New York School of Design where he found a passion for design, building and woodworking.

A time for change, Ed followed his brother out west to the land of opportunity. Ed found others with passion for design and found themselves designing kitchens on a patio table in the backyard. Laschober and Sovich Inc. opened a Food Service Consulting firm designing commercial kitchens for large hotels, universities, amusement parks, schools, in the cozy neighborhood of South Pasadena. With about a dozen employees working with architects, interior designers, kitchen fabricators, and engineers. All the while thinking of his employees first. Ed retired at 70. He sold the company to Larry Lanier and he carries on the legend today.

Many may not know but Ed was a man of deep faith raised in the Byzantine Catholic Church. He had a fierce sense of pride in these roots. He had a huge heart, a huge sense of purpose, a huge love for his family, his wife and friends. We love you Dad! God bless you!