



## Major (Retired) Edward George Pekowski

October 7, 1936 - January 19, 2024

Edward George Pekowski had a passion for flying airplanes ever since he watched them soar across the sky in his youth. He passed to eternity surrounded by his loving family on Friday January 19, 2024. He was born to Edward Joseph and Hazel Mary Ann (Ray) Pekowski in Chicago, Illinois. He is survived by his devoted wife of 67 years, Adele (Moretti). Ed attended St. Michael Catholic High School in Chicago, Illinois, where he was on his high school rowing team. The team docked their boat on Lake Michigan. After graduation in 1956 Ed enlisted in Cadet school of the U.S. Air Force with the goal of becoming a pilot. He went to Flight training school where he said "better" pilots than him "washed out." He got his wings and eventually trained future fighter pilots. He was a Vietnam veteran, flying 30 combat missions over enemy targets in the F-105. Major Pekowski earned 4 Air Medals, a Commendation Medal and a Meritorious Service Medal. He retired after a distinguished career of over 22 years.

Ed and Adele were high school sweethearts. They moved many times in their married life, starting out in Chicago, then moving to Mississippi, Guam Island, Japan, Michigan, Texas, Manitoba (Canada), Kansas, and finally back to Texas again, landing in Lubbock at the end of his career. After military retirement Ed flew corporate and charter air planes. Ed was an avid camper and outdoorsman. He and Adele trekked across most of the United States, including a trailer trip from the lower 48 through the Canadian Yukon and into Alaska.

Ed has 2 sisters who preceded him in death, Rosemary Karlovits and Sr. Pauline Pekowski. He is survived by 2 siblings, Raymond J. Pekowski and JoAnn Glascott. Ed and Adele share 12 children in the following order; Edward Joseph Pekowski II married to Mary (Ramos), Raymond P. Pekowski married to Lynda (Sorensen), Karen Jones married to Terrye, Pamela Hassink married to Paul, Robert M. Pekowski married to Shirley (Palencia), Michael J. Pekowski, Jennifer Melnick married to Rick, Loretta Alterman married to Frank, Susan Englerth married to Corey, Thomas Pekowski, John M. Pekowski married to Ya-Li (Chung), Mary Strawser married to Zach. Ed has 47 grandchildren and 42 great-grandchildren.

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Memorials are suggested to the following:

Eternal Word TV Network, 5817 Old Leeds Rd., Irondale, AL. 35210-9765

Priests for Life, P.O. Box 236695, Cocoa, FL., 32923

Nurturing Center, 3303 66th St., Lubbock, Texas 79413

National Right to Life, 512 10th St. NW, 25247, Washington, DC. 20004-1401

Human Life International, 4 Family Lane, Front Royal, VA. 22630-9865

Catholic League, 450 7th Ave., FL 34, New York, NY. 10117-3125

The American Life League, Stafford, VA. 22555-9986

American Center for Law and Justice, P.O. Box 90555, Washington, DC.  
20090-0555

The Coming Home Network, P.O. Box 8290, Zanesville, OH. 43702-9929

Family visitation will be at Sanders Funeral Home on January 25, 2024 6pm. to 7pm. Rosary Services will be 7pm. in Sanders Memorial Chapel. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11am., January 26, 2024 at St. Elizabeth Catholic University Parish. Please celebrate the life of Edward by visiting [www.sandersfuneralhome.com](http://www.sandersfuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Miller Crematory

202 Avenue Q  
Lubbock, TX 79415

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 25. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM.

Sanders Funeral Home

## Rosary

JAN 25. 7:00 PM - 7:45 PM (CT)

Sanders Memorial Chapel  
1420 Main Street  
Lubbock, TX 79401

## Mass

JAN 26. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Saint Elizabeth's Catholic Church  
2316 Broadway St.  
Lubbock, TX 79401

# Tribute Wall



“ Sanders Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Major (Retired) Edward George Pekowski



Sanders Funeral Home - January 25, 2024 at 07:09 PM



“ Sanders Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Major (Retired) Edward George Pekowski



Sanders Funeral Home - January 24, 2024 at 12:40 PM

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“ Keesler Radiology Dept. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Major (Retired) Edward George Pekowski.



Keesler Radiology Dept. - January 25, 2024 at 10:00 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Major (Retired) Edward George Pekowski.*



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January 24, 2024 at 12:22 PM



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**Leon** - January 24, 2024 at 03:19 AM



“ *Mike & Virginia Strawser purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Major (Retired) Edward George Pekowski.*



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**Mike & Virginia Strawser** - January 23, 2024 at 03:18 PM



“ *Zach & Mary Strawser purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Major (Retired) Edward George Pekowski.*



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**Zach & Mary Strawser** - January 23, 2024 at 03:10 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Major (Retired) Edward George Pekowski.*



January 23, 2024 at 11:15 AM



“ *The Babbitt Family and Fort Worth Area planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Major (Retired) Edward George Pekowski.*

**The Babbitt Family and Fort Worth Area** - January 23, 2024 at 11:15 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Major (Retired) Edward George Pekowski.*



January 23, 2024 at 10:57 AM



“ *A true patriot, the love of God, Family and country. Uncle Ed had a great sense of humor and laugh. It was great to see him for the limited number times we did. Always memorable, he never failed to offer his opinion. Great family man , husband and father. Thoughts and prayers go out to Aunt Adele and the family. Kathy said : He was the coolest guy she knew . Rest in peace- love Kathy and Erwin*

**Erwin Wiczner** - January 22, 2024 at 08:32 PM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Major (Retired) Edward George Pekowski.*



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January 22, 2024 at 08:02 PM



“ *Meghan and Logan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Major (Retired) Edward George Pekowski.*

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**Meghan and Logan** - January 22, 2024 at 08:02 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Major (Retired) Edward George Pekowski.*



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January 22, 2024 at 05:45 PM



“ *From: Mike, Dave, Myla, Dee & CTS Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Major (Retired) Edward George Pekowski.*

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**Mike, Dave, Myla, Dee & CTS Family** - January 22, 2024 at 05:45 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Major (Retired) Edward George Pekowski.*



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January 22, 2024 at 01:42 PM



“ *Joan and Frank Stasiowski planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Major (Retired) Edward George Pekowski.*

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**Joan and Frank Stasiowski** - January 22, 2024 at 01:42 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Major (Retired) Edward George Pekowski.*



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January 22, 2024 at 01:40 PM



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**Sam Sparkman** - January 22, 2024 at 09:44 AM