



**Edward G. Bracco**  
**"Ed"**

1942-2021

Craftsman,

Painter, Potter, Woodworker, Birdwatcher,  
Fisherman, Cook and more

Dear Friend,

When someone says to you, "He's a really neat and talented guy!" you know this person is someone special. That is who Edward "Eddie" Bracco was - a man of great creative abilities, a craftsman and an artist. He installed carpets and floors as his main business and if he worked on your place you knew it would be excellent. And you knew you could trust him and his wife Addie to give you an honest and reliable price and product and they would stand by it.

This is high praise when it comes to owning a business: you care about what you do

and how it's done and you put the customer first. Quality comes above all else. That was Eddie through and through.

But not everyone knew that Eddie could also do all manner of artwork and that he loved nature. My husband, my dad, and I had the great privilege of getting to know Ed at carving classes that we took with Vernon Smith. Eddie was clearly a master. His artistry was superior and he shared his knowledge with anyone who asked his advice. He was a mentor. We learned he painted on canvas and on vans, too. People in the car restoration business or auto art business knew him as "Fast Ed" and respected his talent. During carving class he would often explain how he achieved certain outcomes using an airbrush when detailing automobiles. These comparisons with our brush techniques in applying washes lent greater understanding to what we hoped to achieve and how to achieve it.

His love for the out-of-doors was obvious. He talked about watching birds, fishing, crabbing, and painting. And he always spoke affectionately about Addie and his family. He would often relate to us tales about a grandchild or some family happening.

Eddie was a top-shelf kind of guy with a smile and laugh for everyone. I know that so many people will be sad that he is no longer around to share his stories and his talents. Eddie, if you get busy carving birds on those pearly gates I know a lot of people who would appreciate that, although not just yet.

We thank the family for thinking of CU Maurice River with their suggested donation to our organization. All of us at CU offer our condolences to Addie, Kimberly, Jennifer, and their families. We know how much you loved Ed and hope that your memories will sustain his spirit.

Please read the family's obituary below to learn more about Ed.

Sincerely,



Jane Morton Galetto  
Board President  
On behalf of the CU Maurice River Board and Staff



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Vineland - Edward G. "Fast Ed" Bracco, 78, son of the late Edward and Madeline Bracco was born September 9, 1942 in Vineland, New Jersey. Eddie graduated from Vineland High School in 1960 and married his High School sweetheart Addie Ronchetti in 1961. They loved and enjoyed each other for 59 wonderful years in the house they started their family in.

In 1979, with support from his wife, Ed took over his father's business, Bracco's Floor Service, and maintained the businesses remarkable reputation until 2017. At the time of his retirement, Ed was servicing his fifth generation of customers. He was a craftsman to say the least and took immense pride in his work. His natural talents spanned all mediums and art forms. Ed was well known in the Tri State area as "Fast Ed" for his one of a kind, realistic airbrushed murals on cars, vans and motorcycles that his wife Addie would help draw and design. His airbrush work has been recognized in magazines and has won multiple awards.

He also excelled in and was awarded for his oil painting, drawing, pastels, ceramics, carpentry and woodworking. Ed was a true renaissance man, there were no limits to his abilities. He enjoyed sharing his creative passions with his family and so gracefully passed those talents onto his grandchildren.

Some other hobbies Ed enjoyed were fishing, crabbing, antiques, attending car shows with his family and friends, riding his bike on the Ocean City Boardwalk with his grandchildren, birdwatching, and cooking.

He also enjoyed working on his second love, his 1966 Corvette Stingray and was a longtime member of the Corvette Club of America. Ed was very proud of his maternal Native American heritage and was a descendent of the Rappahannock Tribe of Jamestown, Virginia.

He was also a devout Episcopalian and a lifelong member of the Trinity Episcopal Church on Wood Street in Vineland, New Jersey. Ed was also a member of the Highland Anglers Fishing Club and Ocean City Fishing Club where he made lasting friendships and was always known for catching the biggest fish.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Adeline M (Ronchetti) Bracco; his children Kimberly M Bracco (Steve Marcacci) and Jennifer J Bracco (Marius Maven); his grandchildren Chelsea, Marius, Victoria, Catherine, Jacqueline, Kayla, Benjamin and five Great Grandchildren. Also surviving are his sister Brenda J and Ed Yegla and brother Wayne R and Karen Bracco; sister-in-law Susan Nanni and sister-in-law Berni and brother-in-law Spike English. He is predeceased by his mother and father Edward and Madeline (Nelson) Bracco and his father-in-law and mother-in-law Ben and Mae (Cifaloglio) Ronchetti. Ed was a devoted son, husband, father, grandfather, friend and mentor to so many. He had an infectious smile and could make anyone laugh.

His greatest accomplishment of all were his grandchildren, they were his pride and joy. The countless memories, experiences, lessons, advice, laughs, and jokes that they shared together has made them who they are today. We love you forever Pop, "Best Fishes." Due to COVID-19 restrictions everyone must wear a mask and social distance. A funeral home visitation will be held on Saturday from 9am to 11am followed by a funeral service at 11:00 am from Rone Funeral Service, 1110 East Chestnut Avenue, Vineland. Final disposition will be private. ARRANGEMENTS are under the supervision of Rone Funeral Service, 1110 East Chestnut Avenue, Vineland, NJ 08360. Donations in memory of Ed may be made to: Citizens United to Protect the Maurice River and Its Tributaries, Inc., P.O. Box 474, Millville, NJ 08332 (856-300-5331).





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