

Edward Eller DeVere Jr. was born on January 10, 1947, in Phoenix, AZ, to Edward Sr. and Annie Mae (Lawrence) DeVere. He was one of five children in the family. Because of Edward Sr.'s job in the service, the family moved frequently. Of all the places they lived, Edward Jr. spoke most fondly of Fairbanks, AK, where he developed a love for the outdoors. Eventually, the family returned to Phoenix, where Edward Jr. graduated from North Phoenix High School in 1966.



On December 21, 1967, Edward married Patricia Upchurch. Earlier that same year, on May 19, 1967, he had enlisted in the United States Army. During his service, he was stationed at several bases across the country until receiving an honorable discharge on May 16, 1969, at Fort Lewis, WA. Following his military service, Edward worked for Barrow Fine Furniture Company as a truck driver. During his time there, he discovered a passion for woodworking and furniture refinishing, skills at which he excelled.

In April 2012, Edward and Patricia moved to Marvin, SD, and they have made their home there ever since. Edward appreciated the slower pace of life in South Dakota and treasured the friendships he formed. He especially enjoyed lending a hand to neighbors, helping Dave Krueger with fieldwork and assisting Kenny Wiese at the Elk Refuge.

Edward could often be found in his shop working on projects. He had a lifelong passion for rebuilding race cars and, in his younger years, worked on pit crews for modified and drag cars in Arizona. He also loved spending time mowing the yard and staying busy with his shop projects.

Ed will be forever loved and deeply missed by his wife, Patricia DeVere of Marvin, SD; brothers: Roy (Becky) DeVere of Phoenix, AZ; and Michael (Kathi) DeVere of Phoenix, AR; and many beloved nieces, nephew, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents: Edward Sr. and Annie Mae DeVere; his siblings: James "Jim", William "Bill", and Patsy.

In Loving Memory of Edward DeVere Jr.

WHO WAS BORN

January 10, 1947
Phoenix, Arizona

AND CALLED TO HIS ETERNAL HOME

September 3, 2025
Watertown, South Dakota

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Wednesday, September 10, 2025 - 2:00 p.m.
Mundwiler Funeral Home
Milbank, South Dakota

CLERGY

Pastor Thom Bowsher

SPECIAL SONGS

"Bridge Over Troubled Water" - Willie Nelson
"Dust in the Wind" - Kansas
"He Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother" - The Hollies

INURNMENT

National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona
Phoenix, Arizona

APPRECIATION

Ed's family is grateful for your attendance at this service.
Your expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated.

Mundwiler Funeral Home - Milbank, South Dakota

After Glow

**I'd like the memory of me
To be a happy one.
I'd like to leave an afterglow
Of smiles when life is done.**

**I'd like to leave an echo
Whispering softly down the ways,
Of happy times and laughing times
And bright and sunny days.**

**I'd like the tears of those who grieve,
To dry before the sun
Of happy memories that I leave
When my life is done.**

Please use this QR code to access
Ed's online guestbook.



In Honored Memory

