



## Edward J. Zinsmeister

January 12, 2024

Ed Zinsmeister lived life to the fullest and never met a stranger. Born and raised in San Antonio, he attended Central Catholic High School and graduated from St Mary's University in 1964 where he was a member of the Tau Delta Sigma Fraternity. He later received an advanced degree in banking from SMU. He began his banking career in 1959 as a part time teller. After graduating from St Mary's, he became a bank examiner for the Texas Dept of Banking. In 1968, Ed moved his family to Corpus Christi to work at Corpus Christi Bank and Trust. He took a break from banking to join the oil and gas industry as President of Tejas Oil and Gas. The collapse of the savings and loan industry lured him back into banking where he joined the Resolution Trust Corporation in 1989 to bring stability to the financial industry. That brought him to First City Bank in San Antonio where he oversaw their transfer to Chase Bank. His love for mentoring and growing the industry brought him to McAllen where he joined Rio Bank in 1999. He served as Executive Vice President until his retirement at age the 73. He continued serving on the Board of Directors until his death. Throughout his entire career he mentored and guided many young bankers to successful careers. In 2022, Ed was honored for his 50 years of service to the banking industry at the Texas Banker's Association annual meeting.

With his loving wife of 38 years, Sandi by his side, he passed peacefully at home on January 12 at the age of 83.

He was a loving father to Scott and Laura, a caring father-in-law to Diana and

the proudest “Nacho” to his granddaughter Elie.

He was the son of Catherine and Edward Zinsmeister and brother of Kitty Horlen, Helen Dugosh (Kenneth), Rudy Zinsmeister (Trish), Carol Canion (Mike), Edna Geckler (Chris) and Michael (Maria) Zinsmeister.

Ed was always a generous supporter of the Boy Scouts of America and served on the Board of Directors of the American Cancer Society of McAllen and the Advisory Committee of the McAllen Chamber of Commerce.

He was also a huge cheerleader for CAMP University, a safe space for young adults with special needs to continue their education. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to support this special organization.

[Campuniversity.org](http://Campuniversity.org)

A Celebration of Ed's Life will be held at 2:00pm on Saturday, January 27, 2024 at The Rio Bank Event Center, 701 E. Expressway 83, McAllen, Texas. Funeral Services are under the direction of Kreidler Funeral Home, Inc. of McAllen.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JAN 27. 2:00 PM (CT)

Rio Bank Event Center  
701 E. Expressway 83  
McAllen, TX 78501

# Tribute Wall

LF

“ Dear Sandi. Every time Gene saw Ed or even shared another priceless Ed story he would smile and laugh out loud. I still remember our last foursome together in Fbg. His wings will keep you safe. Hugs. Lynn

Lynn Flemu - January 18, 2024 at 04:30 PM

MB

“ Sandi

So sorry to hear of Ed's passing. He touched so many and was a mentor to so many bankers. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family

Myles Beeching



Myles Beeching - January 17, 2024 at 02:40 PM

CR

He will be missed by all who knew him and lived him! Thanks for the memories Ed  
! Love you Carroll Rupert

carroll rupert - January 18, 2024 at 04:20 PM

CL

Sandi, although I never had the chance to really know your husband as well as you, I would like to send my heartfelt condolences you. Please know you will be in my prayers. Respectfully, Catherine

Catherine Link - January 19, 2024 at 01:33 PM

DP

*Dear Sandi,*

*We were sad to hear about Ed's passing. He was a great guy and a friend. I will always remember the conversations and the laughter we shared at class reunions. The Central Catholic Class of 1958 will miss him and his friendship. Please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.*

*Don and Mary Ellen Pyka*

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**Don Pyka** - January 22, 2024 at 01:18 AM