



## Edwin "Ned" Steckel Jr.

November 23, 1930 - March 16, 2018

Edwin M. "Ned" Steckel, Jr., 87, a national Emmy-Award winning network television producer died Friday, March 16, 2018, at home.

Born Nov. 23, 1930, in Gastonia, NC, Steckel moved to Wheeling in June of 1936 from Peekskill, Westchester County, NY, when his father, Edwin M. Steckel, joined the Oglebay Institute as the organization's first full-time staff member and who later became its executive director. His mother, Nina Gooding Steckel, is remembered as a longtime Ohio Valley teacher at various public schools and institutions.

Steckel graduated from the Linsly Military Institute in 1948. He attended the University of Michigan and Bethany College, and he graduated from Syracuse University in 1953 with an A.B. degree in journalism. He received an M.S. degree in communications in 1954 from the same institution.

He served as a rated journalist in the U.S. Naval Reserve for seven years, including two years of active duty from 1955-56. He was assigned to the battleship New Jersey (BB-62) and later to the headquarters of the Supreme Allied Command Atlantic (NATO) in the public information office.

Steckel's broadcasting career included employment with WKWK and WTRF-TV in Wheeling, WOLF in Syracuse, NY, WTAE-TV and WIIC in Pittsburgh,

and ABC Sports in New York. He served there for 19 years as a producer/director, during which time he won eight national Emmy awards for producing "ABC's Wide World of Sports," NCAA football and various Olympic Games coverage.

After his broadcasting career, Ned joined the faculty of Bethany College as an associate professor of communications and resident fellow. He also served on the faculty of the University of Pittsburgh on the "Semester at Sea" program.

In retirement, Steckel actively pursued his sailing hobby on the Florida West Coast, Chesapeake Bay and at his summer home at Chatauque Institution, Lake Chautauqua, NY.

His memberships included Beta Theta Pi fraternity, the Varsity Letterman Club of Syracuse University and the Directors Guild of America. Local memberships in Wheeling over the years included the Aviator Society of the Linsly School, the Short Circuit Club, Symposiarchs, Wheeling Historical Society, Fort Henry Club, Oglebay Institute and the First Presbyterian Church.

He is survived by two sons, Edwin M. Steckel III and Stephen C. Steckel; and one grandson, Zachary Falk Steckel.

There will be no visitation. Interment at the convenience of the family at Oak Hill Cemetery in Sandy Lake, PA.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Linsly School, Oglebay Park or the Oglebay Institute.

Arrangements entrusted to Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory, 1 Ridgecrest Road, Wheeling/Bethlehem, WV.



# Tribute Wall

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“ Ned was a wonderful Southern cousin who always kept in touch with me, especially after his mother, Nina, passed away. I first got to know Ned when he would come to Jacksonville, Florida to work with covering the Gator Bowl games. He would sit for hours in my parents's family room sharing memories with them of his childhood and theirs. Cousin Nina spent a lot of time with us as well as she would come to visit her sister Veda and her husband John. Ned was a bit older than I, but he treated me with love and respect as if I had been his age. The last time I spoke with him on the telephone, Ted was living with him and Ned seemed to be so happy. When I hadn't heard from Ned in a while, I tried to locate him, but failed -- I had lost the address of his sister and never had the address of his brother in Florida. Finally, I have learned of Ned's passing, and I am so sorry not to have known about it sooner. The family may never see this notation from me, but I miss Ned so and loved him with all my heart. ~~~~ Marilyn Gooding DeSimone  
(daughter of Eunice Drawdy Gooding, born in Walterboro, S.C.)

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**Marilyn Gooding DeSimone** - January 31, 2024 at 01:54 PM

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“ I just found out that Ned - called by me "Nedsky" - passed away already in March. I would like to pronounce my deep sorrow and think of the family.  
Sincerely "Gogo" who worked for abc in Europe very often..

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**Irmingard Fuchsle** - November 29, 2018 at 05:08 AM

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“ *Ned was a great neighbor of ours for many years at Chautauqua. He took my Dad bass fishing on his motor boat and they were always successful and memorable trips. I remember as a kid that he had scuba gear! He really enjoyed his sailing voyages around Florida on his boat (Chautauqua). He was always supportive of his sons' endeavors too.*

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**Eric Nickeson** - April 03, 2018 at 10:22 AM



“ *May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,  
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,  
  
May your memories of Edwin Steckel, Jr., give you peace, comfort and strength...  
  
Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete. I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten..  
My thoughts  
and prayers to the family of ....  
  
US Navy Reserve Veteran, Edwin Steckel, Jr., is “A True American Hero” God Bless†  
  
† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †*

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**Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum** - March 24, 2018 at 07:17 AM