



## Edwin Santana

October 9, 1947 - September 10, 2022

Edwin Santana (Born October 9, 1947, in New York, NY) passed away peacefully on Saturday, September 10, 2022, at the Lakewood Ranch Hospice in Sarasota, FL.

Ed, as he was affectionately known, was predeceased by his parents Jose O. Santana (d.1971) and Haydee (Gonzalez) Santana (d.2017). He is survived by daughter Cynthia Santana (Luis), son Edwin (Charmain), grandchildren Christopher, Cheyenne, Kyle and Landon, and sister Betsy Vinciguerra (Fred) and nephews Jason and Nicholas.

Ed went to grade school at St. Vincent de Paul in Tarrytown and then St. Mary's in Yonkers, both in NY. He later attended Sacred Heart High School and graduated on June 20, 1965. Five days later, on June 25th,

Ed joined the US Air Force, where he proudly served his country until June 25, 1985. After retiring as a Master Sergeant E-7, Ed worked at Lear Siegler in Michigan and then L-3 Comm. Aviation Recorders in Florida until he retired in April of 2001.

In 2011, Ed met a new love, Shami, an apricot-colored Bichon Poodle that he loved very much.

Ed is also survived by Lucy; they were married from 1971 to 1991 and Mary whom he was married to from 2000 to 2021.

A graveside service with Airforce Honors will be held 1:30 pm Wednesday September 14, 2022, at Sarasota National Cemetery, 9810 State Road 72, Sarasota, Florida 34241.

# Previous Events

## Graveside

SEP **14**. 1:30 PM (ET)

Sarasota National Cemetery  
9810 State Rd 72  
Sarasota, FL 34241  
(941) 922-7200

# Tribute Wall

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“Edwin was a great American who was proud to serve in the USAF for 20 years from the age of 17 until his retirement at 37 years. He served in Viet Nam soon after tech school. He was stationed at many bases throughout the world and in the USA with his first wife Lucy and children Cindy and Edwin. His exposure to Agent Orange in Viet Nam changed his life forever. These chemicals devastated many of his vital organs eventually resulting in full disability from the military. His disabilities interfered with playing golf and traveling during his retirement. He never complained but always had hope that he would be able to live long and do what he loved. Ed and his second wife Mary Teresa Heath of 20 years did get to travel and take many cruises. His favorite places were Alaska, Mayan ruins in Mexico and Grand Cayman Island. The last trip they took was to AZ where they visited Davis Monthan AF base and where Mary's two grandsons are now stationed.

Ed planned to watch his Cowboys on Sunday and spend the weekend playing with his best friend Shami, a 15 pound Bichon poodle that he adored. Unfortunately he died on Saturday.

He was buried at the National Cemetery in Sarasota, a place he loved. He wore his Cowboy tee shirt under his suit and had a picture of Shami in his coat pocket. His buddy Heather, Mary's daughter, came to visit on Friday from Ohio. They talked football and the Cowboys, and Heather placed the tee shirt and picture with him for eternity.

Ed I hope you are healthy and happy in heaven where you are traveling on the cruise ship you talked with Mary about on Friday and Saturday, playing daily golf and watching those Cowboys.

Rest in Pease dear Ed, Forever Mary

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**Mary Teresa Heath** - October 02, 2022 at 10:34 PM



“ *Danny, Elizabeth & Gina Gonzalez purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Edwin Santana.* ”



Danny, Elizabeth & Gina Gonzalez - September 13, 2022 at 06:36 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Edwin Santana.* ”



September 13, 2022 at 10:41 AM



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Toale Brothers Funeral Home & Crematory - September 11, 2022 at 05:27 PM