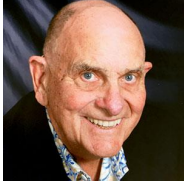

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Theodore (Ted) Harrison Ely, of Marco Island, FL, passed away peacefully on March 26, 2016. He was born February 22, 1926 in Philadelphia, PA, son of Dorothy and Theodore Ely, both deceased. Ted attended elementary schools in Delaware County, PA and West Philadelphia, PA before graduating from Upper Darby High School in 1944. He obtained varsity school athletic letters in baseball and basketball in both West Philadelphia and Upper Darby High Schools. He spent a brief time in the Chicago Cubs farm system (Marion, Ohio) before entering the U.S. [Army](#) Air Corps where he served 1944 to 1946 as an armorer gunner in the B-17 bomber in [World War II](#) and post-war.

After his honorable discharge he entered Dickinson College and graduated in the class of 1950 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mathematics. He played on the college basketball team and was an officer in the Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity. Following graduation he joined the DuPont Company in Wilmington, DE for two years and then entered the sales department of the Berthelon-Rowland Insurance Brokers and eventually became president of that New York company before retirement in 1988.

Betty June Steel, a former Upper Darby class mate, was the love of his life and they married in 1954. She passed away on December 30, 2014 after 60 years and one month of marriage. Golf and travel were important aspects of their life. They especially loved the Switzerland Alps. Because of their frequent trips to the Swiss village of Grindelwald, they were both designated Honored Guests of the town in 2001.

Golf Club memberships included Spring Brook C.C. (Morristown, NJ), Island C.C. (Marco Island, FL), Linville Ridge C.C. (Linville, NC) and Naples National C.C. (Naples, FL). Ted was an excellent golfer and had four holes-in-one. He served on the Board of Directors at the clubs and became president at both the Spring Brook and Linville Ridge clubs.

Ted's only sibling sister Dorothy died in 1930 at age 6. He is survived by John E. (Bud) Pyatak, husband of his niece, Susan Keese of Pyatak, late of Newfane, VT, and their children, Annie Pyatak Noonan and her husband, Richard Noonan and their children, Callin and Zoe of York, ME, and Christopher John Pyatak and his wife, Samantha Pyatak and their son, Emmett Kolber of Montpelier, VT and their families; James Keese (nephew) and his wife, Sara Keese and their three children Katie, Caroline and William of Alexandria, VA as well as his many friends.

Through their years of marriage, Betty and Ted lived in beautiful homes in Drexel Hill, PA; Malvern, PA; Princeton, NJ; Convent Station, NJ; Linville Ridge, NC; and Marco Island, FL. Ted created a college scholarship at Dickinson College. He was a frequent supporter and volunteer of Habitat for humanity of Collier County FL and the United Fund.

A memorial service will be held at the Wesley United Methodist Church 350 South Barfield Drive, Marco Island on Thursday, March 31, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. followed by a luncheon and fellowship at the Island Country Club.

In lieu of funeral flowers, Ted has suggested donations to Habitat for Humanity at 11145 Tamiami Trail, East Naples, FL 34113-9976.

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