



Edward H. Hagopian

June 16, 2025

Edward Hagopian (pronounced HA-GO PEE-IN with the accent on the GO) passed away peacefully on June 16, 2025. Ed was a pianist/conductor who has played for an impressive array of artists including: Mel Torme, Tommy Tune, Bobby McFerrin, Randy Newman, Chita Rivera, Patti LaBelle, Martha Reeves, and the Vandellas, Johnnie Ray, and Tiny Tim. As a member of the United States Navy band, he played for two United States Presidents, Eisenhower and Kennedy and for NASA's 40th Anniversary Celebration in Washington D.C. Ed performed on the stage of the Academy of Music for ten years with Peter Niro and the Philly Pops and on the stage of Verizon Hall at the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts for the international artists, "The Three Cantors". Ed taught in the Upper Darby School District for 30 years at the elementary and secondary levels. At the elementary level, he presented students with their first chance to play an instrument. At the junior high level, he taught music appreciation and at the high school level, he taught keyboard skills to aspiring musicians. Ed was also an accompanist for the award-winning Upper Darby Choral groups. His professionalism was known and appreciated throughout the district. He was known by his students as "Mr. Ed".

Ed received his Masters in Composition from Temple University and played with the Navy Band for four years. Ed and his wife, Rene, became a musical collaboration 23 years ago and have since traveled throughout the Eastern United States performing. Together, they sang with the Philly Pops Chorus and recorded two CDs with several original songs.

Ed is survived by his loving wife and best bud, Rene Goodwin and his beloved stepdaughters, Irene Altimare and Kimberly Goodwin, as well as his cherished grandchildren: Charles Anthony Goushian, John Philip Goushian, and Jennifer Anne Muller. Ed leaves behind his sister, Rose Marie Fagan and is preceded in death by his parents, Leon (Levon) and Meline Hagopian.

Relatives and friends are invited to his Viewing and Funeral, Monday, June 23, 2025 after 6 PM from the Rogers Funeral Home, Inc., 1426-30 South 3rd Street, Philadelphia, PA 19147 followed by his Funeral service at 7:30 PM. Interment will be private.

Share Online Condolences at www.rachubinskiandrogersfh.com

Previous Events

Viewing

JUN 23. 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

Rogers Funeral Home
1426-30 South 3rd Street
Philadelphia, PA 19147
(215) 468-4632
<https://www.rachubinskiandrogersfh.com/>

Flowers are to be delivered by 3 PM on 6/23

Religious Services

JUN 23. 7:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

SG

“ Hi - I'm Steve Gilmore bassist, and for several years as a young man I had the pleasure of playing with Ed mostly in the Pocono Mountains during summertime. Ed was a really great guy and a fine musician. I just learned of Ed's passing from the AFM's taps publication. I have many fond memories from working and learning from Ed. Renee my deepest condolences.

Steve Gilmore - August 14, 2025 at 11:51 AM



“ Condolence to Rene and the family.
Sue Harrison

Susanrae Harrison - June 23, 2025 at 08:55 AM

EM

“ Ed has been a wonderful friend for over 70 years since we first met at Temple University back in the 1950s. It was always, without exception, a joy to be in his company. Conversation was easy and filled with anecdotes, jokes and humor that stick with me to this day. We musicians were in complete awe of his pianism and musicianship. Rene: you've been such a wonderful wife, collaborator, companion and caregiver. Bless you both!

Ernest Meyer - June 22, 2025 at 03:33 PM

JP

“ Wonderful teacher and talented artist. He made a difference!
Joe Primavera class of 1969.

Joseph Primavera - June 20, 2025 at 07:19 PM

AM

“ I have known Ed since 1957 when we met at Temple University. He played for my son's Bar Mitzvah and wedding and was a good friend. He will be missed.

Allen M. Metzger - June 20, 2025 at 02:53 PM

MD

“ Sadly, we who knew Ed have lost a man who always had a big smile no matter what he was going through. We'll miss his wit, humor and warmth. He, along with Rene, always remembered my birthday by serenading me on the phone with the Birthday song. So long, dear friend.

Maria Duca - June 20, 2025 at 09:47 AM

DC

“ Whether it was a musical event or sharing a dinner, Ed made it special by his congenial personality and readiness with a joke or funny story. He exuded warmth. There were many facets to his impressive pianistic talent; yet he was very modest. A moment I'll always cherish is having Rene and Ed honor Romeo and I by performing at our 40th wedding anniversary celebration.

Dolores Cascarino - June 19, 2025 at 07:15 PM

KY

“ Dear Ed, there are so many fun memories we shared, particularly one that stands out vividly was the many summers we spent in Boothbay Harbor, Maine with Rose Marie. Keep on...keep on playing.

Karen Yaeger - June 19, 2025 at 10:30 AM

AG

“ Ed, you still owe me a piano duet
See you down the road
May you Rest In Peace

Arlene Guardiani - June 18, 2025 at 05:14 PM

FS

Ed was my friend and fellow singer in Temple University's Concert Choir, 1956 and 1957. His remarkable talent was highlighted by his perfect pitch sensitivity. Bob Page, our conductor, never needed a pitch pipe when Ed was present. I remember his kindness, sense of humor and great musical talent. May his memory be a blessing,
Fredda Levin Segal

Fredda Segal - June 20, 2025 at 09:14 PM

JB

Ed was a friend whom I met at the Berkshire Choral Institute. We became good friends and looked forward to reconnecting each year. He was an enormously talented pianist and a good, loyal friend. I'm very sad to hear of his passing. I'm so glad that he found such happiness in Rene (who I regrettably never met) ,but offer her my sincere condolences.

Judy Vogan Boone - November 04, 2025 at 07:23 PM