

Ed Bullock 1933-2024

Edward (Gussy) Coster Bullock, 91, of Kingsland, Texas, passed away peacefully on the morning of August 18, 2024, surrounded by family. Born on January 31, 1933, in Norfolk, Virginia, Gussy was the son of Anna Marie and Samuel Walter Bullock. He grew up with his two siblings Barbra Ann Sullivan and Samuel (Buddy) Walter Bullock. Gussy attended Norfolk Catholic High School, spent four years in the Air Force, and then attended Virginia Tech University where he graduated with a degree in electrical engineering. With his Air Force experience, and his passion for aviation, Gussy would next embark on a remarkable 25-year career with the National Aeronautics Space Administration (NASA).

In his professional life, Gussy contributed to some of NASA's most historic space exploration programs, including Mercury, Gemini, Apollo, Skylab, and the Shuttle missions. His work as a mission planning and operations engineer was instrumental during NASA's early efforts in space exploration. He helped solve engineering challenges and contributed to the success of many missions. He remained proud of being a part of these groundbreaking achievements throughout his adult life.

On the personal front, Gussy met Peggy Waters while visiting his mom in the hospital where Peggy worked as a nurse. The two married on September 7, 1957, and together they built a life centered around love, respect, and family. Gussy and Peggy raised five sons: Eddie, Philip, and Paul who were born in Virginia, and then Jeff, and Danny, who were born in Texas, after they were transferred to NASA's yet-to-be-built facility in Clear Lake. First relocating to La Porte, the Bullocks eventually settled in Friendswood, Texas. Many years later, Gussy and Peggy would "retire" to the hill county of central Texas, on Lake LBJ. In retirement, Gussy and Peggy redirected their attention to their long-established side-business of making "wooden toys for girls and boys". The Woodway Toy Company was truly a family-affair and provided wonderful opportunities.

A private, family-only graveside service will be held on September 28, 2024, in Burnet, TX. A memorial service will be held on Friday, December 8, 2023, from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM at the Harbor Church (2821 W Parkwood Ave, Friendswood, TX 77546). Please keep Ed's family in your prayers.