



Edward Eugene Wilkins

July 31, 1953 - January 12, 2021

Age 67, of Essex, IL passed away Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at Edwards Hospital in Naperville, IL. Born July 31, 1953 in Richland Center, WI to the late Edward Earl and Jean Marie (nee Himes) Wilkins. Edward graduated from Joliet West High School with the class of 1971. He retired from the Braidwood Nuclear Generating Station after thirty years of employment. Edward was a former elder at the Shepherd of Peace Lutheran Church in Braidwood and a current member of the River of Life Lutheran Church- Missouri-Synod in Channahon, IL. He was an avid fisherman, duck hunter, and overall was a great outdoors man. After retirement he enjoyed working at the South Wilmington Sportsman Club and volunteering at the youth hunts and many other activities they offered. Surviving are his beloved wife of forty-eight years, Barbara Leah (nee Rudd) Wilkins of Essex, whom he married July 15, 1972 at the St. Peters Lutheran Church in Joliet; three sons, Edward M. (Jeanine) Wilkins of Frankfort, IL, Patrick R. (Nicole) Wilkins of Wheaton, IL, and Clint (Elizabeth) Wilkins of Braidwood; eight grandchildren, Eddie, Dakota, Skylar, Amber, Joshua, Elijah, Magdalyn, and Nolan; three siblings, Robert (Gwen) Wilkins of Zellwood, FL, Debra (Paul) Merzlock of Joliet, and Kirk (Sheila) Wilkins of Braidwood; and numerous nieces, nephews, and their families. Visitation for Edward will be at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Home and Crematory, Braidwood, Sunday, January 17, 2021 from 12:00p.m.-4:00p.m., with a funeral service beginning at 4:00 p.m. Cremation rites will be accorded following services. All attendees are required to wear face coverings, follow

social distancing guidelines, and due to the capacity requirements, please be brief with your condolences to allow other guests to pay their final respects. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in his name to the River of Life Lutheran Church or the American Cancer Society would be appreciated. For more information and to visit his online guestbook, please log on to www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 17. 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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Service

JAN 17. 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ We send condolences from Liberty Tax and Solving Life's Puzzles Inc. The Wilkins family is in our Prayers.

Al Rose - January 18, 2021 at 05:03 PM



“ With sincere condolences.
Pat and Sue Foley
Matt and Michele Cannon

Michele Cannon - January 17, 2021 at 10:22 AM



“ I worked with Ed at the Braidwood Station. You could tell immediately he was a good honest guy and would help you in any way. What I most remember is he was a gentleman. He was a pleasure to know and talk with. Tim Johnson

TIM JOHNSON - January 15, 2021 at 11:26 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Edward Eugene Wilkins.



January 14, 2021 at 06:20 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Edward Eugene Wilkins.*



January 14, 2021 at 04:25 PM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Edward Eugene Wilkins.*



January 14, 2021 at 04:19 PM



“ *Oh my, we're so sorry to hear of Ed's passing. He was such a great guy with such a great family!!! We've known the Wilkins family since 1975. We cannot attend the services but want all the family know you are in our thoughts and prayers. God bless you all.*
Roy and Janet Robb



Janet Robb - January 14, 2021 at 03:20 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Edward Eugene Wilkins.*



January 14, 2021 at 01:10 PM

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“ *It is with a heavy heart that I want to extend my condolences to Barb and the entire family. Ed was always warm and kind to our family for some four decades and he will always be remembered affectionately.*

Noel Gustafson

Noel Gustafson - January 14, 2021 at 10:40 AM

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“ *Hey neighbors!
Bob and I want to extend our deepest sympathies to the entire family. Ed's passing as in others we've known and lost makes our own mortality hit like a ton of bricks!
Your family has always meant a lot to ours, starting with your mom and Dad, Ed and Jean! I used to love going over and talking with them. Bob tells the story of him and Ed, Sr. Going around the hill getting signatures for the sewer to get out in up here.
We love all of you very much and you're in our thoughts and prayers at this most difficult time. Your memories of Ed will get you through.
Take care.*

Bob and Paula Howard

Paula Howard - January 14, 2021 at 09:49 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Edward Eugene Wilkins.*



January 14, 2021 at 08:54 AM