



Edward Alexander Hall

March 16, 1933 - May 18, 2021

With profound sadness the family of Edward Alexander Hall announces his passing during the early morning hours of May 18, 2021. He is greatly missed.

Born March 16, 1933 to Harold and Minnie (Mannor) Hall, the second of five children with siblings Evelyn (Robert) Summers; Walter G. Hall; Marion (Michael) Vaughn; and Helen Hall.

Ed grew up on the family farm in Long Lake Township. As a child and young man Ed enjoyed the outdoors, catching pigeons as a boy, hunting and fishing as he grew older. Ed graduated from Traverse City Central High School in 1952. Shortly thereafter he enlisted in the United States Air Force. Ed served his country for four years, leaving the service as a Staff Sergeant. Ed was selected for and trained in the then relatively new field of computer programming. He was stationed at Stewart Field in Newburgh, New York and, for his last year of service, in Japan.

Returning home after discharge Ed moved to the East Coast to find work as a computer programmer. He was employed by Gulf Oil, Philco, and Downs Carpet Company. While working in Philadelphia he met his future wife, Jo Healey. The two were married at Queen Of Peace Catholic Church in Ardsley, Pennsylvania on September 7, 1963. They had four children, Michael (Ruth) Hall; Susan (William) Gaston; Maureen (Todd) Knipe; and Jennifer (Patrick) Bard.

In 1978, Ed moved the family back to his hometown, Traverse City. He (helped by his father Harold) built a house on the farm between two large pine trees, a site Ed had chosen many years before. Ed raised his family and remained in this home until his passing.

In Traverse City Ed worked as a computer programmer for Grand Traverse County, and then as data processing supervisor for Cherryland Electric. He retired from Cherryland in 1998. Ed devoted his life to his family. He taught and lived the values of hard work and dedication to loved ones. He showed this through the many projects of family members to

which he unselfishly volunteered his time, including the building of many of their homes.

Loved and appreciated by all who knew him, Ed held the respect of his family, coworkers and neighbors. Despite a cognitive decline in his last years, his impish sense of humor was always present and a delight to those who knew him. Ed was an avid and successful bowler, participating in league play for many years at Timber Lanes and Wildwood Lanes in Traverse City. Always keen to accept a challenge, whether related to work or games, Ed never evinced an air of arrogance or superiority.

Ed was preceded in death by his parents, brother Walter, sisters Marion and Helen, and grandchildren Tristan Knipe, Taylor Knipe and Austin Knipe. He is survived by his wife, Jo Anna Hall; his children and their spouses; sister Evelyn (Robert) Summers; sister-in-law Mary E. Healey; grandchildren Kevin Gaston, Steven Gaston, Aidan Knipe and Ashton Knipe; and several cherished cousins, nieces and nephews.

The family would like to extend their gratitude to the thoughtful staff of the Grand Traverse Commission on Aging. Heartfelt thanks are also offered to the caring personnel of Munson Hospice and the Munson Hospice House, who provided compassionate and dignified care to Ed and his family in his final days.

Visitation will be held from 5-7 p.m. on Thursday, May 27, 2021 at Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home in Traverse City. Mass of Christian Burial will be conducted at St. Francis Catholic Church on Friday, May 28, 2021 at 11:00 a.m., followed by military honors and interment at Grand Traverse Memorial Gardens.

Memorial contributions can be directed in Ed's name to the Grand Traverse Commission on Aging and the Munson Hospice House.

You may share memories or condolences at <http://www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com>

Events

MAY **Visitation** 05:00PM - 07:00PM

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Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home
305 Sixth St, Traverse City, MI, US, 49684

MAY **Mass of Christian Burial** 11:00AM

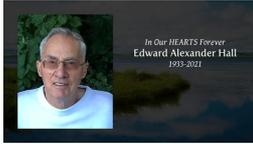
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St. Francis Catholic Church
1025 S. Union, Traverse City, MI, US, 49684

Comments



“ Video Tribute



Reynolds Jonkhoff Funeral Home & Cremation Services - May 26 at 09:25 PM



“ Send BEAUTIFUL Flowers Locally to the family of Edward Alexander Hall. Express your condolences, giving comfort and support. Click here to view selections on our website

Send Flowers - May 18 at 04:56 PM



“ Ron, Kurt, Tom and Mike purchased a flower for the family of Edward Alexander Hall.

Send Flowers - May 26 at 03:24 PM



“ Always enjoyed Ed's company. His dry sense of humor and outlook on life was always a source of encouragement! Salute to you, Ed!

With deepest sympathies,
Ron Dillie



Ronald Dillie - May 26 at 03:19 PM



“ Our prayers are with you, Ed was such a sweet man and always kind to us. I know how much he loved his family. Words cannot express the loss we feel for you and everyone he touched in his life. He will be missed. He now walks with the lord and watches over all he loved. Always missed, forever remembered.
Shane and Wendy Schafer



Wendy Schafer - May 25 at 08:07 PM



“ Shelley Lyon Enger lit a candle in memory of Edward Alexander Hall



Shelley Lyon Enger - May 24 at 10:29 PM



“ Mary Jo Healey lit a candle in memory of Edward Alexander Hall



Mary Jo Healey - May 24 at 09:44 PM



“ I was sad to hear that my friend, Ed, passed away on May 18th. Ed and I worked closely at Cherryland Electric for many years and he was a real pleasure to work with. He was always very pleasant, optimistic, knowledgeable and would get the job done. He always believed in hard work and carrying his load and never blamed someone else when things went wrong. I always admired these wonderful traits in Ed..His family was his pride and joy which I also admired. My heart and prayers go out to his wife, Jo, and his family and friends. I know that I will see Ed in heaven, where we will be able to catch-up on "old" times. I will miss you Ed and may God bless you and your family.
Don Pahl

Donald Pahl - May 24 at 08:31 PM



“ Heavenly Heights was purchased for the Edward Alexander Hall family.



Send Flowers - May 24 at 08:39 AM



“ Bernie & Sue Moritz lit a candle in memory of Edward Alexander Hall



Bernie & Sue Moritz - May 23 at 03:14 PM



“ Pat Barone lit a candle in memory of Edward Alexander Hall



Pat Barone - May 22 at 06:55 PM



“ Michelle, Gary and Raef purchased Thoughts and Prayers for the Edward Alexander Hall family.



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