



Edward Joseph Podworski

January 22, 1928 - August 28, 2012

Traverse City-Edward Joseph Podworski, of Traverse City, Michigan died August 28th at home surrounded by his loving family after a long struggle with Parkinson's Disease.

Edward was born January 22, 1928 in Chicago, Illinois, the only son of Stanley and Victoria (Zmita) Podworski. His parents immigrated from Krakow, Poland and became US citizens in 1920. At three years of age Ed and his family moved to Berrien Springs, Michigan where his parents owned and operated a summer resort on Lake Michigan. Upon graduation from high school, Edward spent 8 years including reserves in the Army division of the US military as a medical first class sergeant. He was honorably discharged and attended Ferris State School of Pharmacy in 1959. He was licensed in Michigan and Indiana where he owned and operated drugstores in South Bend, IN, Lawton, MI, Niles, MI, and Three Oaks, MI. He had the unique ability to open a drugstore where there previously was none and make it successful. His customers respected and loved him for his conscientious service. He spent several years of his pharmacy career in hospital administration, serving as the Hospital Administrator of Lee Memorial Hospital in Dowagiac, MI, while simultaneously overseeing the Department of Pharmacy as their Director. He presided as Rotary Chair while serving the hospital board in Dowagiac. At Mercy Hospital in Benton Harbor, MI, he met the love of his life, Margaret Rizzardi, who at the time was the assistant director of pharmacy. On July 21, 1978, they were united in marriage at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in St Joseph, MI. In 1981, his only child, Carlotta Marie was born. She was the light in his life and was devoted to her Dad throughout his struggles with this debilitating disease. In 1987, his family relocated to Traverse City where he organized and managed Acme Pharmacy for the TC Osteopathic Hospital. Ed retired after 35 years in pharmacy. Ed "attempted" many hobbies in his lifetime in addition to his professional career. He was an accomplished drummer, entertaining in many Elks clubs throughout Michigan in a 3-piece band. He loved dancing the polka with Margaret, following the stock market, and spending time at the lake with his family and friends.

Edward is survived by his wife of 34 years Margaret Rizzardi Podworski, his loving daughter Carlotta, devoted son-in-law David Korson, and his one and only precious

grandson Vincent Edward Korson.

A special thanks is extended to June Hansen, Heidi McQuiston, and Rene Hoenscheid whose loving compassion saw Ed through many days of struggle.

A Funeral Mass will be held at St Francis Catholic Church on Friday, August 31, 2012 at 11:00 A.M., with visitation on hour prior to the service. Rev. Polycarp Mblarawa and Deacon Rene Hoenscheid will con-celebrate.

His body will be laid to rest at Grand Traverse Memorial Gardens with full Military Honors under the auspices of the Cherryland Post #2780.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be sent to St Francis Church Health Ministry. Remembrance masses can also be said on Edward's behalf.

Kindly share your memories with the family on their online guestbook at www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com

The family is being served by the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home

Cemetery

Grand Traverse Memorial Gardens

3575 Veterans Drive

Traverse City, MI, 49684

Comments



“ Margaret,
I can't tell you how sorry I am that your time with Ed was cut short. But please try to believe he is now able to be with you in spirit stronger and happier than he has been in a long time.
He will be with you every day and night. Watching over you and giving you love with every smell of sweet in the air, every speck of color in the leaves, every shade of blue in the sky. He will have a hand in all of that for you to enjoy.
I hope you feel his hand in yours with everything you do.

Wish I could give you a big hug. But for now..., this will have to do.
Love you Margaret,
Cathy Manville and Family

Cathy Manville - September 02, 2012 at 10:16 AM



“ Thank you Cathy and family for your kind thoughts and peaceful memories to hold close to my heart. You and your family have always been so special and I thank you for the needed hug. God bless you always. Love, Margaret

Margaret M Podworski - September 17, 2012 at 04:10 PM



“ Ed Podworski was a wonderful man he will be missed. We have been so blessed to have had the opportunity to be a small part of his life. I will never forget the trip to Leelanau Inn, where we laughed so much my cheeks and stomach hurt the day after. Sitting on the lake and enjoying "cherries" on the shore of Long Lake with Ed was another special memory for us. Margaret, it was always so obvious the love you had for each other. I know you will miss him so much, thank goodness you know that there will be a time when you will see him again. We love you and are here for you.
Pam and Eric Davis

Pam Davis - September 01, 2012 at 06:42 AM



“ Pam and Eric, What wonderful memories on Long Lake and how Ed enjoyed your company. Our friendship has gone back to Lk Leelanau country Inn and the snowy drive,(Eric is quite the driver,) and how we laughed until we cried. Thank you for spending those special times with us. Edward always commented on the wonderful friends you were and to invite you over more often, unfortunately we tried to get together for homemade Eric's special recipe pizza in the winter, we'll do that in Ed's memory this winter. Bless you both with love, Margaret

Margaret M Podworski - September 17, 2012 at 04:17 PM



“ Debbie Filter Donick lit a candle in memory of Edward Joseph Podworski



Debbie Filter Donick - August 31, 2012 at 08:16 PM



“ Margaret(Ruby)-I am so sorry. Love, Debbie(Filter).

Debbie Filter Donick - August 31, 2012 at 08:18 PM



“ Deb Filter, thank you for your condolences, we've been friends for a long time, your thoughts and prayers mean so much to me. Margaret

Margaret M Podworski - September 17, 2012 at 04:18 PM



“ Ed, We really enjoyed all of our talks and time spent together. You will be missed but your spirit will be with us in all of the memories we shared. It was an honor to have known you.

God bless you Margaret, Carlotta, David and Vincent, our love and prayers are with you always.

Respectfully,

The Richard Beckwith family

Cynthia Renee Beckwith - August 31, 2012 at 04:28 AM



“ The memories will sustain us, we had alot of great ones with Ed and the Beckwith family, God bless you for being there for us. Ed was proud and honored to have you as true friends. Margaret

Margaret M Podworski - September 17, 2012 at 04:21 PM



“ Bruce Ahlich lit a candle in memory of Edward Joseph Podworski



Bruce Ahlich - August 30, 2012 at 08:59 AM



“ Margaret and Carlotta: My sincerest sympathies. May your memories and the comfort of the Gospel sustain you in your grief. My prayers are with you!

Bruce Ahlich - August 30, 2012 at 09:01 AM



“ Our deepest sympathies and prayers are with you and your family. May your loving memories of Ed sustain you in the days and years to come.

Greg and Kitty Becker - August 30, 2012 at 08:00 PM



“ Bruce, thanking you for your thoughts and prayers, I know you've been through this grief more than once and its NEVER easy. Our memories and peacefulness to know he is with the Lord will get me by the emotional stress. Margaret

Margaret M Podworski - September 17, 2012 at 04:24 PM



“ Dear Margaret, Carlotta and family...

It will always bring me joy to recall Ed's laugh, sharp mind and joyful love of music. He has always and will continue to be inspiration for his hard work, love of his family and devoted friendship with my Dad. I can still hear Dad laugh with joy when he picked up the phone and it was his very best friend Ed. He was a marvelous part of my "growing up" years in Berrien Springs. We loved him and we love you. - Peg & Ernie

Peg Krause - August 30, 2012 at 08:54 AM



“ Dearest Peg and Ernie,
Ed loved you both sooo much and is your angel in addition to Chet and Thelma. You were here for him and me right to the last weeks and he knew how much that meant. God bless you for your presence in our life and the memories will continue with you and baby Vincent. Thank you for being Ed's family and God bless you both, make sure you continue to enjoy sunsets together. Margo

Margaret M Podworski - September 17, 2012 at 04:28 PM



“ Dear Margaret, Carlotta and family -
So sorry to learn this news. May the memories provide you with comfort and support.
God bless you and know that many are praying for your family. Geri and Ray
Maxbauer

Geri Maxbauer - August 30, 2012 at 06:14 AM



“ Just as the sun will set then rise with each and every dawn, the souls of those who lived life
well eternally live on...

Now that the sun has seemed to set on one so very dear, please know a soul who lived so
well remains forever near. God Bless you my "buddy" Ed! Margart, Carlotta, David and
Vincent I hope this note finds you with peace and a happy heart knowing he is at peace at
last! Love June and Roger Hansen

June and Roger Hansen - August 30, 2012 at 08:15 PM