



## Edward D. Blevins

July 28, 1944 - December 1, 2024

Edward Darrell Blevins was a beloved husband, father, and friend. He was a multi-talented, karaoke singing, hot rod customizing extraordinary man. He passed away at 80, on December 1st. He is survived by his loving wife of 45 years Carolyn Blevins; two children Carol Blevins and Jackie Christie; Siblings Nina Williams (deceased), Gail Foster (deceased), Raymond Blevins (deceased), Ella D Blevins (81, Indiana), Janet C Billups (77, Arkansas), Audrey M. Stock (73, Michigan), Connie L Blevins (69, Michigan), Thomas J Blevins (63, Michigan and wife Kelly); plus, many beloved nieces and nephews. and his two grand-puppers Brooklyn (Paco) and Luna (Moon Dog); Zolo (deceased).

Born on July 28, 1944, in Elizabethton, Tennessee. He was the son of the Late Edward D. Blevins and Thelma Blevins (Hensley). The family was very creative & musical, and that translated throughout his life.

Double trouble (Edward) Darrell and Sister Ella Dean were so close people thought they were twins, where he went, Ella Dean went. They had one bike, and Dean would ride on the U-shaped handlebars as he peddled the bike. They even entered dance contests together. Then Gail was born and joined in on the fun. Darrell grew up in a house full of girls/sisters and a younger brother Tommy. The family remained close throughout the years.

Hot Rods and Drag Racing was a passion. Around 1965, he won his first

trophy. Racing his 1965 GTO Pontiac 4 Speed with a 389 motor, painted Midnight Blue. He had the best time for his class the entire year, which was the E Class Stock Bracket. Earning him the nickname Fast Eddie!! He won so many trophies they lined three walls of his garage. His teen sister would hold the trophy in the rear window after the race. Famous drag racer Arnie Beswick took Ed under his wing at the Detroit Dragway. Giving Ed advice for drag racing and even gave him a set of tires and had the crew guys put on the tires.

Karaoke became popular and Ed loved to sing the night away. Plus, he would host karaoke parties in his home with his wife Carolyn, which there is a "Wall of Shame" full of pictures of good friends and family Misbehaving!

Edward is a GM retiree and was a Committee Man at the Detroit GM plants in Romulus, Drayton Plains and UAW Senior Union Representative, he had the ability to see things from both sides, he was a great mediator and negotiator. He was able to save the job of many who had really deserved to be fired. He would tell them "You need to pull it together from here out" before negotiating to save their job. The UAW flew Edward across the country to various important meetings and seminars.

He was a member of "America's Most Wanted Car Club. Teaming up with the car club in their hot rods to travel to host cities throughout the USA, plus local car shows. In which he would often win trophies for best car.

Known to be a loving Dad, showing care, love, and support. He wanted the best for his children. His love for his wife Carolyn was undeniable, always together, always by her side.

One in a Billion.... creative, warm, bright, and funny. Everything he did he did with pride and integrity. He built a great life and he lived life as he wanted.

Plus, he traveled near and far with very good friends & family. Exploring Hawaii, St. Thomas, Florida, Tennessee, and Las Vegas to name a few.

Edward attended Briarwood Baptist church in Ann Arbor. He was a man of faith throughout his life.

Ed Lived a full and fulfilling life defined by his passions, talents and dedication to friends and family. Everything he did he did with pride and integrity. Edward built a great life and he lived life as he wanted. He will be deeply missed by friends and family.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, December 8th from 2 PM until 5 PM at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 Ann Arbor Road West (between Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth.

Funeral Service will be held on Monday, December 9th at 11 AM, also at the funeral home.

Interment will take place following the service at United Memorial Gardens, Superior Township.

Memorial contributions may be made to Briarwood Baptist Church, 7950 Warren Road,  
Ann Arbor, MI 48105.

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# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 8. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Plymouth  
46401 Ann Arbor Road West  
Plymouth, MI 48170  
(734) 459-2250  
plymouth@vermeulenfh.com

## Funeral Service

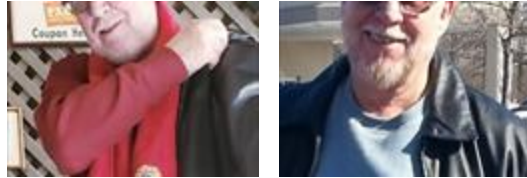
DEC 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

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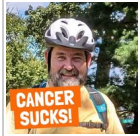
# Tribute Wall

VH

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home - December 04, 2024 at 09:04 PM



“ Brother Blevins was a well loved and very esteemed member of our fraternity. Because we didn't have a card to hand you all, if anyone ever needs anything you can call (or text - preferred) my cell. 269-599-9815. The Lodge sends it's warmest condolences and will hold the family up in prayer.

*And as an aside, I'm still blown away that I recognized his childhood house, from the town that I used to live in. It's definitely a small world.*

Paul Ravenstone - December 10, 2024 at 08:59 AM

TF

“ Theresa Everhart & family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Edward D. Blevins.



Theresa Everhart & family - December 06, 2024 at 08:45 PM

JW

“ Jerry and Donna Williams purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Edward D. Blevins.



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**Jerry and Donna Williams** - December 06, 2024 at 06:01 PM

JW

“ Jerry and Donna Williams planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward D. Blevins.

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**Jerry and Donna Williams** - December 06, 2024 at 06:01 PM

DV

“ Dean Billups & Michele Villines purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Edward D. Blevins.



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**Dean Billups & Michele Villines** - December 05, 2024 at 10:13 PM

AS

“ When I think of my Uncle Daryl, I picture us in his garage, surrounded by the smell of grease and the hum of his favorite music. He loved working on hot rods, patiently explaining every detail to me— especially the color of the paint on every single car he rebuilt. That was my favorite. His garage wasn’t just a place for cars; it was where we all bonded, laughed, and shared stories.

Music was another amazing thing that brought us together. He loved to sing and would always ask me to join him for duets. Even if I wasn’t a fan of the song, I couldn’t say no to him. I’d sing along, knowing how much it meant to him—and how much I loved those moments, too.

Uncle Daryl was a creative soul with a stubborn streak, something we both shared as Leos. But more than that, he was loyal, intelligent, and full of love. He taught me so much—not just about cars or music, but about life.

I’ll forever cherish those times with him, the lessons he passed on, and the joy he brought into my life. He wasn’t just my uncle; he was a kindred spirit, and I’ll carry his memory with me always.

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**Amber Mae Stock** - December 05, 2024 at 09:02 PM

AS

Correction: UNCLE DARRELL.

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**Amber Mae Stock** - December 05, 2024 at 09:15 PM

DR

“ Even though it's been over 25 years since I saw you last there hasn't been a failed moment that I wasn't asking Aunt Dean how everyone was doing. I was trying to imagine the reunion that took place when mom(Nina) looked up and there you were.

I'll always be grateful that you took me to church when I was a kid. I never forgot those moments. I'm certain that it's played a huge part in my Faith in God for over 40 years. I'll never forget the day you pulled up in front of the house hauling that gorgeous GTO. Hug mom for me. Until we meet again. Love Debra ❤️

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Debra A Reeder - December 05, 2024 at 08:59 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Edward D. Blevins.



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December 05, 2024 at 07:03 PM

CB

“ Miss you Bro. My first car - Chevy Nova - your one and only driving lesson consisted of telling me to "mash on the foot feed!" Eleven years my elder, you were gone with a family of your own for most of my childhood. To me you were a driven perfectionist . Over the past ten years, I've come to know a more mellowed, softer and spiritual brother. Never stop singing.



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Connie Blevins - December 05, 2024 at 08:18 AM

JB

“ *Condolences to Carolyn and Jackie. He will be greatly missed. I will miss our phone conversations and Facebook post. Love you big brother.* 🙏❤️🎵

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**Janet Blevins Billups** - December 04, 2024 at 09:41 PM