



Edward D. Wilhelm

May 20, 1945 - December 11, 2025

Edward D. Wilhelm, known to many as Eddie, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by loved ones on December 11, 2025, at the age of 80. He died after a year-long, valiant battle with neuroendocrine cancer (NEC).

Eddie was born on May 20, 1945, in Troy, New York, to Lawrence and Mary Wilhelm. He graduated from Lansingburgh High School in 1965 and later earned a bachelor's degree in business from Northwood University in 1996.

Eddie is survived by his wife, Christine Wilhelm, the love of his life; his daughters, Heidi, Elke, Gretchen, and Ingrid; his stepchildren, Keith and Debbie; and his grandchildren, Calogero, Carly, Michael, Isabella, Stella, Conrad, Maxwell, Gerard, Cameron, and Anna. his brother, Bernie Wilhelm; He was preceded in death by his parents, Lawrence and Mary Wilhelm, as well as, Marilyn Benz and Larry Wilhelm.

A skilled Tool and Die Maker, Eddie spent his 42-year career with Ford Motor Company. He was a proud member of UAW Local 845 and dedicated many years to service through the Fire Brigade and Search & Rescue, where he served for 20 years. "He was also active in civic life as a member of the Election Committee, a board member at Wedgewood Village and was the proud member of the pool-boy club."

Eddie was a man of great passion and unmistakable zeal for life. He had a gift for making each day feel grander and for making others feel truly seen and loved. He possessed a knack for turning even the smallest moments into something special. Eddie's passion showed through his animated storytelling

and the way he spoke with pride and enthusiasm about the things he loved: His family, friends, politics, history and his Saturday college football. His zest for life was evident in his love and adventures with his beloved wife. It took him to places like London, Paris and our National Parks; He also had a fondness for simple joys in life like pizza, Pepsi and banana splits. And of course, his favorite restaurants, like Ted's Fish Fry, Bodi's, and Campari's, all of which he treated as occasions to be celebrated.

Eddie's deep care, and generosity towards others extended well beyond words. He went out of his way to connect with people, striking up conversations with strangers in supermarket lines, stocking up on chocolates for healthcare workers, and always looking out for the safety of those he loved. His kindness reached even animals; he kept his coat pockets lined with dog treats to share with every dog he met and made it a point to feed the squirrels, always. He was a one of a kind, open-armed, open hearted, kind of man. These are just a few of the many ways Eddie embodied passion, zeal, love, and a profound care for the world around him.

Visitation on Friday, January 16th, from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., with a service at 11:30 a.m., at Vermeulen–Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 Ann Arbor Road West, Plymouth, Michigan 48170.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, or a tree may be planted in memory of Eddie. The family invites friends and loved ones to share a photograph or memory of Eddie on the Tribute Wall at www.vermeulenfh.com, where condolences may be shared, candles lit, videos viewed, and service directions found.

To share a memory, please use the Share a Memory tab on this web page.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 16. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Plymouth
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Plymouth, MI 48170
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Memorial Service

JAN 16. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DG

“ I was so sorry to hear of Ed’s passing. He was such a great guy and loving husband. Loved conversations with Ed, laughter and his warm genuine character. I will definitely miss him being one of the good guys down here. My heart truly goes out to you Chrissy and your entire family. Sending all my love and condolences. Rip Eddie



Dina Grindle

Dina Grindle - January 15 at 10:00 PM

DG

“ Dina G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward D. Wilhelm.

Dina G. - January 15 at 09:45 PM

HC

“ Dear Dad,
May you rest in heavenly peace. Thank you for the memories and our last conversation. It meant the world to me. Our condolences to Christine, Debbie and Keith. You are in our thoughts and prayers 🙏
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Love, your first born, Heidi and Calogero & Carly



Heidi Corina - January 15 at 08:00 PM

HC

“ Heidi C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward D. Wilhelm.

Heidi C. - January 15 at 07:49 PM

BS

“ He LIVED to GIVE! FOREVER in our hearts!💕💕

Barb & Lou Skiera - January 14 at 09:35 AM

DH

“ Ed was a friend for over 38 years, and was always willing to share a pizza with me. I will miss him.

Dorothy Hofmann - January 14 at 09:23 AM

RS

“ Rj S. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward D. Wilhelm.

Rj S. - January 10 at 11:39 AM

RS

“ Ruth S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward D. Wilhelm.

Ruth S. - January 09 at 08:50 PM

RS

“ Eddie was a sweetheart always smiling joyful and wonderful to be around. He lived next door to my sister and brought her grandmas coffee cake often. I did not get to know him well but when I did see him there was always a smile a hug and a treat for my dog! It is a devastating loss for everyone who knew him and especially his wife Chrissy. It saddens me I am not able to attend his memorial as I will be in Florida! RIP sweet Eddie and enjoy Heaven. You are missed!!
Love Ruth Sliva

ruth sliva - January 09 at 08:44 PM

RS

He was a treasure and heaven just gained another angel.

ruth sliva - January 09 at 08:57 PM

MW

I have known Eddie for over 37 years. Eddie gave me an application for Ford and when I was there he would check to make sure I was ok. Eddie also introduced me to his wife Chris. Both Eddie and Chris have been my dearest friends for years. I have so many fond memories and will cherish the great times we had and those memories I will cherish forever. RIP my dear friend.

Maryjane Warwashana - January 13 at 07:15 PM

SP

“ Prayers to you, Chris, and your family. I am so sorry.

Shelley Posniewski - January 05 at 07:32 PM

KK

Wedgewood Village has lost our St. Francis. Eddie was the kindest person on this earth. Always caring for others was his daily routine. So missed and loved.

Kathy Kaltz - January 16 at 08:48 AM