



Edward T. "Ed" Wilkie

April 7, 1935 - December 30, 2020

BLISSFIELD- Edward T. "Ed" Wilkie, 85, went to his eternal home Wednesday, December 30, 2020, comfortable at his home with his family by his side.

He was born April 7, 1935 in Gaylord, Michigan to Ralph H. and Rose E. (Lozon) Wilkie. He graduated from Gaylord High School in 1953.

Ed married Judy Kordt in Wadsworth, Illinois on August 28, 1964 and she survives.

Being trained in agriculture through a short course at Michigan State University, some of Ed's fondest memories centered around working in the cattle barns at the University. It prompted him to join the Army where he served in the Veterinary Division and served overseas in Metz, France.

Ed's early career was as a herdsman for several pure-bred cattle farms including Temple Smith Farms in Wadsworth, Illinois and Kitty Kurtis Farms in Tecumseh, Michigan. He then worked at the Blissfield Co-Op and sold feed for Farm Bureau Services. He finished his working days at General Motors, first in Adrian and then Toledo.

Ed was a public servant in many ways during his life. He was a member of the

Lenawee County Fair Board and Junior Livestock Association where he was treasurer. Ed was a volunteer fireman and EMT on Blissfield Fire Department for 32 years, retiring in 2002.

He was a Boy Scout leader for 40 years helping many young men obtain their Eagle status. He was awarded the Silver Beaver and God and Country Award for his service to Scouts, God and Country.

As a faithful member of the Blissfield First United Methodist Church, he served as a trustee.

Also, as a longtime member of the Blissfield Rotary Club, he achieved Paul Harris status at the Sapphire Level and gave Paul Harris recognition to his family as gifts. He was president of the club in the early 1980s and was a champion for local participation in the Rotary International goal to help eradicate polio worldwide. So committed to Rotary, he was dedicated to the Club's many fundraisers, especially enjoying the Harley Motorcycle raffles, and participated up until his passing in this year's Christmas fundraiser.

Ed loved hunting with his family for more than 40 years at their "deer woods" in Mecosta County and enjoyed other hunting trips.

In addition to his wife Judy, of 56 years, Ed is survived by daughters Lisa (Kevin) Neuman, Adrian; Mike (Melanee) Wilkie, Britton; and Diana (Richard) Medley, Blissfield. He is also survived by son Marcelo Godke Veiga, of Sao Paulo, Brazil, hosted as an exchange student in 1991; eight grandchildren William (Mollie) Delzeith, Lauren (Christopher) Polzin, Liam, Skye and Genevieve Wilkie, Hailie and Isabelle Medley and two great-grandchildren, Eleanor and Jack Delzeith.

Also surviving are brothers Wendell (Loretta) Wilkie, James (Linda) Wilkie and

Douglas Wilkie; sisters Marilyn Edgerly and Elizabeth Duczkowski; brothers-in-law James Sabo and Jack (Sharon) Kordt; sisters-in-law Sharilyn Wilkie and Janet Wilkie; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Preceding Edward in death were his parents Ralph and Rose Wilkie; grandson Thomas Delzeith; brothers Raymond Wilkie and Ralph Wilkie; sister and brother-in-law Donna and Dean Moeckel; sister Carolyn Sabo; and brothers-in-law Bob Duczkowski and Greg Edgerley.

As he wished, cremation has taken place. Visitation will be held Saturday, May 1, 2021, from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the Wagley Funeral Home, Tagsold Chapel in Blissfield. A memorial service will immediately follow at 1:00 p.m. with Rev. Gunsoo Jung and Mr. Mike Sheldon officiating. Military Rites will be provided by the Blissfield American Legion Post #325 and VFW Post #158.

A live streaming of the service will be accessible from Ed's tribute wall on www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com, where a link to view the recording will be available for 90 days.

Gifts in his memory may be given to First United Methodist Church of Blissfield. Please remember him as you knew him and know that he considered all he knew to be special to him. The family would like to express their sincere appreciation to Hospice of Lenawee for their guidance and care during the last several weeks. Arrangements have been entrusted to Wagley Funeral Home, Tagsold Chapel, Blissfield, where online memories and condolences may be shared at www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 1. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Wagley Funeral Home Tagsold Chapel (Blissfield)
301 S. Lane St.
Blissfield, MI 49228
(517) 486-2133
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<https://www.WagleyFuneralHome.com>

Live Video Stream

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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Wagley Funeral Home and Cremation Service created a Webcast in memory of Edward T. "Ed" Wilkie*



Wagley Funeral Home - March 24, 2021 at 04:17 PM



“ *Edward T. "Ed" Wilkie*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *Lisa: I am sorry to learn of your Dad's passing. I really only knew him through Rotary but he was a true servant leader and an example to other Rotarians. I know that his family, friends and community will miss him.*

Patty Clark - April 27, 2021 at 08:59 AM



“ *Blissfield will be missing one of the "good guys" with the passing of Ed. He was always active with community projects, church, boy scouts, his grandkids sports and activities, supporting his wife, children and their spouses. What a great, kind man, we will miss his welcoming smile at the hardware, at school activities and on the streets of Blissfield. You are in a good place Ed. Our love and prayers, John and Connie Seiser*

Connie Seiser - January 25, 2021 at 03:18 PM

SR

“ Please accept my deepest sympathy Judy, Michael, Lisa and Diana and your families for your loss.

Shelby Raines

Shelby Raines - January 05, 2021 at 01:55 PM

MB

“ Gary always loved working with Ed on the Harley raffles. My thoughts are with you all. Ed was a special guy. MaryAnn Bettis

MaryAnn Bettis - January 03, 2021 at 12:10 PM

RP

“ Ed was always supportive and present. We loved our time with you at Blisgield. We will hold you up in our prayers and thoughts at this time

Ralph Pieper - January 02, 2021 at 12:44 PM

PT

“ So sorry , Judy. I truly know what you're going through. Just know....that it never goes away, just gets further away, and in the meantime you learn to go on without them. Bless you



Pat Tagsold - January 01, 2021 at 05:15 PM

RG

“ So sorry to hear of Ed's passing. I knew Ed for many years working with him in the fire service. A good man and public servant.

Randy Grof - January 01, 2021 at 04:43 PM

MS

“ *Judy and family. We are so sorry to hear of Ed's passing. Ed was one of those very special people that I f don't think he ever knew a stranger. He touched countless lives in do mss as my wats and venues. Prayers for each of you during this difficult time.*
Mike and SueEllen Sheldon

Mike & SueEllen Sheldon - December 31, 2020 at 03:56 PM