Edward John Murray

JULY 10, 2022

MURRAY, Edward John

January 16, 1930 – July 10, 2022

Edward John Murray was born January 16, 1930 in Calgary. He passed away from cancer on Sunday, July 10, 2022 at the age of 92.

He will be missed by his wife of 70 years, Camille; his sister, Isabel; his children, Douglas and Marjorie; sisters-in-law, Patricia and Arlene; lifelong friends, Ken and Dave; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his daughter, Elaine; his brothers, Jim and Dave; and his sister Sheila.

Ed grew up in Calgary and moved to Crossfield in 1955 to help on his Uncle Jim's farm. He had many jobs in his life including: City of Calgary firefighter, farmer and manager of Rockyview Gas Co-op. He was proud to be a member of the Crossfield community and served as Mayor. He enjoyed taking trips on his motorcycle and was a member of the shrine motor corps. He enjoyed woodworking. He built birdhouses and birdfeeders and enjoyed watching the visiting birds. He was an incredible cook. Ed was a member of the Masonic Lodge and the Eastern Star.

The family would like to thank AHS Integrated Home Care for their support.

There will be a Celebration of Life held at the Crossfield Community Hall on Tuesday, July 19, 2022 at 3:00 PM.

Memorial donations can be made to the Salvation Army, 420 – 9 Avenue SE, Calgary, AB, T2G 0R9.

Messages of Condolence

I am saddened that I am unable to attend this celebration of the life of my father, Ed Murray. I am wheelchair bound, unable to travel. Following my half year stay in ICU last year, my father and I grew closer than we had ever been. I will cherish the conversations we had, ending only when it became too painful for him to speak.

He and Mom helped me buy a nice used wheelchair, increasing my mobility. We began collaboration on having an old truck fixed up that he and I had picked up together from a dealership years ago. I had done a great deal of rehab in hospital to learn how to drive it again. He worked out a way to get the wheelchair on and off the back. I was unable to drive more than short distances when he told me of his imminent passing. A few weeks later, he was gone.

What he taught me in his last year was the fact of resiliency and sheer survival. In his long life, he survived many impossibly difficult situations. His lasting gift to me was to show me that a small thing, in this case an old truck, can be used as a focal point to hold onto, learning to stand up yet one more time.

My father was the epitome of a man who survived astounding adversity in his near century of life. I am sure I am not the only one who will carry this, and many other memories of my father, forever.

— Douglas Edward Murray

Sending our deepest condolences to the the entire Murray family. We have such fond memories of Ed over the years. He will be missed by all who's lives he touched.

— Gord & Stacy Price

My deepest and most sincere condolences to Camille and family. Bro. Ed was a dear friend and held a special place in my heart. I am honored to have met such an incredible man. May your journey be full of light my good Brother.
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— Bro. Ron Parkinson

Cam,Doug,and Marjorie, We were very sorry to hear of Ed’s passing. Such a kind,thoughtful and cheerful man you’d ever want to meet. Had several lovely visits over the years with him and Cam. Sorry we cannot be there Tuesday with you and friends. Our truly deepest sympathy. Thinking of you.

— Marg and Don Gatto

Deepest sympathy to Camille & family-thinking of you at this sad time-Ed was a extraordinary man
& will greatly missed by everyone who knew him.

— Bill Morison

Ed was truly one of a kind, helpful and kind to all. Condolences to Camille, Doug and Marjorie. We are very sorry for you loss.
Jack and Darlene

— Jack and Darlene Beddoes

Ed was always a very kind man and always helpful to us, always enjoyed visiting with him, deepest sympathy to the family

— Leonard and Elsie Beddoes

Our sincere sympathy to Cam and Family at this sad time.
Remembering Ed's infectious smile.
Karen and Ken Murdoch

— Karen and Ken Murdoch

I met Ed & Cam through Eastern Star. Ed always had a smile on his face & almost every time I saw him, had a joke to tell. Sincere sympathy to Cam on her loss.

— Lee Clay

Camille and family; we are so sorry to hear of Ed’s passing.

Although Ed and I worked together for such a short time from 1986 until his retirement he was a big force in my life. I know he will be missed .

He had a new joke to greet us every morning. Don’t know how he remembered them all.

Take comfort that he was so involved in his community. He will be remembered by many!

Diana and Dallas Hehr

— Diana Hehr

We are so sorry this very special man has passed. Unfortunately we were away and could not attend his service. He will be remembered as one who earned everyone's respect..in the community... our church... in political life and in his career. Ed was a true gentleman and we are all better for having known him. Our sincere sympathy to Cam and all his family

— Linda and Gerald Gatez

I am very sorry to hear of Ed's passing, when I joined the Crossfield Elks #416, some 40 years ago, he was the Elks Secretary. He was a superfellow, always helping out where he could! I know I will sure miss him!!

— Raymond Silbernagel

December 28, 2022 - I was so sad and shocked to hear of Ed's passing today. We usually had at least a quarterly visit on the phone but we had not been in touch for some time. I called to check in and have a visit, only to find out Ed had passed. Ed, Elaine, John and I became friends during the days of bringing natural gas to rural communities.

I was honored to be asked by Ed to speak of my friend Elaine at her memorial service.

This message is late, but I did not know. Cam, Marjory and Doug, please accept my late but heartfelt condolences. Ed was one of the best and kindest friends one could have.

— Muriel Nesom

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