



Edward S. Helfrich

December 26, 1944 - August 31, 2008

Edward Stephen Helfrich, 63, died at home at 10:40 a.m. on August 31 surrounded by his family. Ed was born December 26, 1944 in Evansville, Indiana.

As we get ourselves and each other through this difficult transition, foremost in our minds will be the amazing man we all knew and truly loved, and the good fortune that brought him into our lives. He taught us to work to make the world a better place for others, to smile while doing it, to never give up, and that there is no such thing as an inappropriate time for a joke.

Ed lived a life that was much more about others than himself. He was an active and vital member of the West Side Nut Club for 20 years and also gave freely of his time to other organizations including the Wabash Avenue Flag Foundation, the Lamasco Neighborhood Association, and ECHO Community Health Care.

Ed was a veteran of Vietnam, serving in the Navy with honorable discharge in 1972. He was a lifetime member of the VFW 1114. He received a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from the University of Evansville. After working as a salesman at Diamond Foods, and a kitchen installer at Weber Equipment, Ed found his working home in the Electrical Department at the west side Lowe's. He will certainly be missed there by his Lowe's family of

peers and patrons.

Ed was preceded in death by his father, Michael W. Helfrich.

His surviving family members, include his mother, Annabelle Goedde Helfrich, Evansville, IN; his wife of twenty five years, Linda F. (Dyehouse) Helfrich, and their children, Lorena M. Havill, San Antonio, TX, Julie Havill-Weems and her husband Steve, Bloomington, IN, and Victor W. Havill, and his wife Akiko, Evansville, IN; his brother Mike Helfrich of Carterville, IL, and his sisters, Cary (Helfrich) Feherenbacher of Evansville, IN and Mary (Helfrich) Rogers of Indianapolis, IN. Ed was blessed with two gorgeous grandsons, Renan Victor Havill and Liam Stephen Havill-Weems, who gave Ed much joy. Ed is also survived by nieces and nephews Mike, Tracy, Danny, Greg, Sarah, Katie, Eric, Kammy, Mark, and Sarah.

Visitation will be from 2:00 p.m to 7:00 p.m.on Tuesday, Sept. 2, 2008, at Pierre Funeral Home, 2601 W. Franklin St., with a memorial service at 7:00 p.m., Sister Jenny Miller officiating. At a later date, a Memorial Mass will be offered at St. Boniface Church with internment at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery.

We encourage donations in Ed's honor to two organizations that were, in particular, very important to him, ECHO Community Health Care and the West Side Nut Club Foundation. Also, we wish to thank Dr. Mark Browning, Dr. Scott Uloth and Nancy with Deaconess Hospice for their outstanding care.

Family and friends unable to attend may leave condolences online at www.pierrefuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 2. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Pierre Funeral Home
2601 W. Franklin Street
Evansville, IN

Service

SEP 2. 7:00 PM (CT)

Pierre Funeral Home
2601 W. Franklin Street
Evansville, IN

Tribute Wall



“ *Edward S. Helfrich*

January 16, 2023 at 06:53 PM



“ *I knew Ed from working at Lowe's with him! He was an amazing man and full of love. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time!*

Sincerely,

Junenna Helt

September 09, 2008 at 10:53 AM



“ *Lorena and family. We are very sad to hear of Ed's passing. We send our condolences and prayers.*

Richard Sherwood and Dana Duren

September 05, 2008 at 07:38 PM



“ *Dear Linda, Lorena, Julie, Victor, and the rest of your family,*

I was so saddened to hear the news. My thoughts are with you all.

Much love,

Julienne

September 04, 2008 at 05:41 PM



“ Dear Lorena, and Havi/Helfrich family members,

Our condolences for the loss of your Dad, husband, uncle, grandfather, cousin and friend. Although we never met Ed, we know that he was one of those rare people who make a difference just by being who they are from the way Lorena talks of him and of her love for him. Although he is no longer with, you each know how he impacted your life and you have many treasured memories in your heart. With warmest thoughts and deepest sympathies.

Chris & Lih-Lan,

San Antonio, Texas##imported-begin##Lih-Lan Hu & Chris Jenkinson##imported-end##

September 04, 2008 at 11:37 AM



“ Dear Havills and Helfriches - I am so sorry for your loss. I only met Ed once or twice when he and Linda visited Lorena in San Antonio, but the thing I remember about him is his smile. My thoughts and my sympathies are with you.##imported-begin##Laura Almasy##imported-end##

September 03, 2008 at 05:44 PM



“ Just wanted to wish my sympathies to all who are missing Ed. In the short time I knew him he impressed me with his kind and generous attitude, and showed great hospitality.

Wishing you all the best.

Jason##imported-begin##Jason Thomas##imported-end##

September 03, 2008 at 05:32 PM



“ As a colleague and friend of Lorena, I know that she cared for her step-father very much. His passing will be hard for her as it will be for the rest of his loving family. But now is the time to let him rest, and to take care of yourselves after this long period of service to his needs. As a cancer survivor, I know how important the caregivers are, and what a toll it must have taken on you.
My condolences, and heartfelt sympathy on your loss.

Deborah Newman, San Antonio, TX##imported-begin##Deborah Newman##imported-end##

September 03, 2008 at 05:30 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you during these difficult times.##imported-begin##Rector and Ann Arya##imported-end##

September 03, 2008 at 05:17 PM



“ Lorena--My deepest condolences go out to you and your family. Sincerely, Janet##imported-begin##Janet Hustede##imported-end##

September 03, 2008 at 03:41 PM



“ My prayers for the grieving family.##imported-begin##M.Raveendran##imported-end##

September 03, 2008 at 03:31 PM



“ Lorena- my thoughts are with you. At work here in San Antonio, you always speak so lovingly of your family and I wish you all the best at this sad time.##imported-begin##Katy Freed##imported-end##

September 03, 2008 at 03:17 PM



“ Sending my heartfelt sympathies in the loss of your loved one. Just to let you know we're thinking about you and your family at this difficult time.

Sincerely

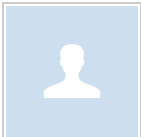
Beverly French##imported-begin##Beverly french##imported-end##

September 03, 2008 at 03:09 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts are with you during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Sandy Laston##imported-end##

September 03, 2008 at 03:03 PM



“ To Linda,Lorena, Victor and Julie my most sincere and warmest thoughts are with you. I would always try to position myself close to Uncle Eddy at all family weddings, because I knew no matter what we would be laughing. What an amazing person who probably never realized that his rambunctious and loving personality touched a niece who loved him dearly. With much love, Katie##imported-begin##Katie Shaneyfelt##imported-end##

September 03, 2008 at 12:38 PM



“ Linda, I was very sad to hear of Ed's passing. My thought are with you and your family.##imported-begin##Angela Stokes-Deal##imported-end##

September 03, 2008 at 12:30 PM



“ Dear Linda & Family, Don & I want to extend our deepest sympathy to you and your family on the loss of your beloved husband. We will keep you and your family in our thoughts and prayers.
Love & Prayers
Don & Mary##imported-begin##Don & Mary Lehmann##imported-end##

September 02, 2008 at 08:09 PM



“ Jennifer and I are friends of Lorena's from San Antonio and we would like to offer our sincere condolences to Ed's family and friends. Ed was truly blessed to have such a wonderful support group of family and friends. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.##imported-begin##Dan and Jennifer Nicolella##imported-end##

September 02, 2008 at 05:02 PM



“ my prayers and thoughts are with you at this time! i didnt know ed all that well i worked with at lowes--but i am glad i got the chance--he was a heck of a nice guy and hardworker!! may god bless the famliy in this time of sorrow!##imported-begin##jason burton##imported-end##

September 02, 2008 at 04:55 PM



“ I am in the Nut Club and liked Ed very much.....he was so helpful to me while we were building our home as we went to him often at Lowe's. I will miss his smile and warm personality.##imported-begin##Wayne and Diane Emge##imported-end##

September 02, 2008 at 02:22 PM



“ Dear Linda, Lorena, Julie, Victor, Renan, Liam, and spouses, I almost feel that I cannot accept Ed's passing...his warmth, charm, intelligence, and cheerful nature is something I appreciate so very much and I can't imagine letting go of it. Please know that the memories of all that, along with the times Ed truly was my "Go-To" Guy for fixing things and "man-help" will stay with me forever and I am so grateful for the ways in which my life has been enriched for knowing him...and all of you.
You are all in my most loving thoughts.
Sincerely,
Jeani Harl##imported-begin##Jeani Harl##imported-end##

September 02, 2008 at 01:12 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Ed's passing. My thoughts are with Lorena, Linda, Julie, Steve, Renan, Liam, Vic, Akiko, and the rest of the Helfrich-Havill clan. All my love, Diane##imported-begin##Diane Warren##imported-end##

September 02, 2008 at 12:31 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to the entire Helfrich family.##imported-begin##Matt, Kristine, and Sophia Allen##imported-end##

September 02, 2008 at 12:12 PM



“ Dear Linda,
The happiness and joy you and Ed shared was so deserved and so wonderful to see. You complimented each other and both of you received much and gave much to each other and to all around you. I know that Lorena and Julie have been your rocks. Annabelle and your many friends and neighbors have been there for you. I am sad that I was not.
Although I must work today from 1 to 930 tonight; my thoughts and prayers are very much with you and your beautiful family.
love and strength to you, Elaine###imported-begin###elaine friel###imported-end###

September 02, 2008 at 11:55 AM



“ In your time of sadness thoughts of heartfelt sympathy are with you and your family. Almighty God is our refuge and strength, a loving help when we face sadness.-Ps.46. The memory of love is a memory that lives on in our hearts.###imported-begin###The Kindred Family###imported-end###

September 02, 2008 at 11:06 AM



“ As friends and colleagues of Ed Helfrich's daughter, Lorena, we would like to offer our sincere condolences to all of his family and friends at this time of loss. You are good people; and, as much as you were blessed by Ed's company, he too was very fortunate to have had you in his life and by his side.###imported-begin###Michael and Susan Mahaney###imported-end###

September 02, 2008 at 11:04 AM



“ Lorena--Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.##imported-begin##Jennifer Harris##imported-end##

September 02, 2008 at 10:50 AM



“ Linda, Lorena, Julie and Victor, my heart goes out to you all. Some of my fondest memories will always be of going to grandma's house knowing that the "tickle monster" would be there at some point to chase us around the house.
Uncle Eddy always had the kindest of souls and I will miss him dearly. I am so glad that I had a chance to visit several weeks ago. I love you all and you will be in my thoughts.
Eddy...good bye to one of the best uncles a person could hope to have.##imported-begin##Mike Helfrich III##imported-end##

September 02, 2008 at 10:33 AM



“ Julie:

Although, I didn't meet your step-dad, Julie, your stories and the obituary detail an amazingly warm and happy man. I know you are finding comfort with your family, but know that I have you in my head and heart.

Warmly, Bonnie##imported-begin##Bonnie Ave##imported-end##

September 02, 2008 at 10:10 AM



“ Linda,
My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. Ed was a one of a kind! We all miss him so much, from the famous Santa hat at Christmas to the Tiny Bubbles in the breakroom. I consider myself blessed to have worked with Ed for almost 6 years, and to have shared the laughter. Now we all share the tears....Ali##imported-begin##Ali Burris##imported-end##

September 01, 2008 at 10:48 PM



“ Our thought and prayers are with you during this difficult time. The short time we knew Ed, he left an impression that will last forever. He was the kind of man that when you met him for the first time, you felt like you knew him forever. We will miss him.##imported-begin##Greg and Leigh Ann Belton & Family##imported-end##

September 01, 2008 at 09:45 PM



“ Thinking of you all and sending our love. Dustin & Wendy##imported-begin##Dustin McCreynolds and Wendy##imported-end##

September 01, 2008 at 08:17 PM



“ *Linda, Julie and Family,*

Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this most difficult time. I know that you have many wonderful memories as a family of your time with Ed.

*Love,
Dixie###imported-begin###Dixie Patterson###imported-end##*

September 01, 2008 at 07:59 PM



“ *Linda, We are thinking of you during this difficult time and sending you all our love. I loved my Uncle Eddie so much and even though we are far away he is always in my heart. We are so blessed to have had such a great, crazy, loving uncle in our lives! Love,
Tracy###imported-begin###tracy###imported-end##*

September 01, 2008 at 07:42 PM



“ *Linda,*

We are so sorry for you and your families loss. We will miss Ed's smiling face and warm greeting everytime we went to Lowes. He truly was a loving and caring man and we feel blessed to have known him.###imported-begin###Linda and Rick Roos###imported-end##

September 01, 2008 at 06:16 PM



“ *Wishing you moments of peace and moments of joy through this difficult time on behalf of Julie and Steve's friends from birthing class.##imported-begin##Amanda Jones##imported-end##*

September 01, 2008 at 02:29 PM