



Edward L. Sienko

June 29, 1939 - March 21, 2018

Edward L. Sienko age 78 of Joliet, IL died on March 21, 2018. Ed was the son of Louis Sienko and Josephine Legerski née Kijowski. He was a Boy Scout and attended St. Thad's grade school and then graduated from Joliet Catholic High in 1957 where he played football and basketball. During high school he met Trudy Felix, the love of his life to whom he was married for 58 years. He was a meter reader for Joliet, then managed a gas station before getting a degree in fire science and becoming a firefighter for Lockport Township. He was well-liked and respected by his comrades, became a lieutenant, was named Firefighter of the Year and ultimately chief of the fire department. He retired after 25 years. He was always busy with outside interests and projects as well, coaching youth basketball, building his home, running his own siding business and co-owning Floral Creations by Dana with his daughter. He moved to Sarasota FL in 1993 with Trudy and his youngest son Chris. Rather than live in a beachfront condo, they bought a home with a yard and garage where Ed could keep the tools necessary for maintaining and improving their lovely home. Constantly active, he was finally slowed down by mounting health problems in the past year, but was still an avid reader, Cubs fan and follower of politics and sports until the very end. He is survived by his wife Trudy née Felix, his sister Carole Costa, his 4 children Mark (Bernadine Bank), Dana (Blatti), Scott (Debbie Zielinski) and Christopher and 7 grandchildren: Jason, Amanda, Jordan, Dexter, Liam, Jacob and Kelly. Visitation will be held on Sunday March 25, 2018 from 6-8 pm at Toale

Brothers Gulf Gate Chapel, 6903 S. Tamiami Trail Sarasota FL 34231. Mass will be held 9:30 am Monday, March 26 at St. Thomas Church, 2506 Gulf Gate Dr Sarasota FL 34231. Funeral arrangements by Toale Brothers Funeral Home, Sarasota. A memorial service is planned in Joliet at the Barber & Oberwortmann Horticultural Center 227 Gougar Rd Joliet IL on April 14 from 12-4 pm with reception following at the Lockport VFW 1026 E 9th St Lockport IL from 5-9 pm. The family invites all to bring stories and memories to the event.

Tribute Wall



“ *Trudy and kids,so sorry to hear of your passing. I have many fond memories of our time of our time together at the fire dept.Rest well old friend.*

bruce hopkins - March 29, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *To The Edward Sienko Family So Sorry For Your Loss Respectfully Yours, The Gary Darin FAMILY*

March 29, 2018 at 12:00 AM

WD

“ Who knew meeting someone at Panera's could affect your life so deeply.
Sharing a cup of coffee and conversations turned into a friendship that meant more than We realized.
Ed shared so much with us his stories, his vast knowledge, wonderful laughs. He was my go to guy for politic questions of course it helps that we share the same views!! always letting us know what was going in on in town as he read the newspaper from one end to the other. The conversation certainly went to some interesting topics of course we always had Siri and Google to help us find out when questions came up. We truly learned a lot from this great man was generous enough to share his intellect with us.
Ed Truly loved his family!
His beautiful wife Gert The wonderful love for his children and grandchildren. you could see as His face would light up sharing stories about them.
Ed we truly enjoyed our time with you I just wish there was more. You made us better people. We will cherish the memories Thank you for everything Rest In peace my friend
Love Wendy and George ❤️

Wendy and George Davis - March 27, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ My condolences to the Sienko family. Ed was my boss at the Clark station and gave me my first job.

Bruce Stacy - March 27, 2018 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ I am sorry to hear of your loss of Ed. I have so many fond memories of growing up as neighbors and friends. Of walking down the alley, crossing the tracks and on to St. Thads. Rest in peace my friend.

Larry Mudron - March 26, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *Sorry to hear of your death. You were a good friend and a good boss. My condolences to your family.*

*Jim & Joan Norris
Lakeland, FL*

March 26, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our thoughts are with you and your family as you remember and celebrate the life of your special father, grandfather, and husband. Our love,
Susan and George*

Susan Dahl - March 25, 2018 at 12:00 AM