



Edwin ("Papa" Ed) B. Reynolds

June 7, 1936 - February 27, 2018

Edwin ("Papa" Ed) B. Reynolds of Palmetto, FL and Blairsville, GA died unexpectedly February 27, 2018 after a short illness.

Ed was born in 1936 in Oak Park, IL to John Edwin Reynolds and Jeanne Marie (Boutelle) Reynolds, and grew up in Greenville, MI. After serving in the U.S. Navy, he went on to earn his Master's degree from Hillsdale College in MI. There he met and married Judy (Knight), and together they had two sons. The young family moved to Sarasota, FL in 1965. He later remarried, and they had a daughter. His final marriage to Cyndi Reynolds gave his children an extra Mother and a Nana to his grandchildren.

Ed directed the Guidance department at Riverview High School, taught numerous subjects, and later directed special programs including those for assisting migrant workers and their children, and kids at risk of dropping out of school. He retired from the school system after 33 years. In his work and personal life, Ed has always been remembered as a role model and mentor with wise advice.

Ed's passion for life was expressed by a love of fishing, sailing, shooting, camping, scuba diving, gardening, and helping others. He showed endless love for his family – two and four legged, and for those he took under his wing. In his retirement, Ed was actively involved with his youngest granddaughter, whom he adored. He was an avid reader and loved to share his philosophies with others.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and by his sister, Bonnie Mooney.

He is survived by his wife, Cynthia Reynolds, sons Jeff(Marcos) Reynolds and Rob(Tracy) Reynolds, daughter Shirley(Chris) Martini, step-sons- Del and Scot, granddaughters Davonee-Lynn Martini-Podolsky, and Jenna Nash, 2 great grandchildren, sisters Betty Valentine, Connie Beard, brother John Reynolds, several nephews, nieces, and their families.

A memorial honoring Ed's life will be held on Saturday, March 3, 2018 from 11:00 AM - noon at Toale Brothers Gulf Gate Chapel in Sarasota, Fl. A viewing will be held starting at 10:00 AM. Refreshments will be served afterwards. A memorial will be held in MI. at a later date for family and friends.

Tribute Wall

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“ *I wish I could have met your father. My heart felt condolences on your loss.*

Norval Martin - March 02, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Please accept My Sincere Condolences for the Loss of your Father ;Sending You /Your Family My Thoughts and Prayers for Gods Strength and Comfort during this difficult time. God Bless His Soul R.I.P.*

Monica Orick - March 02, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Jeff, Rob and families, I am so sorry about the loss of your father. Please find comfort in eachother, and those who surround you with their memories , hugs and love. You are in my thoughts, and my heart. Hugs and Much love, Susan*

Susan Strazisar - March 02, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Cousin Ed and I had the same birth date, two years apart. We shared a lot of experiences growing up, and I am glad to have seen him in Florida just a few years ago. My condolences to Betty, Connie, John and Ed's progeny.*

Les Knowlton - March 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ *My dear cousin Eddie was a beloved co-conspirator in pranks with my brother Jim, keeping us amused and entertained often as we grew up. (Our moms were sisters; they were a year apart in age and well-matched in spirit.) He touched many lives and will be long remembered.*



Jeanne Anne Knowlton - March 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM