



Mr. Edward Eugene Keefer

June 4, 1935 - July 28, 2020

Edward Eugene Keefer a loving father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend passed away unexpectedly due to COVID-19 complications, he was 85. Ed was born on June 4, 1935 in Zelienople, Pennsylvania to the late Russell & Edna May Keefer. Ed had five siblings, Tom Willets (deceased), Jim Keefer, Joyce Hillard, Gladys Gray (deceased) and Alice Leonberg. Ed grew up in the Evans City, PA area and graduated from Evans City High School in 1954. After graduation, Ed joined the Army and was stationed in Germany. After his service in the Army, he returned to Pennsylvania and started his life long career as a truck driver. In 1960, he wed his first wife, Janet (Kelly) Worthley. They had two children, Tamara and Tracy. In 1963 the family moved to Fremont, California.

Ed was a truck driver and mechanic for Miles & Sons and Salt Transport for years and accomplished his dream of buying their first home in 1969. They had a very active social life, attending dances, dinner parties and bowling at the iconic Cloverleaf Family Bowl in Fremont in the 1970's. As the kids were growing up Ed was involved with the Hayward Twirlettes Club, walking along the parade routes, camping with the Cub & Boy Scouts or coaching various Little League teams. If he wasn't at work or doing something with the family, he could be found working on the house, a car, truck or boat.

Ed loved to go hunting with his in-laws, the Spanglers and Bloomers. He enjoyed camping and boating at Lake Shasta with cousins, the Groves and extended family friends. After his first year of hanging out at Lake Shasta, he got the bug and by the following year, had purchased a ski boat. From that point on, they would go to the delta for day trips and camping at other lake locations. In 1982 he was fishing in the Delta and caught a world record Chinook salmon using a 10# test fishing line and was in the local papers. He even had the fish mounted proudly on his wall.

In 1984 he moved to Arizona and married Ivandale (Ivy) Olson, who has preceded him in death. He had three step children, Robert, Sherry and Cindy. He continued working as a truck driver for JB Hunt until his retirement with over 3,000,000 miles driven. Although he retired from truck driving, he was not one to stay at home, so he began working for a few

golf courses in the area as a maintenance man. He enjoyed golfing and became a pretty good golfer. He had four hole-in-ones and again, proudly framed the certificates. He remained in Arizona until 2014, at which time he returned to the Manteca, California area and lived until his passing.

He continued to enjoy playing golf and boating on a regular basis with Tracy and his family. He would drive down to Tamara's place and golf with Dan or hang out in the pool. He loved being outdoors. While living in Manteca, he began going to the Manteca Senior Center where he played pool as often as he could with his many friends.

Ed was a very generous and kind person and considered his many friends part of his extended family and would help anyone he could. He was loved by many and will be dearly missed.

Ed is survived by his daughter, Tamara (Keefer) Escoto and son-in-law, Dan of Bermuda Dunes, CA. His son Tracy Keefer and daughter-in-law Penni of Fremont, CA. Three grandchildren, Kayla Keefer and Kyle Keefer of Fremont, CA and Matthew Escoto of Bermuda Dunes, CA. His step-children, Robert Olson of Tucson, AZ, Sherry Vandavelde of Missouri and Cindy Narducci of Manteca, CA. Seven step-grandchildren and nine step great-grandchildren. His brother Jim and two sisters, Joyce and Alice all of PA. He had numerous nieces and nephews in California, Nevada, Arizona, Pennsylvania and Connecticut.

In a private ceremony, Edward will be inurned at the Chapel of the Chimes Cemetery in Hayward, CA. A celebration of life will follow at a later date to be announced.

Cemetery

Chapel of the Chimes - Hayward

32992 Mission Blvd.

Hayward, CA, 94544

Comments



“ Like Sandy, I had many fun memories with Uncle Ed and my cousins. I went on those boating and camping trips to Lake Shasta and the Delta. Uncle Ed assured me he could teach me to water ski. He'd gun that boat so hard, I never could hold onto the robe. I thought I was never going to water ski. I finally did from a friend and then learned to ski behind Uncle Ed and his speed boat. LOL I remember when we would go up to Uncle Ed and Aunt Janet's house, he was always painting or doing something. During one of our hunting trips, he and Bill were hiding each others guns or whatever because someone ate someones Spam. I visited him in Arizona when I had to go down there for work one time in Tucson. There was never a week go by that we weren't at their house or they were at ours making many memories. He was always a fun, loving Uncle and will be missed very much. So many stories and not enough time. Rest in peace Uncle Ed. Love you very much, Sheila

Sheila Spangler - September 14, 2020 at 05:50 PM



“ For as long as I can remember, Uncle Ed has been in my life. Uncle Ed and Aunt Janet were at our house a lot laughing with mom and dad. I remember when they arrived at our home in California.....how happy all of us were to see them. The togetherness continued! The stories of the hunting trips and the ski days our precious memories we all carry with us. Always working and cleaning around his house which he took such pride in. I am glad that once we lived here in Manteca, Uncle Ed would stop by to visit along with having him over for dinners. Always, always very kind and loving to me/us. How special his last visit with me was sitting on my front porch talking, drinking his coffee and eating my homemade banana bread. So many precious memories I have. RIP Uncle Ed....you have more than earned your Angel Wings. Love you so and will miss you terribly. Sandy and Bill Bloomer

Sandra Bloomer - September 14, 2020 at 02:37 PM