



Edward L. "Ed" Wesemann

May 1, 1926 - May 2, 2023

Edward L. "Ed" Wesemann, 97, of Pingree Grove area passed away May 2, 2023, at NW Huntley Hospital.

He was born May 1, 1926, in Burlington, the son of Edward G. and Ida (Plote) Wesemann. Ed attended the Lowrie school in Elgin for kindergarten and first grade. After moving to Udina in 1933 where his parents took over the Udina Triangle restaurant and Standard Oil and Gas Station, he attended three grade schools in Udina, West Udina, and East Udina one room schools and a new two room school. He graduated from Plato Twp High School with the Class of 1944. While at Udina, he spent many hours "pumping gas" at the station. In the Spring of 1943, Ed's family moved to a recently bought farm on U.S. Hwy 20 just west of Pingree Grove and rented out the Udina Triangle business. Ed's dad then started farming because during WWII most of the things sold at Udina were rationed and hard to get. When Ed turned 18, the draft board said they wanted him in the service because Ed had a younger brother to take his place on the farm. Ed went into the Army in 1944 and spent a year and a half in the European theater in France and Germany during WWII. After he was discharged in August 1946, he went back to work on the farm. In April 1947, he took over the gas station part of the Udina Triangle and ran that until June of 1951 when he took over the new Standard Oil station at Routes 20, 47, and 72 called Starks Triangle Service at Starks, Il. He ran Starks until the summer of 1978. After that he spent his time managing his

properties since his father passed away August 1952.

On October 24, 1953, he married Marnie H. Daly at St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church in North Plato. They lived in the home they built since 1955 on U.S. Hwy 20.

Ed was a lifelong member of the St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church and served on the church board for 16 years in the capacity of Treasurer, Secretary, and Vice President. He served on the School Dist. 301 Board for 16 years as the Secretary. He volunteered at the Elgin St. Joseph Hospital for 30 years from 1984 to 2014. He was a life member of the Hampshire VFW Post 8043 serving as Commander, Trustee, Chaplain, and Service Officer. He was a life member of the American Legion post and AMVETS. Ed was also a life member of the Northern Illinois Steam Power Club where he was in charge of the handicapped parking lot and played his accordion over the park's PA system. He was one of the club charter members of the Northern Illinois John Deere Two-Cylinder Club and McHenry County Antique Farm Equipment Association of Illinois.

His hobbies included playing the piano accordion, collecting, and restoring vintage John Deere Two-Cylinder tractors that he took to parades and shows. He was a dedicated circus fan belonging to the Circus Fans Association of America for over 50 years. He was a Model A Ford enthusiast having a 1931 Model A in running order that he bought as his first car in December 1947.

He is survived by his daughter, Carolyn (Dale) Hartmann of West Bend, WI; his son Philip (Dana) Wesemann; grandchildren, Mark (Carol) Hartmann, Josh (Cat) Hartmann, and Lance Hartmann; great-grandchildren, Montgomery, Sabrina, and Carter Hartmann.

He is preceded by his parents; brother, Alvin; and wife, Marnie on October 20, 2020.

Funeral Services will be at 11 AM on Monday, May 8, at St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 43W301 Plank Rd. in Plato Center with Pastor Thomas Eaves officiating. Burial with Military Honors will follow in the Lakewood Memorial Park Cemetery in Elgin.

Visitation will be at the church prior to services on Monday from 9:30 to 11 AM.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in memory of Ed Wesemann to the church.

Cemetery Details

Lakewood Memorial Park

30W730 US 20
Elgin, IL 60120

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 8. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Peter's Lutheran Church
43W301 Plank Road
Hampshire, IL 60140

Service

MAY 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Peter's Lutheran Church
43W301 Plank Road
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Tribute Wall

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“ To the Wesemann family: My deepest sympathies to all of you. My memories of Mr. Wesemann go back a few years ago to Wrona Bros. office supplies in downtown Elgin. I met Mr. Wesemann one day when he came in for supplies and sold him a copy machine and on occasion would install a new toner cartridge for him. What a gracious man and I looked forward to his call for a new toner and install. Again my sympathies and thanksgiving to our Lord and Savior for sharing Mr. Wesemann for 97 years.
David Bartelt

David Bartelt - May 10, 2023 at 08:50 PM

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“ Dear Carolyn & Philip, I'm sending my deepest sympathy. I remember visiting Marnie and Ed at their home with Aunt Carol and Uncle Georg. I felt like they were family. Beautiful home. Loved playing cards at the huge round coffee table, which was an old dining room table that had the legs cut down. Fond memories. Mary Koppers

Mary Koppers - May 04, 2023 at 09:08 PM

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i remember Ed bouncing up and down standing on. his old john deere tractor wearing his big straw hat at the sycamore power show driving in the parade . Once i went to talk to him when the parade was over .i asked him abt the old john deere with the big flywheel and he must have spent an hour with me explaining how everything on that tractor worked . i think it was from the thirties . Ed was a mechanical engineer self taught a very intelligent man

russel runge - May 04, 2023 at 11:00 PM

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“ *Ed was one of my favorites of all time. I remember working at the Starks Triangle Station for several years and enjoyed having in depth chats we had together. When I needed a reference letter for college acceptance, he was the first person I turned to for I knew he would put his full effort into it for me. I am truly going to miss him.*

Karl Follman - May 03, 2023 at 08:00 PM