



Edward Lloyd Ballenger II

February 22, 1962 - June 17, 2018

Edward L. Ballenger II, 56, of Bonita Springs, Florida, passed away peacefully on June 17, 2018, surrounded by those he loved. Eddie was born February 22, 1962, in Columbus, Ohio, the son of Edward and Judy (Herrel) Ballenger. A few years after graduating from Bexley High School, Eddie moved to southwest Florida, where he relished spending time in the sun and sand. He honed his skills as a cook and kitchen manager at Ballenger's Restaurant in Fort Myers Beach. Later he worked at other area restaurants as a manager and executive chef. He and his partner, Duane Sulk, lived in Bonita Springs for thirty-two years. Eddie was known and loved for his sense of humor, genuine kindness, and passion for all things tropical.

Eddie is survived by his mother, Judy Ballenger; sister and brother-in-law, Shelley and Bob Bishop; two nieces and a nephew; and longtime partner, Duane Sulk. He is preceded in death by his father, Edward Ballenger, and brother, Charlie Ballenger.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Eddie's name to First Presbyterian Church, 9751 Bonita Beach Rd., Bonita Springs, FL 34135.

Online condolences may be left by visiting www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com

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Tribute Wall



“ *Edward Lloyd Ballenger II*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Dear Judy, Such sad news that was a bit late arriving in AZ by way of CA. You might remember, Eddie and my daughter, Jean, were born on the same day in 1962. And they were in the same First Grade class the year we ended up back in Columbus when Jerry was in Vietnam. You couldn't have been nicer to me and my children during that rather difficult time. You even had a big birthday bash for the two First Grade friends! Jean and I still have very fond memories of both Eddie B. and you for welcoming us both into your home. Jean told me today that she only met Eddie B. one other time in the years since. They were in their teens by then, and in her words, "Eddie was as kind and sweet to her as he had always been"... what more can any mother want of a son? We offer our deepest sympathy to you, Shelley and Duane. Fondly, Carol Greiner Koffel*

Carol Koffel - July 16, 2018 at 01:59 PM



“ *Judy and family. So sorry to hear of Eddie's passing. I have so many fond memories of you and your family. May Eddie rest in peace. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Jeff Schneider

Jeff Schneider - July 12, 2018 at 03:09 PM

JL

“ *Judy, Shelley, and Duane,*

I am so sorry for your loss of such a wonderful person. Ed, as I called him, was my friend. My first memory of Ed was when we were 3 or 4 in Sunday school at First Congregational Church in Columbus. He impressed me at such a young age.

In High School, we were friends in Mr. Cooper's art classes. We used to drive out to the airport, in Ed's Pacer, and watch the planes take off. We dreamed of travel, and having great adventures.

I actually told my two children about Ed, and how I wanted to reconnect with him. I tried to google him in the last year, but didn't have success. Now I wish I had tried harder.

I told my Father who also knew Ed, and we both talked about how great Ed and all of his family was.

I am sure Ed will be missed by all. Again, I am so sorry for your loss.

Lynne Boden Lawrence

J Lynne Boden Lawrence - July 11, 2018 at 09:41 PM

RK

“ *Judy, Shelley and Family.*

We are holding you in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May you be comforted by all the wonderful memories you share.

David and Rose Kandel

Rose Kandel - July 07, 2018 at 03:16 PM

PG

“ We are so sorry for your loss. We are sure that you will feel such a void without Eddie B.
Judy, Shelly and your family our sincerely thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Love, Patti & Tom

Patti & Tom Greiner - July 06, 2018 at 05:21 PM

AC

“ Judy and family: I was so sorry to hear of Eddie's passing. May all the wonderful memories you shared over the years be of comfort to you at this time. He was a wonderful man and I know he will be greatly missed.

Anne Cooper

Anne Cooper - July 06, 2018 at 04:04 PM

RE

“ I graduated from high school with Eddie as I called him. Not really a specific memory but I always remember him happy and with an infectious smile that lit up every room he was in. I literally never saw him angry or sad— only happy and smiling! I am very sad today for all of his family members and I will pray that will find some comfort in knowing he is now in God's arms and he will watch over and protect everyone who loved him. So very sorry. Rex Elliott.

Rex Elliott - July 06, 2018 at 01:13 PM

AT

“ I am so sorry to hear of Eddie's passing. My thoughts are with Duane, Judy, and Shelley and family. I looked up to Eddie as Charlie's big brother when we were in junior high. One particular memory is when Eddie made an appearance at the end of a spring 8th grade dance (probably to pick up Charlie). Eddie was probably just getting ready to graduate from Bexley. He was bronze and super cool, rocking out to all the current dance moves. He was a big hit on the dance floor. He was greatly loved and will be missed. -- April (Denney) Tibbles

April Tibbles - July 06, 2018 at 11:31 AM

SE

“ Eddie and I were friends and he asked me to the Prom- We had the best time - of course we ate At the Claremont And our waitress knew both of us for most of our lives . We got top shelf cocktails and danced the night away. I loved that we used to talk about things we could not tell anyone else. Our parents knew each other and we kept our secrets to each other. I am sad today but happy that Eddie lived his life the way he told me years ago- With Love, Sea and Sand . With Love, Susan Callif Eisenman

Susan Callif Eisenman - July 06, 2018 at 10:51 AM