



Edgar "Ed" Parsley

March 2, 1945 - July 16, 2016

Beloved husband and father Edgar "Ed" Parsley, 71, suddenly went home to the Lord on July 16, 2016 after a heart attack.

He was born in Knoxville, TN, and moved to Lakeland, FL, in 1972 where he met the love of his life, Jenny. Ed and Jenny celebrated 42 years of marriage this past August and looked forward to many adventures together. He was a member of Church of the Resurrection and Knights of Columbus.

Ed served in the U.S. Army Intelligence Agency and was stationed in Sinop, Turkey, during the Vietnam Conflict as an intelligence intercept operator. Following his service, Ed worked at S.H. Kress for a short time and then for the U.S. Postal Service for 38 years.

Ed did not have a middle name but his unofficial one was Helpful because he was always ready to help others, especially his family. After retiring, he spent countless hours as a volunteer at Agape Food Bank, Medulla Elementary and Regenerations Resale Shop, which benefits many outreach organizations of Church of the Resurrection. Ed was known as the go-to person to get things accomplished.

He helped facilitate a series of bible studies called Handling Money God's Way through Compass Catholic Ministries and also Bishop Robert Barrons'

Study on Catholicism. Ed also frequently gave the gift of life through blood donations.

Ed was an inspiration to everyone who knew him because of his kind heart and selfless nature. We loved him for so many reasons. He tried to hide his smile but could never quite manage the feat. He shared the qualities of St. Joseph – quiet, hardworking and humble.

Ed is survived by his wife Jenny (Genevieve), son Jason, daughter and son-in-law Kelly and Vinnie Miller, and daughter and son-in-law Sharon and Jeffrey Thomas. He also leaves behind grandchildren Bradley, Elizabeth and Joseph. His family includes brother Charles Parsley and sister-in-law Patsy; sister Linda Faye Parsley; sister Judy and brother-in-law Bill Williams, sister Sandra Wheeler; sister- and brother-in-law Cathy and Tim Kelley; sister- and brother-in-law Stephanie and Graham Moore; sister-in-law Kathleen Parsley; brother-in-law Edward Clymer; and many loved nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his father Pleasant Burnett Parsley, mother Lena Mae Parsley, brother Ron Parsley and sister Sarah Clymer.

Visitation with the family will be held on Wednesday, July 20 from 3:45 to 5:45 p.m. at Church of the Resurrection, 3720 Old Rd 37. Funeral Mass for a celebration of Ed's life will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 21 also at Church of the Resurrection, followed by interment at Oak Hill Burial Park Cemetery, 4620 US Highway 98 S.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 20. 3:45 PM - 5:45 PM (ET)

Resurrection Catholic Church
3720 Old Hwy 37
Lakeland, FL 33813

Funeral Service

JUL 21. 11:00 AM (ET)

Resurrection Catholic Church
3720 Old Hwy 37
Lakeland, FL 33813

Tribute Wall



“ *Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Edgar "Ed" Parsley*



Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - July 20, 2016 at 07:34 AM



This is an absolutely amazing tribute to Ed and Jenny and the entire family. All I can say is WOW as I am writing away the tears all the while smiling! So thankful you all have such awesome memories which will carry you through the dark and lonely days. Praying for strength and acceptance as you all continue your lives being happy and busy and loving each all the while carrying Ed in your heart. Heaven definitely gained an angel on Sunday-an angel who will be watching over you all day every day missing you I am sure, as much as you miss him. Sending my love and prayers. Nancy Miller Richards

Nancy Richards - July 20, 2016 at 06:37 PM

BM

Dear Jenny and you're whole family. I'm just stunned to hear the news. I've always loved working with Ed. Such a quiet and gentle man but had a great sense of humor. The video that was put together was just awesome. You could really see his love for you and the family. My prayers are with you and yours during this time of sorrow. May all the happy memories help ease the burden of loss. Until you meet again my friend.

Betty Messamore - July 20, 2016 at 10:19 PM

MM

Jenny, this was beautiful of your family togetherness! I loved seeing Ed on the carousel with Elizabeth! Shows what a great PopPop he was!! 😊. I saw love & admiration in your eyes & smile as you gazed into Ed's eyes! You have such wonderful memories of your faith together & love of family with Ed! 🥰 May Jesus wrap His arms around you! Love & prayers!

Mary Miller - July 21, 2016 at 01:51 PM

LS

Jenny, Our thoughts and prayers for you and the family. We were truly blessed to have Ed as part of the family. He was such a kind and loving and caring man. He will be truly missed by many.. Love and prayers continue for you.

LeAnn Sexton - July 22, 2016 at 04:19 AM



“ *Edgar "Ed" Parsley*

November 17, 2022 at 10:14 AM



“ *Watched the Video.....speechless! Edgar can be summed up in a few words: A Good and Decent Man!
The Cross family always enjoyed Edgar and Jenny's visits to Tennessee. Miss you Edgar!*

Richard Cross - August 01, 2016 at 06:24 AM

JK

“ We enjoyed Ed and Jenny so much when they lived across the street from us in Solivita. They would hitch a ride with us on our golf cart for the weekly movie and occasionally enjoyed music performances where Jenny would get up and dance. Ed and Jenny always approached life with joy and excitement.



Joanne and Ken - July 24, 2016 at 02:00 PM

SM

“ Jenny, we are keeping you & your family in our thoughts & prayers. Thank you for sharing this beautiful video of the special moments in Ed's life, it portrays just how much "family" meant to him. What a blessing to have so many precious memories. We are thankful to have known Ed & are privileged to call him our friend. We have many memories as well ~ working together at the PO, our BUNKO nights, our New Years Eve parties, and an unforgettable Carnival Cruise together. Our hearts are broken that Ed is no longer here with us, but we also rejoice in knowing that he is now resting in the arms of Jesus. Until we all meet again Ed.....

Skeeter & Mac

Skeeter & Mac - July 20, 2016 at 08:59 PM

AL

“ April Little lit a candle in memory of Edgar "Ed" Parsley



April Little - July 20, 2016 at 07:03 PM

KR

“ Ed was a great neighbor, very friendly, helpful and just someone that would make your day brighter. Many times I would visit with him in his garage where he would be working on some kind of project. I borrowed his ladder once to change my porch light fixture and the next thing you know the the job was done.....by Ed. That was just the kind of guy he was, always ready to help. Ed make the world a better place in which to live.

ken ross - July 20, 2016 at 02:38 PM

TF

“ Jenny, my deepest sympathy and prayers to you and your family. Quiet and unflappable, it has been a privilege and a blessing to know such a kind and gentle man.

Tim Ford - July 20, 2016 at 02:18 PM

CH

“ Edgar, as I knew him in High School was a very quiet nice person. He didn't have much to say, but was always smiling. He was very smart but not in a show off way. I am glad I got a chance to see him and his lovely wife at our 50 th class reunion. My heart and prayers go out to his wife and children. from Tennessee, Carol Stair Harrell

carol harrell - July 20, 2016 at 12:04 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Edgar "Ed" Parsley.



July 20, 2016 at 10:52 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Edgar "Ed" Parsley.*



July 20, 2016 at 08:52 AM



“ *So sorry to hear that Ed passed away so suddenly. I am up in North Caroline with Robi's mom so I will only be able to be with you in spirit. Just the other day, I was sharing some of our Girl Scout adventures that we had up here with the girls. That's what I remember about Ed, he never minded when we took off on our Girl Scout trips. Jenny, Jason, Kelly, and Sharon, may God wrap you in His arms and surround you with His love during this very difficult time. I know your strong faith in God will help you as you grieve. Know that I am praying for all of you and sending you love and hugs.*

Caroline (Mrs. King)

Caroline King - July 20, 2016 at 08:41 AM



“ 117 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - July 19, 2016 at 04:53 PM