



Edward T. Breslin Jr.

March 6, 1959 - March 24, 2021

On Wednesday, March 24, 2021, Edward T. Breslin Jr., loving and devoted husband and proud brother/uncle, passed away peacefully at home at age 62. He was preceded in death by his father, Edward Sr., and his mother, Jenny.

Ed was born on March 6, 1959 in Detroit, Michigan. He was raised in Dearborn Heights, Michigan and graduated from Riverside High School. Ed attended Michigan State University where he studied Telecommunications. He graduated from Specs Howard School of Broadcasting Arts and spent 20+ years working in radio markets in Frankfort (WBNZ), Lansing (WJIM), Detroit (WWJ) and Port Huron (WHLS). Over his broadcast career he was especially proud to have interviewed the Navy's Blue Angels and astronaut Alan Shepard. He was a member of the Lansing Press Corps covering Michigan governors Jim Blanchard and John Engler and was honored to have attended numerous gatherings at the Governor's Mansion.

Ed expanded on his media expertise by moving into Public Relations serving the Port Huron and Brandon school districts over 14 years. He served in various roles, including Community Education / Information Services Coordinator and Supervisor of Administrative Services. He was most proud of the work he did as Suspensions and Expulsions Officer, where he advocated on behalf of students for fair and just outcomes. Ed believed everyone makes mistakes and everyone deserves a second chance. Years later, in a grocery store check out lane, a grateful mother told him that he had turned her son's life around and saved his life.

He was a member of the St. Clair County prescription drug abuse task force, a member of the United Way of St. Clair County Campaign Special Gifts Division, and a volunteer for the American Red Cross and Salvation Army. He was also a member of the Port Huron Moose Club.

In 1986, at 27 years old, Ed was diagnosed with a rare testicular cancer and was given a 25% chance of survival. He entered a clinical trial for the drug Cisplatin at Michigan State

University. With support of his family, he was the only participant to make it through the aggressive treatment and was the only one to survive more than 5 years. His family and friends were blessed to have Ed in their lives for an additional 35 years.

On February 14, 2006, Ed married Charlyn Langolf and they spent 15 wonderful years together. Ed had a passion for all things Michigan State University, barbecuing, music (especially Ted Nugent and the Blues), dancing, being outdoors, gardening, camping and was an avid Detroit Tigers fan. Ed had a unique gift for connecting with others. He was known for his quick wit, his big blue eyes, his infectious smile, and his kind and compassionate spirit. He was a gentle soul with a loving heart who touched everyone who knew him, including all the neighborhood kids who loved and respected "Mr. Ed".

Ed's legacy of giving will continue posthumously, as his dying wish was to donate his body to Michigan State University's College of Human Medicine for anatomical study, thereby providing a most unique and caring gift for generations to come.

During his last days, Ed mentioned he was looking forward to spending time at the Rainbow Bridge reconnecting with his beloved dogs Ebony, Spock, Seiko, Sheba, Ginger and Luci.

He is survived by his wife Charlyn Breslin; his sisters Mary Breslin, Colleen (Dan) Cappelletty, and Tricia (David) Kapcoe; nephews Brian (Tifani) Sadek, Justin (Kiersten) Cappelletty, Adam Cappelletty, Kyle (Ashley) Cappelletty; great nieces and nephews Mika and Tate Sadek, Isabella and Allison Cappelletty, and Ella and Everly Deaton.

A celebration of Ed's life, or as he would say, a par-tay, will be held this summer. In lieu of flowers, donations are encouraged to the Michigan Humane Society, St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, or the Michigan State University Division of Human Anatomy. Go Green!

The family wants to send out a very special thanks to McLaren Hospice for their unbelievable care and compassion.

Arrangements in care of, Jowett Funeral Home, 1634 Lapeer Avenue, Port Huron. Jowett Funeral Home is privileged to assist the family with arrangements. To view the obituary and share memories, please visit www.jowettfuneraldirectors.com

Comments



“ My sister told me about Ed today. What a shock for me to hear the news. I remember talking to you on the phone when we were home for the 70th Birthday for the class and I remember you telling me Ed had been sick and you couldn't come. I'm so glad I got to meet Ed when we were home the time before. I still feel bad we didn't get to stop and see you that time, either. We would have enjoyed getting to know Ed better. I hope you will call me, Charlyn, whenever you need or feel like talking for a while. I miss our fun chats. You can always get my number from Lizzy. Take care and maybe come and see me, you'll have a place to stay of course. Our deepest condolences to you and Ed's family. Sincerely, Rick & Jen Wehrwein

Jennifer Wehrwein - April 13 at 02:42 PM



“ I just found out of Ed's passing today. My husband and I were fortunate enough to be neighbors of Ed and Charlyn for the last 3 years. He was such a great and friendly guy, always conversing with us while out doing yard work.

Kristine - April 11 at 01:50 PM



“ I am so sorry. I remember him as a little kid – I believe he was called “Terry” then – and would see him from time to time when our family visited my Aunt and Uncle, Mary and Ken MacEachin, who lived on the same block in Dearborn Heights (I was four years older). My aunt and uncle absolutely loved the Breslin family, Jenny, Ed and their kids, and would talk about them all the time. As Ed Jr was starting out in his career, my uncle very proudly reported to me his latest accomplishments. It sounds like Ken's pride was very well placed, and that Ed Jr grew up to be an amazing man.

John Bentley - March 31 at 10:14 AM



“ To Ed's sisters Tricia Mary And Colleen I remember your brother and also your parents as they lived down the street from my grandparents Ken and Mary MacEachin on Kennedy I have known you all of my life I miss your parents so much now your brother I am sorry to hear about this

Jim Ditton - March 28 at 11:32 PM



“ Jim Ditton lit a candle in memory of Edward T. Breslin Jr.



Jim Ditton - March 28 at 11:25 PM



“ I remember when I first met Ed. It was at Trishy,s lake house when we were beginning the remodel of her home. Ed came up to me and "thanked me for helping his sister with her very big construction project". "He said to me that he wished that he could help his sister with her project, but he new very little about remodeling". If he only knew that he was doing more than I could ever do, by just being there supporting his sister Trisha! He was so friendly and I knew that he cared deeply for his family. We instantly became friends and I am so glad that we got to meet each other. "And in the end, it is not the years in your life that count; it's the life in your years". Abaham Lincoln
Ed lived an extrodinary life that we all aspire to live!
Well done Ed Breslin! Well done my friend!
MarkZ

Mark Zielinski - March 27 at 04:21 PM



“ Charlyn, we were so sad to hear of Ed's passing. He was such a fun guy to be around. Our deepest condolences and our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time.

John and Cathy Vanderlaan

John and Cathy Vanderlaan - March 25 at 05:50 PM



“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Tricia Breslin - March 25 at 09:36 AM



“ Ed was one of the best. Got to know him from WPHM, the schools and most importantly as a neighbor. This obituary perfectly depicts Ed's life. My deepest sympathy to Ed's wife Charlyn and his family.

joe bixler - March 25 at 07:11 AM



“ Uncle Ed was the most fun, outgoing, silly and caring person I knew! He could always bring a smile to anyone's face and make everyone's day a little bit better and happier. I had the opportunity to know him for almost 15 years where I witnessed how happy he made my Aunt Charlyn. He did so much for her and was an amazing husband. Ed really cared about all people and always put everyone before himself. I am so lucky to have known him and strive to be the type of person he was each and everyday. He was so loved and will be greatly missed.

Kelly Deal - March 24 at 09:29 PM



“ Uncle Ed was the most kind and thoughtful person I've ever known. I have a lot of wonderful people in my life, but Ed took the cake when it came to his generosity and his selflessness. He was always willing to do anything for others. I remember him helping with my sister's bridal shower and my wedding flowers. He was always there for people when they were in need. He was the Master of Ceremony at our wedding, which was perfect, because he was the epitome of what love should be. When we would come to visit my Aunt Charlyn and Uncle Ed they would make sure that we had an abundance of yummy food along with all our favorite drinks. He was also extremely funny. Whenever he was around everyone had a smile on their face. He truly was one of the good guys. He was a shining light in the world. We will be missing Uncle Ed always.

Rachel White - March 24 at 09:21 PM



“ We were all so fortunate to be able to call Ed our family. What a gem of a man he was! He had a heart of gold and showed love and caring to everyone he met. He will always hold a special place in our hearts. RIP brother. Love ya man! Rick and Char.

Charleen Jach - March 24 at 09:13 PM



“ I never had the privilege to meet Ed, but his sister Mary is my best friend. She told me that he was nothing less than amazing. The best big brother in the whole world. Mary never lies. So I think that I really did miss out on not meeting him. My deepest condolences and prayers to Ed's family. Love never dies he will be watching over all of you.



Deb Goik - March 24 at 05:59 PM