



Edward "Ed" Joseph Murphy

October 17, 1959 - December 10, 2023

Edward "Ed" Joseph Murphy, age 64, of Albia, Iowa, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, December 10, 2023, at his home.

Ed was born on October 17, 1959, to Edward J. and Geraldine "Gerry" (Mitchell) Murphy in Albia, IA. Ed attended St. Mary's Catholic School and later graduated from Albia Community High School in 1978. On January 24, 1994, Ed married Susan Bettis Gray and lovingly welcomed 3 children into his life: Michelle, Mike, and Monica.

Ed started working at Hy-Vee in Albia while in high school, later transferring to Oskaloosa as a meat cutter. He established Murphy's Drive-In restaurant in 1985 and served the community in this role until 1997. Ed then worked at Clow Valve Company in Oskaloosa quickly achieving a management position. He was looking forward to retirement soon.

Ed loved to be outdoors and care for his home and yard. Outdoor activities with his grandchildren, such as building ramps in the snow for sledding, were always a favorite. He was a gentle soul with a huge heart. He was extremely generous and thoroughly enjoyed helping other people. He was an excellent cook who was known for his homemade tenderloins and Sunday dinners, not only for his family, but any friends who wished to join them. Sue was the love of his life and he adored her. Ed willingly took on the father role and loved

Michelle, Mike, and Monica as his own. His grandchildren and great grandson were his true pride and joy. He proudly attended their events and was always there to take care of anything they needed. He was the “go-to man” in the family, and if anything went wrong, he was there to fix it. When home improvement projects were taking place, he was always there to assist. He had a great sense of humor and loved a good laugh.

Ed is survived by his wife, Susan Murphy; his children, Michelle (Doug) Weldon, Mike (Carrie) Gray, and Monica (Richard) Tharp; 4 grandchildren, Sydney (Zakk), Hunter (Ivy), Garrett (Nicole), and Cooper; 1 great grandson, Taysom; a sister, Susan (Alan) Ammons; and a brother-in-law, Doug Alexander. Ed is also survived by several special nieces, nephews, cousins, and good friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Edward J. Murphy and Gerry Murphy; and his sisters, Gerry Jo Murphy and Judy Alexander.

Visitation will be held from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, December 15, 2023, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Ed’s family present throughout the day and evening to greet family and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, December 16, 2023, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia with Pastor Roger Henry officiating. Burial will follow services at St. Mary’s Cemetery in Albia.

Memorials have been established to the Welcome Home Soldier Monument in Albia and Mary Sauter’s Pay it Forward program.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Cemetery

Albia, IA

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **15**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Tharp Funeral Home
116 Benton Ave.
Albia, IA 52531
(641) 932-3129
<https://www.tharpfh.com/>

Funeral Service

DEC **16**. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

NO

“ Susan, David and I were so sorry to hear about Ed's passing. We have so many great memories of him at the restaurant and of all your family in our lives. Many smiles and laughs shared. God bless you all.

Natalie Oldham - December 18, 2023 at 07:31 PM

GF

“ Gerald Eaton & family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Edward "Ed" Joseph Murphy.



Gerald Eaton & family - December 15, 2023 at 03:58 PM

GF

“ Gerald Eaton & family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward "Ed" Joseph Murphy.

Gerald Eaton & family - December 15, 2023 at 03:58 PM

BF

“ Bill and Linda Marshall & family purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Edward "Ed" Joseph Murphy.



Bill and Linda Marshall & family - December 14, 2023 at 01:53 PM

BF

“ Bill and Linda Marshall & family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward "Ed" Joseph Murphy.

Bill and Linda Marshall & family - December 14, 2023 at 01:53 PM



“ Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Edward "Ed" Joseph Murphy.



December 14, 2023 at 11:44 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Edward "Ed" Joseph Murphy.



December 13, 2023 at 09:41 AM

GT

“ Group Life Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward "Ed" Joseph Murphy.

Group Life Team - December 13, 2023 at 09:41 AM

TS

“ *Tess Sebben lit a candle in memory of Edward "Ed" Joseph Murphy*



Tess Sebben - December 13, 2023 at 09:10 AM

AM

“ *Ardys McGrath lit a candle in memory of Edward "Ed" Joseph Murphy*



Ardys McGrath - December 13, 2023 at 01:09 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Edward "Ed" Joseph Murphy.*



December 12, 2023 at 09:37 PM

RB

“ I had the good pleasure of working with Ed from his first day on the job until my last day of working before retirement. You knew he was part of the cream that would rise to the top as soon as you talked to him and watched him work. And work he did.....he was one of the hardest working guys I knew. And he also knew how to laugh! He had many very funny stories and pranks he had pulled to share and I might add that he was a great story teller as well. Every spring we would have our mushroom hunting stories and I always counted on him telling me when they were popping down south so we knew about when it was time to start looking here. His passing will leave a large hole in many peoples lives...mine included. RIP Ed

Rick Bryan - December 12, 2023 at 04:42 PM

SJ

“ So sorry to hear of Ed's passing. I enjoyed working with Ed in the middle 70's in the Hy-Vee meat dept. such a great and loving personality. My prayers are with the family. An old friend Steve Justice

Steve Justice - December 12, 2023 at 03:19 PM

MS

I worked with him also Steve.

Mike Steinbach - December 13, 2023 at 12:42 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Edward "Ed" Joseph Murphy.



December 12, 2023 at 01:39 PM

JA

“ *My sympathies are with the family.*



Jan Allison - December 12, 2023 at 12:23 PM

CG

“ *Cheryl Corso Gray lit a candle in memory of Edward "Ed" Joseph Murphy*



Cheryl Corso Gray - December 12, 2023 at 11:20 AM