



Edward M. "Ed" Tunnicliff

December 20, 1925 - May 4, 2021

Edward M. "Ed" Tunnicliff, of Kingsford, MI, died in Kingsford on May 4, 2021, at the age of 95.

Ed lived in Kewanee, Pekin, Decatur, and Libertyville, IL; he also lived in Timbercreek Canyon, TX, and Mountain Home, AR. Ed was born on December 20, 1925 in Ord, NE, the youngest of five sons born to Adam William "A.W." and Mabel (McMullen) Tunnicliff. He married Kathryn "Kay" M. Jones in Kewanee, IL in 1947; she preceded him in death in 1998.

Survivors include four children: Kathy "Kass" Schreiber of Fort Collins, CO; Brock Tunnicliff of Phoenix, AZ; Mark Tunnicliff of Kingsford, MI; and Heidi Summers of Crestview, FL. Ed and Kay had 10 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Ed was also preceded in death by his parents, his four brothers, a granddaughter, and a great-granddaughter.

Ed graduated from Kewanee High School in 1944 where he was an outstanding athlete in football, basketball, and track. He served his country in the US Army during WWII in the European theater as the bow machine gunner and assistant driver in a Sherman tank. Following the end of WWII, Ed enrolled at Northwestern University where he was a member of the

Northwestern University football team that won the Rose Bowl in 1949. After graduating, he taught history and speech and coached football at the high school level. He eventually entered the insurance industry and retired from his professional career after 40 years. In addition to his professional careers, he was a Boy Scout leader for his two sons, the Mayor of Timbercreek Canyon, TX, a volunteer firefighter, and a private airplane pilot. Wherever Ed lived he was an active member of his church community. He was also an avid fisherman.

Memorial services will be held at the First United Methodist Church in Kewanee, IL, on May 11, 2021 at 10:00 am, officiated by Ed's grandson, Pastor Alex Tunnicliff, with inurnment to be held afterward at the Mount Olivet Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the benevolent fund at the church of the donor's choice.

Condolences to the family of Edward M. "Ed" Tunnicliff may be expressed online at <http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com>

Cemetery Details

Mt. Olivet Cemetery

Kewanee, IL

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY **11**. 10:00 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
108 E Central Blvd
Kewanee, IL 61443

Tribute Wall

SJ

“ I only met Ed a few years ago when he came to Ord, NE for the tribute to his coach Helmut Brockman. I knew immediately he was a special guy and consider it a privilege and honor to have met him. Ed was a true role model for others to follow. Like many of those who grew up during the Great Depression and WWII he carried himself with grace, dignity and loyalty to others. He will be missed but not forgotten.

Sid Jablonski - May 13, 2021 at 09:34 AM

MC

“ On behalf of Ed's church family at Heart of the Rockies Christian Church in Fort Collins, CO, we send our love and offer up our prayers as you remember and celebrate the gift of Ed's life. Ever the disciple, he even convinced some of our men to go fishing with him! We're grateful for the time we had together and for the promise of resurrection. Love, Melissa St. Clair, Senior Minister

Melissa R. St. Clair - May 11, 2021 at 06:48 PM

CS

I met Ed at Heart of the Rockies Christian Church and have known him for the last couple of years. I think of him often because he had a smile for those who came in through the front doors on Sunday morning. Ed also attended an Adult Education class that I had the honor to facilitate. He was quick with a thought that he often compared to fishing. I will miss him as we begin our indoor services in June.

Celeste Scott - May 16, 2021 at 12:48 PM

JR

“ *Ed May have been my step-grandfather but I loved him like blood. He is a saint and now has his wings to match.* ”



Jennifer Russell - May 10, 2021 at 09:44 PM