



## Edgar Allen Poe Jr.

November 16, 1949 - October 12, 2025

The world feels quieter without Edgar Allen Poe Jr. in it. A man whose presence could light up a room with laughter, steady any storm with calm, and make everyone feel seen and cared for, Ed passed away peacefully on October 12, 2025, surrounded by the family who loved him endlessly. Born on November 16, 1949, in Chicago, Illinois, Ed lived a life rich in purpose, humor, and love.

Ed lived his life with integrity and heart. He proudly served as a police officer and master firearms instructor, earning the respect of everyone who worked alongside him. His dedication made him a natural leader. He continued his career with Norfolk Southern, where he was admired for his strong work ethic, humility, and easy friendship.

For forty-five years, Ed shared a remarkable partnership with his wife, Mary. Together they built a life rooted in humor, resilience, and devotion. Their marriage was full of laughter, playful teasing, and quiet love — the kind that doesn't fade with time but grows deeper with every shared story and every small act of care. Family was at the heart of everything Ed did. He gave his children stability, joy, and the comfort of knowing they were deeply loved and never alone. He showed up in all the ways that mattered. Whether it was with a helping hand, a joke, or slow dancing in the living room, you could always count on him. He found joy in being a dad and grandpa, taking pride in every

milestone, every laugh, and every moment spent together.

Ed loved to sing and dance, especially with his kids and grandkids, who laughed at his goofy moves and sang along with his Motown music. He could turn an ordinary day into something memorable and made everyone around him feel lighter just by being there.

When he wasn't with his family, you could find Ed in his garage, hanging out with his pal Bruno, or at car shows with his 32 Ford Roadster. The garage was his happy place — a space filled with projects, music, and quiet moments of contentment.

Ed was loyal beyond measure. He was the kind of man who showed up without being asked, meant what he said, and could be counted on no matter what. He was the friend everyone wished they had, the father who always made things right, and the husband whose quiet strength held the family together. His loss leaves a space that cannot be filled, but his love and laughter will echo forever in the lives of those who were lucky enough to know him.

He is survived by his devoted wife, Mary Poe; his children, Eric, Stephanie (Rich), Sarah (Justin), and Emily (David); and his grandchildren, who brought him endless pride and joy. He is also remembered with love by extended family, lifelong friends, and all those whose lives he touched.

A celebration of Edgar's life will be held Wednesday, October 15, 2025, from 3 p.m. – 8 p.m. at Burns Funeral Home and Crematory, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN. His family invites everyone to honor his memory by sharing a story, a laugh, or a dance — just as he would have wanted. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com)



# Previous Events

## Time of Sharing

OCT **15**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (cst)

Burns Funeral Home & Crematory - Crown Point

10101 Broadway

Crown Point, IN 46307

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# Tribute Wall

SK

“ *Ed was a great guy with a great sense of humor. You always knew it would be fun if you were working with Ed. We are saddened by his loss and our condolences and prayers to his family.* ”

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**Steven Kirkman** - November 17, 2025 at 07:03 AM

BL

“ *My thoughts and prayers will be with you and your family!* ”

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**Bianca Lee** - October 15, 2025 at 01:50 PM

LM

“ *Luis, Rachel, & Margo purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Edgar Allen Poe Jr..* ”



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**Luis, Rachel, & Margo** - October 15, 2025 at 10:59 AM

VF

“ *Lance VLcek* ”

*I had the honor and privilege to have known and to work with him. He was a great individual who will be greatly missed.*

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**Vlcek family** - October 15, 2025 at 10:15 AM

DG

“ Ed was a special kind of friend. Always there to share a laugh with and always willing to offer a friendly ear. He was a great police officer who could calm the most chaotic situation and he could be counted upon to solve the most difficult problems. He was someone you could count on to always do the right thing. I will miss him very much and will fondly reflect on the memories I made with him. Our sympathies to Mary and the kids, I know he loved you all very much.

*With our deepest sympathy,  
The Gustafson Family*

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**Dale Gustafson** - October 14, 2025 at 08:48 PM

SG

“ Susan G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edgar Allen Poe Jr..

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**Susan G.** - October 14, 2025 at 03:28 PM

JD

“ I had the pleasure of working with Ed, for almost 20 years of my career with Norfolk Southern, whenever we rode together on patrol u knew u were in for a shift of laughter. As he was also the firearms/range instructor he never failed to bring a grill and supply great food. To the family ur in my families prayers: Rest in peace brother 🙏



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**Jimmie Daniels** - October 14, 2025 at 03:17 PM

JW

*100% Boss! Great post. I forgot about how Ed would do a huge cookout on range day. Great memories!*

Jeff Warren - October 14, 2025 at 09:09 PM

LP

“ *Love, Connecting Pieces purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Edgar Allen Poe Jr..*



Love, Connecting Pieces - October 14, 2025 at 02:02 PM

TF

“ *The Odle Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edgar Allen Poe Jr..*

The Odle Family - October 14, 2025 at 01:48 PM

TF

“ *The Odle Family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Edgar Allen Poe Jr..*



The Odle Family - October 14, 2025 at 01:48 PM

BA

“ *Bobbie Sue and Alex purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Edgar Allen Poe Jr..*



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**Bobbie Sue and Alex** - October 14, 2025 at 12:11 PM

JW

“ *Jeff and Debbie Warren purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Edgar Allen Poe Jr..*



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**Jeff and Debbie Warren** - October 14, 2025 at 11:42 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Edgar Allen Poe Jr..*



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October 14, 2025 at 11:18 AM

TS

“ *The Keisters (David, Julie...Annie & Seth) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edgar A. Poe Jr..*

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**The Keisters (David, Julie...Annie & Seth)** - October 13, 2025 at 06:16 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Edgar Allen Poe Jr..*



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October 13, 2025 at 06:16 PM



“ *Ken and Kristen Strunk planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edgar A. Poe Jr..*

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**Ken and Kristen Strunk** - October 13, 2025 at 04:22 PM



“ *Ken and Kristen Strunk purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Edgar Allen Poe Jr..*



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**Ken and Kristen Strunk** - October 13, 2025 at 04:22 PM