



Edward "Ed" George Korpella

May 30, 1947 - December 22, 2023

Ed Korpella, age 76 of Crown Point, IN, passed away suddenly on December 22, 2023. He was the loving husband of Lynn Hatch Phillips and the devoted Dad of Holly Korpella (Lazo Ilich) and Todd Korpella; cherished stepdad to Tracey Phillips, Jerry (Nancy) Phillips, Wendy (Chuck) Reeder, and Ted (Carrie) Phillips; proud Grandpa, Papa and Buddy to Lily & Payne Korpella, Tyler, Jayden, Brandon & Benji Phillips, Joshua & Maxwell Reeder. Ed is also survived by his brother, Joe (Pam) Korpella and brother-in-law, Bob Hatch; former spouse, Donna Korpella and several cousins, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ray & Lola Korpella and his brother, Ric Korpella. Ed coached both Little League and Pop Warner football teams when his children were younger. He started his working career as a millwright at the US Tubing Specialties (formerly Gary Tube Works). Ed worked himself up to a multicraft millwright while also getting involved in USS Local Union 2697. He served several positions in the union before becoming the president of Local Union 2697. The shutdown of the mill brought him to Lehigh Cement Company (formerly Atlas Cement) where he eventually became the Employee Relations Supervisor. He negotiated many contracts for Lehigh with their union. The shutdown of that plant then brought him to IMG Cement in Evansville where he was hired as Human Resource Manager and Safety Director. The closure of that company brought him back to the region where he became Facilities Manager for IHM, an outside contractor for Inland Steel Company, overseeing maintenance. Not to be outdone by yet another plant

closing, Ed embarked on his most rewarding position as an instructor for apprentices with ESW. After ESW was bought out by Crown Training he started his current job as a proctor who tested and instructed apprentices. Ed was especially proud of his four years of military service in the US Air Force where Sergeant Korpella served as a jet aircraft mechanic before becoming part of the Military Airlift Command in which his division was instrumental in the airlift of the 101st Airborne to Viet Nam. One of his life's proudest moments was being selected to go on an Honor Flight for veterans to Washington, DC in October of 2022. Ed was loved by everyone who met him. He volunteered with Lynn as Santa and his helper for several years for parties at Impact, enjoying every single minute entertaining the disabled community. Ed was also a member of the Cedar Lake Fish & Game Club. He volunteered in their booth in the Conservation building at the Lake County Fair for several years, eventually becoming the official Grandpa in Grandpa's fishing boat. Adults would bring their children by Ed to fish and they remembered Ed helping them to fish when they were kids. He loved attending his grandkids sporting events and giving them a dollar with a word of encouragement after every game. Ed's favorite times were spent with Lynn relaxing on the pontoon and trailer in Cedar Lake as well as fishing in Grand Rivers, KY, while visiting with friends he and Lynn made there. Ed was the most positive person in the world who always had a smile on his face. He would want you to say the Our Father prayer every night and have 8 o'clock tickle time on anyone within reach. A visitation will be held on Friday, December 29, 2023, from 1 p.m. until the time of funeral service at 5 p.m. at Burns Funeral Home and Crematory, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Ed's honor to Cedar Lake Fish & Game Club, PO Box 308, Cedar Lake, IN 46303, so more kids can enjoy Grandpa (Ed's) Fishing Boat. www.burnsfuneral.com

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **29**. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (cst)

Burns Funeral Home & Crematory - Crown Point
10101 Broadway
Crown Point, IN 46307
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info@burnsfuneral.com
<https://www.burnsfuneral.com/>

Funeral Service

DEC **29**. 5:00 PM (cst)

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Tribute Wall



“ Miss you Ed, you were a kind friend to me during the time we worked together. I never forgot it. Rest in Peace.

Alonzo Villarreal - April 05, 2025 at 10:05 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Edward "Ed" George Korpella.



December 28, 2023 at 01:58 PM



“ 4 files added to the album pops



Holly Korpella - December 28, 2023 at 01:37 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Edward "Ed" George Korpella.*



December 28, 2023 at 12:36 PM



“ *My dearest cousin Ed, I'm shocked and saddened by your passing. Growing up, I was the little cousin who only saw you at holiday gatherings, funerals and weddings and played with your kids. In the nearly 20 years since my mom passed, you became a constant presence in my own family's life. You shared birthdays, graduations and weddings and showed my boys the importance of family. You were a true gentleman and an example to them always, a cousin, uncle and grandfather figure. I never saw you without a smile on your face, and nothing made that smile brighter than your own children. Holly and Todd were always the light of your life and you were always so proud talking about them and their accomplishments. Whether it be catching a fish, graduating college, getting a new car or landing a dream job, everything was equally important to you. Your light became even brighter on the Crown Point Courtyard steps in June 2005 when Lynn became your official sidekick. Your love and true respect for each other is what most aspire to. Your presence is missed my me and my family, but you will live on always in the stories you told and times we shared. You had a life well lived, although not nearly long enough in my eyes. I hope we all continue to make you proud by loving each other and putting family first. All my love and deepest sympathy to all those who loved you and will miss you so much.*

Lisa Skiba

Lisa Skiba - December 27, 2023 at 09:00 AM

HK

Lovely. Thank you, Lisa. He loved you and your family so much. He was so proud of Matt and Anthony.

Holly Korpella - December 27, 2023 at 11:47 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Edward "Ed" George Korpella.*



December 27, 2023 at 08:29 AM

JS

“ *John, Lisa, Matt, Kara and Anthony Skiba planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward "Ed" George Korpella.*

John, Lisa, Matt, Kara and Anthony Skiba - December 27, 2023 at 08:29 AM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Edward "Ed" George Korpella.*



December 26, 2023 at 07:47 PM

FC

“ *Felicia C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward "Ed" George Korpella.*

Felicia C. - December 26, 2023 at 02:55 PM

RG

“ To the family and friends, so sorry for your loss.

Rest Easy Hero

Randy Gumkowski (INPGR)



Randy Gumkowski - December 26, 2023 at 02:02 PM

HK

Thank you.

Holly Korpella - December 26, 2023 at 07:37 PM

TO

I Love you Mr. Ed , you will truly be missed by be Mr. Ed! You are an awesome person.

Lynn I sending prayers of comfort to you my friend. God's will was to end this journey in this life ..But Jesus will return ,to claim His children at the sound of the trumpet the dead in Christ will rise first We shall see Mr. Ed again

Toni - December 27, 2023 at 12:13 AM

DR

*Lynn,
I pray for strength and comfort for you and your family.
Sincere condolences.
Dorothy Robinson*

Dorothy C Robinson - December 27, 2023 at 03:01 PM

PG

The stars will surely shine brighter with Ed watching from above. Our deepest condolences and sorrow for your loss. I will miss hearing that deep voice. Ed and Lynn you have been the best neighbor's that we could have been blessed with. Paul, Cathy, Nicholas, Nicole Groleau.

Paul Groleau - December 27, 2023 at 05:26 PM