



Edward G. McLaughlin

August 22, 1932 - May 1, 2021

The M Factor closed up shop today, after more than 60 years of unflinching service to anyone who needed help. "He could fix anything" is how he was spoken of by all who knew him. M Factor hallmarks included his unlimited patience, friendliness, care for others and extraordinary mechanical aptitude.

Edward G. (Eddie George) McLaughlin passed away peacefully Saturday, May 1, 2021, after a brief illness. He was 88. He is survived by his wife of 65 years Claudia (Polosky) and 4 children, Faith (Tom) Herrington, Ed (Beth) McLaughlin, Tim (Lisa) McLaughlin and Ken McLaughlin; 13 grandchildren, Heather (Carl), Mike (Ashley), Dan (Brittany), Rachel (Josh), Dave (Kristy) Steve, Nick, Megan (Mike), Kevin, Matt, Leo, Molly and Marcus. Ed and Claudia also love 7 great-grandchildren, Jaxon, Xander, Ronan, Wylder, Cambria, Kennedy and Payton. Also survived by his brother, Bob and wife Sally who reside in Tempe Arizona. He is also loved by a multitude of nieces and nephews.

For 40 years Dad blessed the railroad industry and Union Switch and Signal with uncommon intelligence, creativity, and work ethic, eventually earning the position of Director of Quality Assurance. During his tenure at "The Switch", he traveled the world and worked domestically on Chicago's "Loop", NYC Transit "MTA", San Francisco's "BART" and more. Dad had many patents, contractually submitted through USandS.

As a father, Dad shared in the interests of each of his children, science, music, sports, camping, hunting, canoeing and racing. He especially loved going to Indy in May, usually for the Time Trials. After the children were raised, and called by the company, Ed and Claudia moved to Columbia, South Carolina, where Dad realized his lifelong dream of learning to fly. Mom and Dad shared the tremendous challenge of VFR certification, both earning pilot licenses. They loved flying together, eventually home to Pittsburgh. His hobbies included concrete, clocks, computers, auto repair, and upgrading his kid's homes. After retirement, Mom and Dad returned to their Penn Hills home, where they enjoyed more than 20 years together.

Heaven must have needed lots of stuff fixed, so God called home his specialist. We will miss him greatly. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to Samaritan's Purse, Compassion International, or your local animal shelter.

Private family service to be held at a future date.

Comments



“ Ed was my boss at Union Switch and Signal in Batesburg SC for many years. He was the greatest boss ever. Claudia I am so sorry for your loss. We kept in touch through Facebook and he never told me he was ill. Prayers and love to the family, I am at a loss for words.

Debby Turner



Debby Turner - May 07, 2021 at 08:20 AM



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Ken McLaughlin - May 06, 2021 at 05:46 PM



“ missin' you in the mitten, aka Michigan.

Ken McLaughlin - May 06, 2021 at 06:14 PM



“ He won my heart in Pittsburgh and I will miss him much! - Lisa Marony

Lisa - May 06, 2021 at 06:23 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Edward G. McLaughlin.



May 05, 2021 at 03:33 PM



“ Prayers to his family. Rip Ed and Bethann



john and kathleen poole - May 05, 2021 at 08:57 AM



“ Dear Claudia and Family,

I was so sorry to hear about Eddie George's passing. I have wonderful memories of growing up with Ed and visiting with his family at their home in Brookline. I saw my first TV program at his house and played pool in the game room and the red leather piano that was down their. We had great family picnics at the shelter that my Dad and yours built on the lot next to our home in Glenshaw. Your Mom, Elizabeth spent her last few months staying at our home before she passed away from Cancer. I have great memories of many Christmas visiting at each other's homes. Your 50 th Wedding Anniversary party was a blast I hope that you have as many wonderful memories to carry you through the difficult days ahead as I do of Eddie. You were so supportive of our family when my parents passed away. I extend my most sincere sympathy at your loss and we know that Ed is rejoicing with his creator in heaven probably fixing all the broken things up there. Sincerely Cousin Jim Walsh.

James R Walsh - May 05, 2021 at 02:30 AM



“ Ed and Beth,

Please except our sincere condolences on the death of the magnificent M Factor I never knew anyone as smart as he, and don't think I ever will. Such a patient man always in a good mood. Our hearts and prayers go out to you and the entire family. Please extend our sympathy to your Mom.

Love, Debbie & Art Morrell

Debbie Morrell - May 05, 2021 at 10:48 AM



“ Ed was the GoTo man of our neighborhood. No matter what we needed, he had the supplies and expertise to fix whatever the problem may be. My grandfather's clock is still working and keeping accurate time due to Ed's intervention. Our community was so very fortunate to have had his presence among us over the years. He was a wonderful friend and he will be so missed. Our loss is Heaven's gain. Peace and love to his family.



Shirley McClure - May 04, 2021 at 06:09 PM



“ Dear Cousin Ed, Sorry to learn of your departure from earth to your heavenly Father. Reading your obituary makes me realize what a wonderful life and legacy you have shared during your earthly journey. May you be filled with rays of sunshine and heavenly peace, surrounded by your family. We are all heading toward that reward as our days of pain and ill health overtakes us in our elderly years. Your loving cousin, Lorraine and Joe Kessler

Joe and Lorraine Kessler - May 04, 2021 at 04:16 PM



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Kenneth L McLaughlin - May 04, 2021 at 12:24 PM



“ Very sweet and special people! Blessings and comfort to you all.

DEBRA FLOWERS - May 04, 2021 at 04:15 PM