



## Edward Ralph "Ed" Gutzmer

August 21, 1934 - December 13, 2020

Edward R. "Eddie" Gutzmer Jr., 86, died on Sunday, December 13, 2020, at Good Shepherd Health Care Center, Mason City, IA.

A private Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Joseph Catholic Church of Epiphany Parish, Mason City, IA with Fr. Josh Link as Celebrant. Burial will take place at Memorial Park Cemetery in Mason City, IA.

Per Eds wishes his body has been cremated and no visitation will be held.

Ed was born August 21, 1934, in Hankinson, ND, the son of Edward Sr. and Alice (Sandow) Gutzmer. He graduated from Rockwell High School in 1953. After graduation he served his country proudly in the Army for 3 years. Ed dedicated 43 years of his life to Wayne Feed as a director of Condimentor Grain Co. In 1961 Ed met the love of his life, Marge Vavrik at a dance at the Surf Ballroom in Clear Lake, IA. In 1963 the couple got married in Duncan, IA, from this union four children were born.

In his free time Ed enjoyed bowling, golfing, fishing, hunting, and especially playing cribbage. Ed loved being his seven grandchildren's biggest supporter at each sporting and academic event. Once a month Ed and Marge would go to a casino on bus trips, making lots of memories and meeting great people.

Those left to cherish memories of Ed are his wife of 57 years, Marge; children, Mark (Joan) Gutzmer of Minneapolis, MN, Michelle (Kent) Grandgendett of Des Moines, IA, Kevin (Angela) Gutzmer of Jordan, MN, and Stephanie (Phil) Colon of Des Moines, IA; grandchildren, Helena Gutzmer, August Gutzmer, Megan (Ben) Russell, Max Grandgendett, Emilee Gutzmer, Daniel Gutzmer and Thomas Gutzmer; sisters, Patsey and Rita; as well as numerous nieces, nephews and great friends.

Ed is preceded in death by his parents; an infant brother; and sisters, Shirley, Verla and Karen.



# Cemetery

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## **Memorial Park Cemetery**

11495 265th St.

Mason City, IA, 50401

# Comments

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“ Ed was the sweetest guy ever. He always had a cheerful greeting and a gruff humorous demeanor. He would bark and then meow revealing his kind manner. Wonderful memories of holidays with the Gutzmer family, meeting Ed and Marge at any time in Mason City. Impromptu and always joyful. He was a mythic figure and has a special place in our hearts, and a special ROOM in my basement. Love Stevo

**Stevenancy Brissee** - December 19, 2020 at 10:44 PM

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“ Michelle and family Ed was the best working with him at Wayne feeds or having a beer at the Pastime. My thoughts are with you.

**Mike Urdahl** - December 17, 2020 at 05:13 AM

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“ Marge, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Ed was such a great guy and I always loved seeing him and talking with him in the short time our lives crossed paths when I was working with you. Both of you made an impact on my life.

John Lindsay

**John C Lindsay** - December 16, 2020 at 06:36 PM

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“ Dear Marge and kids,  
I am saddened to read of Ed's passing. The Gutzmers were a Monroe family. Dad was proud of the "Studs" that I worked with in sports, Stephanie and Kevin. Good kids raised by good parents.

Sincerely,

Bob Johnson

(Mr. Johnson to you)

**Bob Johnson** - December 16, 2020 at 06:29 PM

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“ We remember with fondness Ed as he would always accompany Marge every last Monday of each month to Kentucky Ridge Assisted Living for a Piano hour. Several of our tenants knew of Ed and Marge years before...mostly neighbors who enjoyed his and her company. God Bless,  
Staff and Tenants of Kentucky Ridge Assisted Living

**Terri Atkinson** - December 16, 2020 at 04:31 PM

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“ I will always remember the North Adams parties. Ed and Marg always there to liven the festivities.  
With deepest sympathy

Jay and Sheila Boyle

**Jay and Sheila Boyle** - December 15, 2020 at 07:10 PM

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“ Marge, Mark, Michelle, Kevin and Stephanie; Ed was such a special guy. Larger than life with an amazing laugh. So many memories with your family with baseball games, singing, all of your remodeling projects. Ed always kept going even when he could have given up. He will be missed

**Kathy Boyle** - December 15, 2020 at 05:36 PM

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“ Marge, I am sorry to hear of Ed's death. Please know you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. What memories you have to cherish and help you through this time. RIP, Ed. Former neighbor, Pat Dixon



**Pat Dixon** - December 15, 2020 at 05:16 PM

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“ Largest sorry to hear of Ed’s passing. Hugs

**Doris Heitland Perau** - December 15, 2020 at 04:13 PM