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Edward Michael Gormley, 83, of Palm Coast, FL passed away at AdventHealth Medical Center in Palm Coast in the presence of his family following a medical emergency at his home the previous day. Ed was born in Detroit, Michigan on March 19, 1940, the younger son of Jack and Evelyn Gormley.

Ed attended Campion Jesuit High School in Prairie du Chien, WI with his older brother, John, from 1954 - 1958 where he excelled at sports, particularly football. He later attended the University of Detroit ("The Big D") after which he served in the U.S. Army in Germany as a Lieutenant from 1963 – 1965.

Ed married Sharon Hunt of Gross Pointe Woods, MI on June 15, 1963 in Germany and they started their family there with the births of daughters Janet Marie (m. McLaughlin) in 1964 and Patricia Ann (m. Cartwright) in 1965. Upon their return to the U.S., Ed was employed with the Ford Motor Company in Dealership Development, briefly in Detroit, then in San Jose, CA where daughter Kathleen Mary (m. Ouellette) and son Edward Michael, Jr. were born, and finally in Acton, MA where daughter Elizabeth Marguerite was born. Ed then spent five years with Hyundai Motor Corp. of America in Cranberry, NJ, living in nearby Colts Neck, NJ, before finishing his automobile career with Morande Acura in Berlin, CT, living in Glastonbury, CT from 1992 before retiring to Palm Coast, FL in 2004.

Ed played a great game of golf and loved watching all sports. While living in Glastonbury, CT, he and Sharon became rabid fans of the UConn Lady Huskies basketball program and travelled the country to watch them play in several national championships. He would occasionally hire graduating senior players to do promotional work for the car dealership and his office was literally a shrine to the Lady Huskies basketball program, with life-size cardboard cut-outs of star players and lots of tournament memorabilia.

Ed had a mischievous sense of humor that entertained friends and family and, occasionally, complete strangers. He was extremely grateful to have married "his beautiful Sharon" and was



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proud of his five adult children and ten grandchildren through whose lives he lived vicariously. Janet McLaughlin and husband, Keith, of Wrentham, MA, Patricia Cartwright and husband, Andrew, of Ridgefield, CT, Kathleen Ouellette and husband, Matthew, of South Berwick, ME, Edward Gormley, Jr. of Winthrop, MA, and Elizabeth Gormley of Provincetown, MA. Grandchildren Matthew McLaughlin, Jake McLaughlin, Aidan McLaughlin, Stephen Cartwright, Emily Cartwright, Madeline Cartwright, Grace Cartwright, Emma Ouellette, and Samuel Ouellette. Ed was predeceased by his grandson, Brian Patrick McLaughlin in Norfolk, MA in 2001.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be said at Santa Maria del Mar Catholic Church, 915 North Central Avenue, Flagler Beach, FL on Thursday March 30, 2023 at 11 am. Donations in his memory can be made to Tunnels to Towers Foundation at: <https://t2t.org/donate/>

Heritage Funeral and Cremation Service of Bunnell, FL is assisting the family with arrangements.



Events


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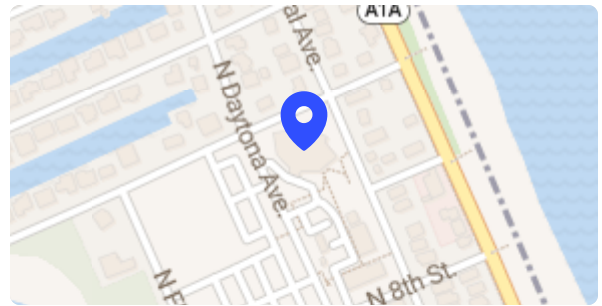
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Mass of Christian Burial

 **Thursday**, March 30, 2023

 11:00 AM ET

 **Santa Maria del Mar Catholic Church**
915 N. Central Ave, Flagler Beach FL 32136





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Vicky Cantlin posted:

Sharon and family, I just found out about Ed and send heartfelt sympathy to you all. He was one of my all time favorite bosses at Ford Motor Boston Region and brought a sense of humor making it fun to work. We have fond memories of parties and get togethers ... but most of all his uncanny ability to be liked by everyone is what I will remember most. May he rest in peace. Vicky Cantlin

May 13 at 5:38 AM



Robert E Dietrich posted:

I just saw this, and to Sharon and all of her girls I am deeply saddened to learn this. My memories harken back to Washington Drive, and Ed's joy for life. As a candle lights another to illuminate a darkened room, may one fond memory gather another to keep Ed alive in our minds and hearts forever.

May 11 at 3:55 AM



Jim Bishop posted:

A true character and I know I speak for the entire Campion Jesuit High School Class of 1958 in saying he was one of our best. How he made officer in the ROTC and then in our US Army will always be a mystery. We will miss his daily opines on the state of our country and, of course, many other humorous subjects. Ed never missed a reunion where he would remind all of us of his athletic and academic accomplishments. Our most sincere condolences to Sharon and family. Ed will be missed by many!

April 1 at 11:01 AM



Anonymous sent a Mrs. Fields Crimson Nibbler Trunk to the Gormley family.



March 30 at 5:48 PM



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SG

Sparky (John Gormley) lit a candle in honor of Edward.

I have many great memories of my Uncle Ed, from early on in California with fruit you could pick in the back yard, to Ed and Sharon visiting my home just a few years ago. He always remembered the nickname he gave me from when I was little (Sparky). At the time I wasn't sure if it was because he couldn't remember my actual name, but since I come up with nicknames for my own nieces and nephews now... thanks for the idea Uncle Ed!



March 30 at 4:16 AM

MK

Mary Kelleher posted:

So sorry for your loss. I have such fond memories from our California years when Ed and Sharon were our best friends and our kids were so little. I remember how much fun we had at the "little " cottage we went to in Carmel and the first thing Ed checked out was the Mass times- never missed! Most of all I remember how he loved his family and how he always fixed Sharon's coffee every morning

March 30 at 1:46 AM

BK

Betty Kitz posted:

Charlie and I shared many fun events with Sharon and Ed after meeting them in San Jose in the early 70s. Many parties at their house and at ours! Then visits with them in Acton and they visiting us in Pebble Beach .Ed will certainly be missed. Sorry we can't be in Florida but all will be in our prayers. RIPBetty Kitz

March 29 at 2:49 PM

CK

Charles Kitz posted:

How do you adequately say goodbye to a 50 year relationship with an unforgettable character? Ed was my best friend and mentor when we were together at the Ford San Jose district office. That started a close relationship these many years and an appreciative admiration of his unparalleled sense of humor and joie de vivre. More importantly, he was a man of intense integrity and moral foundation. He was kind, generous, compassionate and someone whose word you could trust. There are no words that can fully console his wife and family except for them to know that he is now in the arms of his loving Savior. I always marveled at his daily emails and while I may miss them, I will miss him even more. Charlie Kitz

March 29 at 12:14 PM



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DG

Donna Grady posted:

My heartfelt condolences to you, Sharon, and your loving family. Eternal rest grant unto him, dear Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon him....Donna Grady

March 29 at 8:49 AM

JG

John Gormley posted:

We were so very sorry to hear of the death of my brother Ed yesterday. My wife Nancy and all of our family send our sincere sympathy to his family. So many Ed Gormley memories!!! for sure. Wish we could be in FL to say goodbye tomorrow...but we will be with you in spirit. Count on that. Our sincere sympathy and prayers 🙏

March 29 at 7:17 AM

AS

Al Smith posted:

Ed and I were best friends at Campion, playing football, basketball and baseball together. In fact, they had to throw us out of the gym because we played endless games of HORSE. The next day we may have had a game against, say, Loras and combined we scored, for example 40 points. We saw each other fairly recently and spoke on the phone regularly. In both cases Ed cracked me up, as always, with his observations about the current administration in Washington, D.C. Sadly, tomorrow I have a CCD class to prepare 7th/8th graders to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and cannot get to the Mass for him. But I'm praying for Ed right now and telling Jesus that I loved Ed and know he is with our Savior at this very moment.

March 29 at 6:55 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Edward by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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