



Moss Edward Magers

March 26, 1945 - June 14, 2024

Moss Edward (Ed) Magers, 79 years old, crossed safely into home on June 14, 2024, in Carbondale, IL, after one grand slam of a life.

Ed was born March 26, 1945, in Paxton, IL, to Robert and Evelyn Carlon Magers. He grew up in Rankin, where he excelled in sports for the Rankin Rangers.

Following graduation, he embarked on a career with GTE. This career spanned 35 years and would take him to Paxton, Jacksonville, Carbondale, Bloomington, (where he met the love of his life Theresa). They eloped on Dec 4, 1985. And finally the last stop before his 1999 retirement in Irving, Tx. They moved back to Carbondale in 2013 to their beloved lake home.

Ed and Theresa enjoyed nearly 30 years of marriage, travel, spending time at their lakeside home, taking in winters on South Padre Island, feeding hummingbirds, and stopping at every “Hysterical” Marker on every two-lane road. If there was a plate lunch special, he knew where to find it. Ed and Theresa blended two families seamlessly, neither one of them knew the word “step” and both competed for the title of “Grand Champion baby hog.”

Ed was one of the only people that got busier during retirement. He became active in the Texas Sons of the American Legion, where he became State

Commander and re-engaged his passion for baseball being the Texas American Legion State Baseball Tournament Director, a job he signed up for one year but did for ten. He took great joy in helping to coordinate and execute the Rankin High School alumni banquet where everyone knew him as "Eddie".

He was a lifelong Dodger fan. The world got a little darker when they left Brooklyn, but he stuck with them. If there was a baseball stat, he knew it; if it was useless trivia, he was your guy. If being able to recite every episode of Perry Mason was an Olympic Sport, he was a Gold medal winner.

Ed is survived by children, Bob Magers (Tabitha Renfrow), Dawn (Victor)York, Doug Erickson (Janice Dunnagan), Suzanne (Mike) Peterson, Marc (Kelly) Magers, Glen (Victoria) Thompson, Gregg (Ann) Thompson, Jodi Thompson, and Dan Gobert (Son-in-law); sisters, Bobbi (Kenny) Kult, Lynn Magers, Michelle (John) Ingold; 17 Grandchildren, 8 Great Grandchildren, Friend Nancy Welzen, and 9 million Hummingbirds.

He was preceded in death by wife Theresa, his parents Robert & Evelyn Carlon Magers, a sister Theresa Judy, a daughter Jill Gobert and grandchildren Brooke Meckley, Harley York and Reuben York.

Special thank you to his daughter Suzanne, who was his tireless companion, chauffeur and advocate over the last several years.

A visitation will be held on Saturday, June 22, 2024, from 11:00 a.m. until the funeral service at 12:30 p.m., at Cox-Knapp Funeral Home in Rankin (130 N. Main St). A graveside service will follow at Rankin Union Cemetery.

Memorials may be directed to the American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund.

Cemetery Details

Rankin Union Cemetery

E 4200 N Rd
Rankin, IL 60960

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 22. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

Cox-Knapp Funeral Home
130 North Main Street
Rankin, IL 60960

Funeral Service

JUN 22. 12:30 PM (CT)

Cox-Knapp Funeral Home
130 North Main Street
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Tribute Wall

KK

“ *Katie K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Moss Edward Magers.*

Katie K. - June 21, 2024 at 01:02 PM

LL

“ *We are among the many who will miss the larger than life personality of Ed. We cherish the memory of receiving Ed and Theresa's company, when they wheeled up to our California home in their oversized rented Lincoln Towncar. The only thing missing was the bull horns on the hood. Rest in peace now Ed. We made a donation to the American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund. -Linda and Jim LoBue*

Linda and Jim LoBue - June 20, 2024 at 09:28 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Moss Edward Magers.*



June 20, 2024 at 07:24 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Moss Edward Magers.*



June 20, 2024 at 05:24 PM

MM

“ THE CLASS OF 1963 LOST A GREAT CLASSMATE. WHEN MY FAMILY MOVED TO RANKIN FROM EAST LYNN MY FIRST CONTACT WAS EDDIE IN THE 6TH GRADE AND WE BECAME GOOD FRIENDS EVER SINCE. TO SAY THE LEAST. WE KEPT IN TOUCH ALL THESE YEARS. .TO THE MAGERS FAMILY YA'LL LOST A GREAT MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY AND I LOST A GREAT FRIEND. GOD BLESS YA'LL!

MIKE MCNEELY - June 20, 2024 at 01:36 PM

AO

Eddie was a good solid man , walked strait ,talked strait , look u in the eye , made u feel appreciated & remembered . He is missed . R.I.P. MR.EDDIE MAGERS .

Alley lynn oop - June 20, 2024 at 09:34 PM

CK

*So sorry to hear of Ed passing - Mike and I had so many fun times with Ed and Teresa back in the old GTE days - they both knew how to have a good time.
Mike and Cathy Kuritz*

Cathy Kuritz - June 21, 2024 at 09:26 PM

JM

“ *I am so sorry to hear that Eddy passed. Eddie and I saw each other a few times in Irving, TX. We both worked for GTE at the time. What a pleasant surprise to walk down a hallway and look over to see Eddie.*

John Mikalik - June 20, 2024 at 10:15 AM

KW

“ Kelly Foreman and Wayne purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Moss Edward Magers.



Kelly Foreman and Wayne - June 19, 2024 at 11:23 AM

TS

“ Team Stiff purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Moss Edward Magers.



Team Stiff - June 19, 2024 at 10:36 AM

JC

“ Jay, Deb, George, and Minnie Cassill purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Moss Edward Magers.



Jay, Deb, George, and Minnie Cassill - June 19, 2024 at 10:13 AM

DR

“ David/Karen Magers, Jackie Rademaker purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Moss Edward Magers.



David/Karen Magers, Jackie Rademaker - June 19, 2024 at 09:27 AM

CF

“ Christina F. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Moss Edward Magers.

Christina F. - June 18, 2024 at 06:02 PM

HA

“ Heather Austin planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Moss Edward Magers.

Heather Austin - June 18, 2024 at 05:55 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Moss Edward Magers.



June 18, 2024 at 05:55 PM

VE

“ Sending condolences to family and friends.
Sincerely, Vickie Ellis



Vickie Ellis - June 18, 2024 at 05:27 PM