



Edwyn (Ed) Curtis

May 19, 1946 - November 20, 2023

Edwyn Curtis, age 77, of Holland, passed away on Monday, November 20, 2023, after a short battle with liver cancer.

Ed was a devoted husband and father; a cheerful man, he was famous for his puns, good-natured kidding, and quick wit. After moving to the Holland area, Ed, a PhD Chemist, worked at and retired from Parke-Davis after 25 years. Ed was an accomplished clarinet player, playing for the Holland American Legion Band, Zeeland Community Band, and Green Valley Concert Band in Arizona. Not only did he love to play, but he was also passionate about mentoring young musicians and supporting youth music programs in the Holland, MI and Tucson, AZ areas.

Ed is survived by his wife of 53 years, Kristine; daughter, Emilie (Randy) Duncan; granddaughters: Elizabeth Duncan, Abigail Duncan; brother, Michael (Joy) Curtis; stepmother, Sue Barton-Harris; siblings-in-law: James (Therese) Solsbury, Kathleen Solsbury, Robert Solsbury; nieces, nephews, and great nieces.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Myron & Pencie (Clawson) Curtis; and his brother, Sanford Curtis.

A Celebration of Life Reception will be held from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. on

Saturday, December 16, 2023 at Langeland-Sterenbergh Funeral Home, 315 E. 16th St. Holland. A private family burial will take place in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield, MI. To continue Ed's passion for music, memorial contributions may be given to the:

Holland American Legion Band, 100 S. Pine St. Suite 172, Zeeland

Zeeland Community Band, 16516 Quincy Street, Holland

Green Valley Concert Band, 1250 W. Continental Road, Green Valley, AZ 85622.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Reception

DEC **16**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Langeland-Sterenberg Funeral Home

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Tribute Wall



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Edwyn (Ed) Curtis.*



December 15, 2023 at 10:30 AM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Edwyn (Ed) Curtis.*



December 13, 2023 at 04:34 PM



“ *Your team at The Boling Insurance Group planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edwyn (Ed) Curtis.*

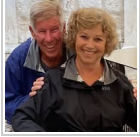
Your team at The Boling Insurance Group - December 11, 2023 at 11:52 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Edwyn (Ed) Curtis.*



December 11, 2023 at 11:52 AM



“ I loved sitting next to Ed on Tuesdays during practice for the Voyager dance band. His quick wit and rotten jokes are some of my favorite memories. He was a great clarinet player and an encouraging friend. Voyager will be less special without him.

Larry Rauh - December 08, 2023 at 12:22 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Edwyn (Ed) Curtis.



December 04, 2023 at 10:40 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Edwyn (Ed) Curtis.



December 01, 2023 at 06:04 PM

WM

“ Dear Kris, Emily and family, lived Ed's quick wit. His musical accomplishments and knowledge will be something I will treasure. Family and music were his loves. The B-flat and Bass just sang when he played them. I was looking forward to seeing a familiar face at Green Valley CB in AZ this winter, as he encouraged me to come check them out. May you be wrapped in love of family, cherished memories and peace from our Heavenly Father during this difficult time.

Wanda Michmerhuizen, fellow band clarinetist

Wanda Michmerhuizen - December 01, 2023 at 02:13 PM

JS

“ Ed was a wonderful clarinetist. I especially enjoyed learning about the various new clarinet "gadgets" that he had discovered.

Jack Slater - November 21, 2023 at 03:36 PM

JS

“ 1 file added to the album *Blue Lake*



Jack Slater - November 21, 2023 at 03:29 PM

JB

“ Dear Kris, my neighbor across the street here at The Bay at the Voyager complex in Tucson. Receiving your phone call about your husband Ed's passing yesterday, it's hard to forget someone who gave me so much to remember. Both of you were able to help me with my husband Glenn while in hospice care suffering from cancer. Ed was an amazing, talented person. I enjoyed a conversation with him, especially his spin on delicate subjects. I appreciated the invitations to his music concerts at Green Valley. I'll miss our time together. Ed had a remarkable life. Love never dies. Ed will always be with you. Someone so special can never be forgotten. Love,
June Brownlee.

June Brownlee - November 21, 2023 at 01:19 PM

AJ

“ Enjoyed knowing Ed as Kris's husband as they enjoyed life at the Voyager in Tucson. His smile working the Salvation Army Toy Drive and his joy in playing in Green Valley. Rest in peace

Alice Jelly - November 20, 2023 at 11:32 PM