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Edwin Bailey Perry Jr., a cherished husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend, passed away peacefully on April 13, 2024, in Lewes, Delaware, at the age of 87. Born on January 6, 1937, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Edwin was a man whose life was marked by dedication, love, and a remarkable zest for life.

After graduating from McDonogh High School in 1955, Edwin furthered his education at Lehigh University, where he earned both a bachelor's degree and an engineering degree. His academic achievements laid the foundation for a successful career at Alcoa, where he served in senior management for three decades. Edwin's professional acumen was further recognized when he took on the role of President at the RBCC, where he led with integrity and vision.

Edwin's contributions to his community were numerous. As a 32nd degree Mason, he was a respected member of the Jefferson Masonic Lodge in Lewes, Delaware. His commitment to service and excellence was evident in every aspect of his life, including his passion for beekeeping. Edwin took great pride in his last harvest, yielding an impressive 52 pounds of honey, a testament to his skill and dedication to the craft.

Family was the cornerstone of Edwin's life. He is survived by his loving wife of many years, Elaine Cynthia Perry, and their devoted children: daughter Elizabeth Ross and her husband Frank of Coconut Creek, Florida; daughter Marian Sundstrom and her husband Geoff of Lewes, Delaware; and son David C. Perry and his wife Tina, also of Lewes, Delaware. Edwin's legacy continues through his cherished granddaughters, Jordan Perry and her significant other Doug McGirk of Magnolia, Delaware; Alec Goglio and her husband Mark of Tampa, Florida; Lindsey Donovan and her husband Casey of Milford, Delaware; and grandsons Frank Ross Jr., Robert Ross and Michael Alonso. His great-grandchildren, Ryann Perry, Rylee Donovan, and Calder Goglio will grow up hearing stories of their great-grandfather's love and kindness. Edwin was predeceased by his parents, Edwin Bailey Perry Sr. and Marian Grace Perry.



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Edwin was a man of many talents and interests. He was an avid golfer, a lover of swimming, and had a deep appreciation for science and gardening. His ability to dance the waltz with grace and elegance was matched only by his prowess in the kitchen as a brilliant chef. Edwin's love for German Shepherd dogs was well known, and he delighted in showing them at nursing homes, bringing joy to many. As a member of the choir at Conley's United Methodist Church, his voice was a testament to his faith and love for music. In his younger years, Edwin's competitive spirit shone through in his wrestling endeavors, a sport he approached with the same dedication he applied to all areas of his life.

Those who knew Edwin would describe him as loving, kind, and generous. His warm presence and the genuine care he had for those around him were the hallmarks of his character. Edwin's life was a beautiful tapestry woven with the threads of his passions, his achievements, and most importantly, the love he shared with his family and friends.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to Delaware Hospice in Edwin's name at <http://www.delawarehospice.org/donate/>

or

Conley's United Methodist Church, 33106 Jolyns Way Lewes, Delaware 19958

Please sign Edwin's Tribute page located on this site.



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MT

Mary & Merv Thomas posted:

Ed is our brother-in-law whom Merv & I loved deeply. Merv & Ed played many Member Guest golf tournaments @ Rehoboth Beach Country Club.

April 24 at 6:29 PM

CE

Carole & Charlie Edgar posted:

So sorry hear that our good neighbor Mr Perry has passed. Will miss seeing him ride down the street with his beloved dogs. But I know all his past dogs will meet him at the gates of heaven! You will be missed.

April 19 at 7:24 AM

RL

Ron Liptak posted:

Will miss Ed's friendship--loving brother-in law--smiling face--great chief and an amazing host--great devoted golfer--fellow dog lover--till we meet again,Ron Liptak

April 18 at 6:43 PM

JK

Jim Killion posted:

So sad to get this news. Ed was in a class all his own when it came to caring, sense of humor and community. He dedicated many hours to making Rehoboth Beach Country Club the great place it is. He dedicated many hours in business to making a difference in his community. My deepest condolences to Elaine and family. He leaves a large hole in this world by his departure. We can all hope that we live up to his example.

April 18 at 12:12 PM



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LJ

Lori Jester posted:

So sorry to hear this. Always thought the best of Ed. He will surely be missed by many. When are his services?

April 18 at 5:48 AM

RK

Ron Kegarise April 19 at 7:14 AM

My heart goes out to Elaine and the family. Ed n I worked together for many years to help Alcoa grow and improve. Ed's wit, passion and enthusiasm inspired us all. He will always be one of my heroes. God BlessRon Kegarise

JA

Joanne Andrews posted:

I am so sorry to hear of Ed's passing my thoughts and prayers are with you all

April 18 at 5:22 AM

TA

Tammyburton posted:

I first met Mr. Perry "Ed" and his wife "E" while working in Banking at Long Neck while they owned YNS Store and Liquor Store and little did I know that years later, I would be neighbors of his and Elaine's. I will cherish all of the memories of him. Sincerest Sympathies to all of the Perry family. TammyBurton

April 16 at 12:37 PM

RS

Ron Stitely April 18 at 6:56 AM

Ed was a good friend and a good man. I met Ed at Conley's Methodist Church and always enjoyed his company. We played a few rounds of golf together, very enjoyable and a competitive man. I will miss Ed & Elaine singing together, but most of all I will miss his friendship and his smile. RIP dear friend & GOD bless you ! 🌹



Memories only last if you share them

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



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