



## Charles "PD" Edward Lirely

March 26, 1947 - September 6, 2015

Charles Edward "PD" Lirely peacefully passed, surrounded by his loving family at home on Sunday, September 6, 2015, at 8 a.m. after a long valiant battle with cancer.

Ed was a loving husband, father, grandfather, uncle, and friend to all. He always put his family before himself.

His wit, kindness, courage, and selflessness was admired by many. He enjoyed the camaraderie of all his fellow co-workers through out the years and it was an honor for him to work with such a fine group of men and women.

He was passionate about the sport of racing and spent many years with the Bateman Racing Team. His passion extended to building go carts for his grandchildren.

Ed served in the U.S. Navy from 1967 to 1970 proudly defending our country during his two tours of duty in Vietnam.

Mr. Lirely was a member of the United Association of Plumber and Pipefitters Local # 160 in Murphysboro, the First Lutheran Church, the American Legion Post # 127, and the V.F.W. Post # 7190.

He was born on March 26, 1947, in Murphysboro, to Ivan B. Lirely and Daisy (Allen) Lirely.

United in marriage to Judith Held on August 21, 1965, at the First Lutheran Church, they just celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Besides his wife, Judy, he is survived by his daughter Jill (Jim) Sweatman of St. Cloud, FL, his son Reid (Leah) Lirely of Long Beach, CA;

his grandson U.S. Marine Corps Cpl. Zach Sweatman; his granddaughter Rebecca Sweatman of Orlando, FL:

a sister in law Kay Lirely of Murphysboro; nephews, nieces, and his loyal companion Nell.

He was preceded in death by infant twin daughters Amy and Allison in January of 1966, his parents and his brother Ivan B. Lirely.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, September 12, 2015, at the First Lutheran Church and burial will be held at Pleasant Grove Memorial Park with military services conducted by the American Legion Paul Stout Post # 127. Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday at Pettett Funeral Home and from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the church. Memorials may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital. For more information, please visit [www.pettettfuneralhome.com](http://www.pettettfuneralhome.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ Crain Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Charles "PD" Edward Lirely



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**Crain Funeral Home** - September 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Charles "PD" Edward Lirely

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October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ We send prayers for the family at their loss. We did not know Mr. Lirely, but have read what a wonderful person he was and the many lives he touched with his presence. We have the pleasure of enjoying one of the great gifts he brought to this world, his daughter Jill. May God be close and reveal His love for you as you go forward.

*Psalm 121*

*Rob and Julie Ennis*

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**Rob and Julie Ennis** - September 11, 2015 at 12:03 PM

DB

“ *Jill and Jim Sweatman, and Judy Lirely,  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this painful time!  
Jill, I know how much you loved your dad, and Judy Lirely, to lose  
the love of your life after fifty years of marriage has to be  
heartbreaking! Just know many people are praying for you, and I  
pray that the peace and comfort of God is felt in your heart and soul  
💖 Jill, I love you! Please give your mom my love and heartfelt  
prayer 🙏💖  
Love, Diane and Bob Baker*

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**Diane and Bob Baker** - September 11, 2015 at 12:35 AM

DS

“ *I will always cherish the memories of our  
happy childhood adventures at Grandpa's or  
Uncle Lew's or your house before we moved  
away. I am so grateful that you had 50 years  
with the love of your life and had a beautiful  
family who loved you so very much. Rest in peace, Eddie, knowing  
you were a wonderful cousin and playmate, and will never, ever, be  
forgotten.*



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**Denise & Barney Spielman** - September 10, 2015 at 02:11 AM

BH

“ Ed is my 2nd cousin that I have known and admired since I was about 8 or 10 years old. My family use to visit him and Judy and their family many times in Murphysboro throughout the years, it was a great time. I always looked up to Ed, knowing about and hearing stories of his service in the US Navy and he was always so kind and "NICE" to everyone that I saw him come in contact with..and talk about make you laugh, he was very witty and quick to make you laugh about things in the past and in the present..always had that smile on his face that you see here and have seen many times in the past...my wife, Rita and I have gotten to know him more over the past few years with trips to see him and Judy, he was fun to be around and ALWAYS made you feel welcome...yes, we will miss your physical presence ED, but you will be in our hearts forever! Keepem Smiling in Heaven!!

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**Bret Hill** - September 09, 2015 at 12:57 PM

GS

“ Gareth and I have many wonderful memories of times with Ed and Judy. We share a mutual love of our grandkids, Zach and Becca...the sparkle in Ed's eyes when he was with them said it all. God's gifts are priceless and His salvation offered to each of us is immeasurable. May the generous giver of eternal life be your comfort, Judy, Jill and Reid. Your pain is deep, but God's love is strong and very deep. Praying for you and all of your family and friends.

With love,  
Carole Sweatman

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**Gareth & Carole Sweatman** - September 09, 2015 at 10:14 AM