



Edward Herman Birkner III

December 9, 1951 - August 25, 2023

IN MEMORY OF:

EDWARD HERMAN BIRKNER, III

Serving Location:

CRAIN PLEASANT GROVE-MURDALE FUNERAL HOME

31 Memorial Drive (Old Route 13), Murphysboro, Illinois

Edward Herman Birkner, III, age 71 of Murphysboro, passed away Friday, August 25, 2023 in his home.

He was born December 9, 1951 in Carbondale to Edward and Marian (Hauser) Birkner, II.

Edward had taught at Pinckneyville High School as a Science and Chemistry teacher. He had also worked for the Illinois Department of Corrections – Menard for thirteen years.

He was a member of the Key Club during his high school years at Murphysboro High School.

Edward loved fishing, traveling, motorcycle riding, taking his son to movies

and putt putt golf. Ed had an extraordinary love of children and animals. His loyalty to family was beyond measure. Ed was the kind of man who would stop wherever he was to take in a sunset or watch a red tail hawk fly. He found his relationship with God in this beautiful world.

His greatest quality was his charity and willingness to be there for people in all capacities, especially listening to them.

Edward is survived by his son, Nathaniel (Alixandra) Birkner of Perryville, MO and a sister, Susan Birkner of Murphysboro; other relatives and many many friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents, a sister, Gaylene Miller and his beloved dog, Zeus.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, September 1, 2023 at 2:00 PM in Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home with Pastor Larry Worthen officiating. Visitation will be from 11:00 AM until the time of the service at the funeral home.

A private family inurnment will be held at a later time in Pleasant Grove Memorial Park.

Memorials are encouraged and can be directed to the St. Francis Animal Shelter.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Pleasant Grove Memorial Park

31 Memorial Dr.
Murphysboro, IL 62966
(618) 687-1145
crain@crainsonline.com

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 1. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I didn't know about Ed. Susie, I am so sorry. I wish I would have been there for you, and for him. Our interactions in recent years have not been good ones, I know that. But our mothers were lifetime friends and that's how I think of your family. Adam is 39 and still loves the memories with you at the VFW. I hope you know how much Emily loved Ed, she truly did. He was her safe place. I hope that if there any any wounds between us, they can be healed.

Judy (Faulkner) Rose - January 23, 2024 at 08:28 AM



“ Edward Herman Birkner III

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM

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“ Everytime we came back to Murphysboro I would see Ed at Cindy Bs and we would talk, this last time he told me about his son that he was very proud of, GOD BLESS HIM

Anita Harris - September 01, 2023 at 01:55 PM



“ Amazing Grace 44" Sonnet was purchased for the family of Edward Herman Birkner III.



August 31, 2023 at 08:25 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray* was purchased for the family of Edward Herman Birkner III.



August 31, 2023 at 10:39 AM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Edward Herman Birkner III.



August 31, 2023 at 10:15 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray* was purchased for the family of Edward Herman Birkner III.



August 31, 2023 at 07:37 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Edward Herman Birkner III.



August 30, 2023 at 09:59 PM

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“ We would like to extend our condolences to you and your family. Ed was a wonderful man and was great to talk to. We regret that we are not able to make it to the visitation and would have loved to pay our respects in person.

Nick, Jen, Arlynn Sanders

Nick Sanders - August 30, 2023 at 05:54 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Edward Herman Birkner III.



August 30, 2023 at 05:52 PM