



## Edward Stanley Golec Jr.

November 1, 1950 - August 5, 2017

Eddie, son of the late Edward and Therese passed away on August 5th 2017. Eddie was born in Chicago on November 1, 1950. After beginning his career as an English teacher, he relocated to Las Vegas NV. Here he owned and operated a floral business until taking a position at MGM Resorts. He recently retired from there after twenty years of service and moved to St. George, UT after his thirty-three years in Las Vegas.

Eddie is survived by Duane his partner of thirty-eight years, his brother Tom and his wife Jeanne and their two children, Ian and Trisha. Throughout his life he was well loved and will be missed by his dear friends, Connie, Debbie, Bill, Kim, Ben and Dean.

Eddie was blessed to have the love of so many people and takes with him the memories of all his friends, associates and co-workers. He will be missed by all.

# Tribute Wall

CS

“ I have known Ed since around 1986. Ed and Dwayne owned a floral shop and delivered flowers to me when I gave birth to my son in 1987. When my family had any special gatherings Ed and Dwayne were always there because they are family. Ed you will be missed by many and forever loved. Love always, Cheryl

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**Cheryl Salinas** - August 20, 2017 at 02:19 PM

TM

“ 37 years of smiles, laughter and generosity that was my experience with Eddie. We met at Sherwood florist to buy Mimi a handful of flowers and could hardly carry what Eddie and Dwayne made for her. That day was the start of a friendship that will last until the end of time. The Universe is infinite, nothing can be removed or added, so Eddie is still here --in our minds and hearts...

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**Terence Banich MD** - August 17, 2017 at 12:28 AM

WM

“ so sorry for your loss ,the memory of his life will last forever god bless

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**william mills** - August 15, 2017 at 01:42 PM

RJ

“ My dear, dear friend, Eddie. We shared good times & many laughs. There will be no goodbyes because wherever you are, you will always be in my heart & connected by heartstrings into eternity. God rest your soul! Sandy J.

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**R. Sandy Josephson** - August 15, 2017 at 10:20 AM

JS

“ Duane and family,  
George and I are so sorry for your loss. We'll miss him when we get together. After all these years we are family.  
I will miss my words with friends game where he kept me updated on your moving and new place.  
Rest In Peace Eddie. Reunited with your parents. All illness and pain is gone.  
Love and prayers..  
Judy and George

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**Judy and George Selucky** - August 14, 2017 at 03:50 PM

MR

“ Duane...We are truly sorry to hear of the loss of Eddie. Please accept our condolences and may our prayers comfort you and family.  
Marc and Teri Reid

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**Marc Reid** - August 14, 2017 at 01:38 PM

BD

“ I still can't wrap my head around all of this!!!  
Oh Eddie I will miss u so!! It's been so many years,so many memories,so many occasions,I couldn't even begin to mention them all. I am so sad to have lost such a very special person whose been such a tremendous part of my life for so long!! Words can never describe the loss I feel!! I will cherish each and every memory I have and will keep them in my heart forever.  
Rest In Peace my friend and b free of pain!! Play your games, gamble, do it all! All my thoughts and prayers are with Duane and the Golec's and their families!!



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**Barbara L. Deanin** - August 13, 2017 at 03:10 PM

BM

“ My heart is broken over the loss of a very dear friend Eddie,so many wonderful memories we have had over the years.Duane you have been such a wonderful partner to him God Bless you! You both will be in my heart forever R I.P.Eddie

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**Barbara Mancini** - August 13, 2017 at 12:29 PM

DA

“ I can't even say when I met Ed and Duane as I was just a kid. Seems like they have always been a part of our life. Ed and Duane did my flower arrangements for my wedding 22 years ago, came and celebrated our 3 daughters quinceanera. They have always been to family functions and Ed could always put a smile on your face. I was in shock when my mom called and told me about Ed passing. He is a great guy and will truly be missed. We send our love to you Duane and to the rest of his family he left behind. Although we all know your in a better place it still doesn't make it any easier on your loved ones. Duane we will keep you in our prayers and hope it helps you through this difficult time. Till we meet again, God bless you.  
Love, Dawña,Juan,Kylie,Ashlyn & Micayla Razo

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**Dawna** - August 13, 2017 at 01:46 AM

RB

“ Eddie is (not was) a great soul, on this Earth and now any where he chooses. Eddie will not only be resting in heavenly peace, but will be roaming around with beautiful flowers in hand to smile, hug, and watch over all of us. My condolences to his loved ones and family.

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**Rob Banich** - August 12, 2017 at 09:39 PM

JS

“ *My deepest sympathy for you Duane, may your loving memories bring you peace. Our love,*  
*Rob & Jessica Stringari*

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**jessica stringari** - August 12, 2017 at 04:37 PM

 Timothy  
Krol

“ *Timothy Krol lit a candle in memory of Edward Stanley Golec Jr.*



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**Timothy Krol** - August 12, 2017 at 03:36 PM



“ I'm Tim Krol. Eddie and I became instant friends in grammar school.... I'm guessing at age 7 or so. We were friends for 60 years. We lived 2 blocks away from each other in Chicago... Saint Dennis parish. We attended Owen gradeschool, then Bogan HS, then U of I at Chicago. Ed became a teacher.... I went into pharmacy. We were inseparable throughout grammar and high school. We bussed to area malls and ate often at IHOP. I knew his mom, Terry.... his dad, Ed Sr.... his brother, Tommy.... even his dog, Lady. I recall his interest in floral arrangements and his working at Sherwood Florist in Chicago. I knew Florian and Gertrude Szymczak..... they were such nice people. They once took Ed & me to the Playboy Club..... my only time there lol. Sherwood Florist did all my flower orders for many years.... even when Ed had met Duane and moved to Vegas. I regret never having met Duane, but I knew they were very happy together.

*My heartfelt condolences to Duane Blank and their families. I talked with Duane on the phone once that I recall. As it happens all too often, we lost touch over the years.. I stayed in the Chicago area. Ed always sent Christmas cards with beautiful updates on his life. I recall Ed telling me that he and Duane opened their own florist shop and Eddie had asked the Szymczaks if he could name their shop Sherwood Florist... the same as theirs. Of course they agreed. Ed did the most kick ass floral arrangements. Truly breathtaking.*

*We had many, many fun times.... simple things like taking buses to area malls to just hang out. We often went to Evergreen Plaza and ate at IHOP afterwards. We'd bus it to 47th & Ashland, Back of the Yards, to window shop, eat, walk around and sometimes go to the Mexican neighborhood close by. We bused it all the way downtown to see Hair, the musical, in 1968, I think. My first live theater... I'm sure Ed's too. One of my best memories was in grammar school. Ed and I were the guys who had the job of moving the one upright piano from one class to the other....it got us out of class lol. One day we spun the piano around, as we pushed it through the gym. It tipped over on me and severely sprained my ankle. I was out of*

*school for 10 days lol. But I made it to graduation.*

*I could go on and on, but I'll stop now. Ed was my best buddy for a long time. We took different paths, but our friendship was memorable. I'll never forget you, my kind and loyal friend. I'm grateful he went quickly and didn't suffer long..... and yet, I'm sorry he passed so quickly.*

*Once again, Duane, I am very, very sorry on the loss of Eddie. Thanks to Tommy for contacting me today.*

*As Tina Turner sang, Eddie was "Simply the BEST".*

*Love, your oldest buddy,*

*Timmy*

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**Timothy Krol** - August 12, 2017 at 03:33 PM

DP

“*Eddie truly brought joy and happiness to many people's lives, including: family, friends, co-workers, and neighbors; he would always share a smile and get one in return. I am sad you are gone, but I am left with beautiful memories to hold on to. Like the dinners shared at your house, or at Flaming Fajitas; the long talks; and the even harder laughs. You will be missed. My thoughts and prayers to your family and friends. I know you are looking over us, and smiling...*

*Smiling back,  
Daniel Pimienta*

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**Daniel Pimienta** - August 12, 2017 at 12:52 PM

KK

“ Duane may your many memories of your beloved Edward get you through this difficult time.

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**Karen Kent** - August 12, 2017 at 12:36 PM

DW

“ Dear Duane, Robert and I send you our love and thoughts on the loss of Edward, your soulmate. May you find comfort in the tributes to Edward. To my dear friend, Edward. Thank you for your friendship over the last 18 years. It has meant the world to Robert and I and we will miss you. You gave us some wonderful memories from work, Scrabble and our times spent together. God Bless You.  
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**David M. Widick** - August 12, 2017 at 12:09 PM

NK

“ Aloha my friend, as I sit here with tears flowing reading all the wonderful tributes to you, I can't help but feel guilty for my selfish emotions, knowing I will never see your sweet smile or share a laugh or reminisce of the fun times we all spent together. My family and I were blessed and fortunate to have had you and Duane in our lives. Ed you were always so kind and gentle, you have left a big void in my heart. But I know you are in a far better place with all your loved ones who have gone before you. I make this promise to you Ed, I will always be here for Duane should he need a shoulder to cry on or an ear to listen.  
*E noho ke Akua me'oe a hiki i ko makou hana hou ana i ku'u!* (God be with you until we meet again my friend)  
Nani Koki

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**Nani Koki** - August 11, 2017 at 11:16 PM

MR

“ Duane, I remember working on your computers and Ed always had coffee and cookies ready, and I always enjoyed his easy going attitude and the way you complemented each other and the good times we had at Viva Mercado's and Flaming Fajita's. All our Love and Prayers.

*Mike and Sarah Roseland*

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**Michael Roseland** - August 11, 2017 at 11:06 PM

SW

“ All it took was one moment, one dinner, one evening to recognize the essence of Eddie. Sweet, kind, gentle, witty and intelligent. The greatest tribute I can give him is that my daughter, Parker, loved him from the moment she met him. Parker has a 6th sense about people that astounds me. Whenever I would mention that I had spoken with Duane, Parker would pipe up -- "How's Eddie?" "Did he say anything about Eddie?" "I miss Eddie". There are souls on this earth that are around us for a thousand lifetimes without making an impact. Then there are the bright lights like Eddie who, after only a few short hours, live in your heart for eternity. Eddie, this world was a much better place with you in it -- and I know Heaven is more glorious and it's Angels more joyous with you among them, smiling down at Duane and all the rest of us.

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**Steve "Wojo" Wojciechowski** - August 11, 2017 at 11:05 PM

PW

“ I was lucky enough to have met Ed through my father whom worked with Duane. He meant, and will continue to always mean, a great deal to me. I loved talking with him about Chicago and teaching. I always had the absolutely best time having dinner with him and with Duane. It is one of the great privileges of my life to have been in Ed's circle and have him in mine. And while I am incredibly saddened by his passing, I take comfort in my memories. Ed was truly one of a kind, in every sense of the term. We are all better for having known him.

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**Parker Wojciechowski** - August 11, 2017 at 10:58 PM

KA

“ Six months ago, Ed and Duane became our new neighbors. It was a pleasant surprise to meet them and enjoy our over-the-wall visits. Ed was a gentle and kind man who welcomed us with a smile each time we saw him. He will be missed. We send our condolences to Duane and all those who were fortunate enough to be blessed by his presence. Ed will be greatly missed.

~Steven and Katherine

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**Katherine** - August 11, 2017 at 10:20 PM

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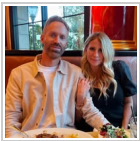
“ Had so much fun when Ed and Duane came out to my son's house on the 4th of July. We had BBQ, fireworks and laughed ourselves silly. Ed and Duane brought ice cream and sat back and watched all the kids run around. Ed met my son Allan Park (yes of OJ fame) who he talked about every time we got together. He talked about how he watched the whole trial and thought Allan was the best. My family loved the visit and thought Ed was just the best. He will be missed. I am so sorry that he is gone. My heartfelt condolences to his family and partner. I shed a tear and then remember what a special person Ed was.

Wendy - August 11, 2017 at 09:33 PM

PP

“ I'm a long time friend and Co-Worker of Eds. He was ALWAYS such a nice and pleasant to me and anyone he came in contact with. We sat side by side at the contact center and I was the only that had 2 names at Work. Which was Paulette, my given birth name and JANET, my name given by Ed himself. (Which depended on my Attitude, Hair Style, Outfit, or Behavior each day at work. I can hear you now Dear Friend, "There's JANET"! You will truly be missed. Love Paulette/Janet.....

Paulette Pace - August 11, 2017 at 08:17 PM



“ We were Ed's neighbors for the last 7 years before moving to St George. He was always so thoughtful and would bring our kids gifts baskets filled with candy and toys for every holiday and birthdays. He spoiled them more then their grandparent, ha. We were so very heartbroken to hear the news of his passing. We will always remember you, Ed. We are forever grateful for your kindness and friendship.  
Love, The Duff Family

Heather Duff - August 11, 2017 at 06:29 PM

NW

“ Ed, I will always remember our lunch times and the funny stories we shared. It was a great pleasure getting to know you. Your smile will be missed. Rest In Peace friend and keep smiling. Nancy Wojcik and family.

Nancy Wojcik - August 11, 2017 at 06:01 PM

JW

“ Jennifer Wheeler lit a candle in memory of Edward Stanley Golec Jr.



Jennifer Wheeler - August 11, 2017 at 04:37 PM



“ It's disheartening to see such a kind and bright soul depart out world, but it's peaceful understanding that it's for the best. He will live on in our hearts and help us to be better people. Thank you for the laughs and happiness.

David Ocampo - August 11, 2017 at 04:28 PM

AT

“ Alvin T. Las Vegas NV USA



Alvin T. - August 11, 2017 at 04:06 PM

AT

“ Alvin T. Las Vegas NV USA



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**Alvin T.** - August 11, 2017 at 04:03 PM

AT

“ Dearest Eddie,

*ThankQ for being a friend. Be at peace and be reunited with your loved ones in heaven. Now you can play in the clouds and frolic amongst the other angels eternally. Duane & i will miss you. Lovingly, Alvin from Las Vegas,NV USA xoxox :0)*

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**Alvin T.** - August 11, 2017 at 03:57 PM

SV

“ *My deepest condolences to Duane and Eddie's family for their loss. Eddie will be remembered by those who knew him as a good and loving man. He is now whole again, no discomforts and in the presence of our God. We will see Eddie again, when we go home to be with Him.*

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**Steve Voorhees** - August 11, 2017 at 03:47 PM



“ *Ed was my very good friend. Met him at the contact center where he sat next to me for years. We celebrated birthdays, holidays and he loved my cooking. We laughed all the time and I will miss him greatly. He was loved by many and his memory will stay in my heart forever.*

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**Andrea Williams** - August 11, 2017 at 01:39 PM

PB

“ *Pamela Bananto lit a candle in memory of Edward Stanley Golec Jr.*



pamela bananto - August 11, 2017 at 12:34 PM

PB

*Our family met Eddie 32 years ago when we opened spring fresh cleaners two doors down from Sherwood Florist owned by Eddie and Duane. Ron and I and our three kids became friends instantly. Our son Jack as a little four-year-old used to go down to their store and Eddie would put him to work sweeping the floor and mopping. They were so kind to me and my family and we're always there to help us when in need. I will never forget their kindness and love towards our family. Eddie was an artist when it came to flowers! He could create the most beautiful arrangements and plants I have ever seen! We were proud to have them involved in our daughter Jaimes wedding! Eddie and Duane joined us for years for our birthdays, restaurants etc. Eddie was so warm and kind toward all who knew him. He lit up the room and touch so many peoples lives. I can't even imagine life without him. He will be dearly missed and will live forever in our hearts. ❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️ RIP*

pamela bananto - August 11, 2017 at 12:44 PM

MP

“ *Mia Pedro lit a candle in memory of Edward Stanley Golec Jr.*



Mia Pedro - August 11, 2017 at 12:19 PM

SB

“ *Sherry Bercseny lit a candle in memory of Edward Stanley Golec Jr.*



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**Sherry Bercseny** - August 11, 2017 at 10:47 AM

CA

“ *Our deepest sympathy and condolences to Duane, the families of Ed and Duane, and their friends. We have many fun memories of our yearly visits with Duane and Ed. Their friendship throughout the years has been treasured, along with their always most gracious hospitality.*

*Craig and Janet Anderson*

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**Craig Anderson** - August 11, 2017 at 10:18 AM

BW

“ *Compassionate God, your ways are beyond our understanding; comfort all who grieve for Ed. Give us faith to endure bereavement and bring us to share with Ed the joy of your eternal presence. Amen*

*Our sincere condolences to Duane and all of Ed's family and friends. It has been our pleasure and honor to know Ed. He was always kind and thoughtful when we would visit Duane and Ed in Las Vegas.*

*Bill and Gay*

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**Bill Webb** - August 11, 2017 at 07:56 AM

CD

“ *May your angel wings carry you to wherever you want to go. You always wanted to travel after retirement but you accomplished what God wanted you to do here on earth and he needed you back at his side. Friends doesn't even explain what you meant to me my brother. You were there for me for over twenty years and never skipped a beat. You and Duane are the brothers I never had. I can't even delete the app WORDS because every morning I look at it and expect your games to be there. I know your playing where you are I just can't see them. You will always be in my heart and I will not say goodbye to you my brother but just SEE YOU AGAIN. All my love on your travels Ed, love Connie*

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**Connie Denman** - August 11, 2017 at 07:46 AM

EA

“ *Elena Michelle Abrams lit a candle in memory of Edward Stanley Golec Jr.*



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**Elena Michelle Abrams** - August 11, 2017 at 02:36 AM

EA

*A yellow candle for Ed as he brightened my life over the years he he was an unforgettable presence! What a wonderful soul he was! My most sincere condolences and sympathy to Duane, family, & friends. This is a tremendous loss and leaves me and many with heavy hearts. I still have the little birthday book he gifted me back at Excalibur... I haven't worked there in about 17 years... many moons ago. Ed never forgot & I received a birthday wish every single year. LOL I loved that about him. Rest peacefully, Ed! You'll be miss by those of us left behind. Until we meet again, my dear friend...*

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**Elena Michelle Abrams** - August 11, 2017 at 02:49 AM

SP

“ Steve Page lit a candle in memory of Edward Stanley Golec Jr.



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Steve Page - August 11, 2017 at 02:07 AM

SP

*Thanks for all the good memories Ed..It was a pleasure working with you..You will be missed..Your friend Steve*

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Steve Page - August 11, 2017 at 02:15 AM

GK

“ How do I even start to talk about such a great guy like Ed. I have known Ed & Duane for 30+yrs, and I can say there has never been 2 better friends to have in your life then them. Ed brought a smile to everyone's face and was just an all around nice guy. Ed & Duane have been apart of my life and my kids for so long, to letting a 7&8 yr old dust for them in their floral shop, and the kids thinking they made lots of money, \$2.00, to doing the flowers for my daughters wedding, attending my 3 granddaughters quinceanera and coming to family gatherings. We know Ed is in a much better place and free of any pain and we will all meet again someday. Thank you for sharing your life with us and with Duane who misses you terribly. May you Rest In Peace in the hands of your Lord & Savior. Thoughts & prayers for Duane and Ed's family. God Bless you all, until we meet again. Glenda & Rick

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Glenda Knight - August 11, 2017 at 12:26 AM

DS

“ Eddie worked for my families flower shop while teaching at Bogan High School This was before deciding to move to Vegas to start his own flower shop. He was like family to us. When my own immediate family took a trip to Vegas, Eddie & Duane graciously had us over to their home where we shared a meal and memories. He was a loving gentle soul who will be missed. Duane our thoughts and prayers are with you. Do not hesitate to call. Love Dale and Kathy Szymczak.

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**Dale Szymczak** - August 11, 2017 at 12:04 AM

DC

“ My sincere sympathy to Duane, family, & friends. I worked at MGM with Ed for 5 years before I retired 2013. He was a wonderful person who was respected & admired by all. His extraordinary personality & generosity to others will be remembered & cherished. God made a great man. May God bless all of you. Doug Baack & Ted Cook, LAS VEGAS

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**Doug Baack, Ted Cook** - August 10, 2017 at 11:18 PM

EA

“ Ed was a great person. May wonderful memories of Ed keep him close in your hearts. Elaine Cervas

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**E I aine** - August 10, 2017 at 11:16 PM

AJ

“ Ed I will never ever forget you. You always kept me laughing and you would always joke about me dating Tiger Woods. I'm so glad to have met you. You will be missed my friend. Rest Peacefully. Aisha

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**Aisha Johnson** - August 10, 2017 at 08:34 PM

LJ

“ Although I have only known Ed and Duane for 3 years, it seems like I have known them for a lifetime. Ed was a beautiful man inside and out and is going to missed. I loved his beautiful smile which was contagious, and I loved his joyous sense of humor. I know he is sitting on the right hand of God and is in a better place than he was here on earth. I firmly believe he is looking down from heaven and smiling that beautiful smile on all of us. I'm sure going to miss going to our favorite restaurant without him. God bless you Ed and be sure and save me bright spot in heaven.

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**Linda Jones** - August 10, 2017 at 07:32 PM

TH

“ Duane  
Words cannot say what pain you are experiencing right now. I loved Ed & you both for your true love for each other. That love will live in your heart forever. I am so sorry for your loss. Until we all meet again. Rest my friend Ed and may you begin your new journey. May the Lord Bless and keep you.

*Tony Henry*

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**Tony Henry** - August 10, 2017 at 07:07 PM

BJ

“ Ed was a good friend to everyone.He was a creative guy who had many friends.The short time we knew him he was a good friend.and enjoyed life. God Bless a life that touched so many people he worked with.

*Bob & Joan*

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**Bob & Joan** - August 10, 2017 at 04:57 PM

GI

“ He was such a sweet gentleman. May you rest in heavenly peace!  
My condolences to his loved ones. 🙏🙏🙏

**Gigi** - August 10, 2017 at 04:32 PM

AL

“ *Angela Lemos*

*I have worked with Ed since 1996. He was such a great person, always laughing. He is sure going to be missed. I hate losing all the great people that have entered my life and left a beautiful mark on my soul. I love you Ed. You truly will be missed.*

**Angela Lemos** - August 10, 2017 at 03:23 PM

SM

“ *I have worked with Ed since 1999 ... very giving and beautiful soul ... I will certainly miss him .. when he retired I asked him to take me to him, he smiled and said "come on we will make room" ... Rest In Peace my friend ... I will see you in heaven 🙏*

**Sonia M Martinez** - August 10, 2017 at 03:04 PM

ML

“ *I have worked with Ed since 1999. He had a beautiful soul. A great sense of humor. A loving heart and a very giving person. My prayers for Duane and the family. You will truly be missed Ed. Love Michelle Leverton Drolet*

**Michelle Leverton** - August 10, 2017 at 02:28 PM

AW

*Ed, was a great person always positive, caring and giving. I worked with him at the Contact Center as well and we were on Marisol's team. When we had potlucks he would always bring in sweets for us to gain weight. Lol. He was a wonderful man and he definitely will truly be missed. God Bless and keep his family!*

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**angelene smith worthington** - August 11, 2017 at 09:11 PM