



Edward Earnest Okonski, Jr.

May 28, 1957 - August 1, 2020

Whether you knew him as “Eddie”, “Dad”, “Smiley”, “Peepaw”, “Uncle Eddie”, “Okonski”, “Grumpy”, “Son”, or “Love Bug” you knew you were talking about an amazing man. Edward Earnest Okonski, Jr. left his family and friends on August 1, 2020, leaving behind a huge legacy. Eddie was born on May 28th, 1957 in Houston, Texas to Edward and Janie Okonski. He graduated from MacArthur High School in 1976. After high school he pursued his passion of wood-working by becoming a carpenter at Sutherland Construction and continued throughout his life until his death. Eddie became a Harris County Sherriff Officer in 1996, where he served his county proudly in various positions.

There’s no question that Eddie loved the outdoors. He spent many weekends either in a deer stand, sleeping next to his beloved BBQ pit, or working in the yard and on the house. He literally never stopped. Eddie would mow his front yard and then continue to do the neighbors with or without their permission. Eddie’s desire to help others was unlike any others. He would drop whatever he was doing for a friend or a stranger. He never met a person that didn’t turn into a friend. He had an infectious smile and a genuine personality.

He is survived by wife, Pamela Ann Okonski; sons, Edward Okonski, III and his wife, Shelly, and Connor Okonski; daughters, Katye Okonski, Nicole Raska and her husband, Kevin, and Amanda Buford and her husband, Johnathon;

grandchildren, Trent Key, Taylor and Jason Hollin, Luke, Harper, and Hadlee Raska, Kaylee, Aimee, Lucille, and Eleanor Buford.

He is also survived by his parents, Edward and Janie Okonski; brothers, Samuel Okonski and his wife, Deborah, Greg Okonski and his wife, Darlene, and Brian Okonski; and sister, Mary Morrow and her husband, Dave.

A viewing and visitation will begin at 4:00 p.m., with a Rosary at 7:00 p.m., on Thursday, August 6, 2020 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 607 East Whitney Street in Houston, Texas.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m., Friday, August 7, 2020 at St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 4213 Mangum Road, in Houston, Texas. The Rite of Committal will follow at Guardian Angel Catholic Cemetery in Wallis, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the 100 Club. A special thanks goes out to the family and friends of Eddie.

All are invited to a luncheon at 2:00 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 607 East Whitney in Houston, Texas.

Tribute Wall

DS

“*Danielle R. Stegint lit a candle Eddie, Katye, Amanda, and Okonski Family We extend our sincere and heartfelt condolences for the loss of your Dad. His love and spirit will live on in your hearts for eternity. May the loving smile of God shine down on you always.*

Danielle & Harry Stegint

Danielle R. Stegint - August 06, 2020 at 12:00 AM



MM

“*Michael Majkszak lit a candle I just spoke to Eddie on the phone a couple weeks ago about meat for a bbq competition. I was heartbroken when I heard the news. Eddie was a great man and a hell of a cook. My heart goes out to his family.*

Michael Majkszak - August 05, 2020 at 12:00 AM



RN

“*RAIf Nevares lit a candle Eddie, Our Father has Blessed and Kept you all the days of your Life on this Earth. Now He honors you with all the Angels and Saints in Heaven with Eternal Rest. We are forever great full for all you have selfishly done and given in the name of Our Lord Rest assured that we are praying for Peace for all who loved and will miss You! Ralf and Sandra Nevares and Family*

RAIf Nevares - August 05, 2020 at 12:00 AM



AS

“Alison Scalice lit a candle I recently shared a meal with Eddie, his beautiful wife Pam and our best friend Jim. The meal was great, but nothing compares to the fajitas that Eddie made for my birthday last year. People are still talking about them and wanting more of Eddie’s special touch. He will be missed on so many levels, husband, father, son, brother, and friend. Missing you already Eddie.



Alison Scalice - August 05, 2020 at 12:00 AM

DO

“Deborah Okonski lit a candle Eddie words cannot express how much you are loved and how much you will be missed! It has been my great honor to have you as my brother-in-law. I keep seeing you smile and laugh, pulling a prank or just making everyone laugh. I will miss your quick phone calls, your world class BBQ and sharing cooking ideas and tips with you. I am so very grateful for the years we had together. I imagine you are up in heaven smiling down on us all. We’ve been looking heavenward too. God clearly needed your big caring heart in heaven with him. I look forward to the day we will see you again! Love Deb



Deborah Okonski - August 04, 2020 at 12:00 AM

RN

“Ralf Nevares lit a candle Dearest Okonski Family, Your Son and Brother and my nephew (Eddie) will surely be missed on this Earth, but I know that Eddie was received by Our Father in Heaven with open arms and Love. Your Aunt Theresa Hoffart



Ralf Nevares - August 04, 2020 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ *Debbie Hoffart lit a candle Eddie you will be truly missed. You were a funny and caring person and would help anyone with anything. Prayers for your family.*



Debbie Hoffart - August 04, 2020 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ *Tammie Bartkowiak/Christine Swiech lit a candle Mom and I are so very sorry to hear of Eddie's passing. Know that we have gained an angel to watch over us. Prayers and hugs to the family.*
Christine Swiech and Tammie Bartkowiak



Tammie Bartkowiak/Christine Swiech - August 04, 2020 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ *Leticia Turner lit a candle Pam, Nicole and Okonski Family,*
I send you my heartfelt sympathy on the loss of your loved one. May memories of happy times bring you comfort in the days ahead.



Leticia Turner - August 04, 2020 at 12:00 AM