



Earnest "Earnie" H Edwards

June 23, 1944 - June 25, 2023

Edwards, Earnest (Earnie) H, Jr. of Prattville, Alabama transitioned to his heavenly home June 25, 2023, at the age of 79 following a brief illness. Earnie was born in Eclectic, Alabama on June 23, 1944, to parents Earnest H. Edwards, Sr. and Pearl Levins Edwards. Earnie began his career at Continental Eagle as a draftsman in the Engineering Department while still in college in 1963 and retired 46 years later as the Vice President of Engineering. His job involved travel to many countries across the globe including, Egypt, Israel, Guatemala, Belgium, France, Switzerland, Australia and China. Even today he has maintained friendships via social media with people in some of these countries. He loved his family, his job, and the outdoors; an avid turkey hunter and once an avid fisherman, especially enjoyed the saltwater fishing on the Gulf and the crappie fishing on Lake Martin. He became a Master Gardener in the Class of 2016 and loved to grow asparagus and garlic. For the past twelve and one-half years Earnie has shared his phenomenal expertise weekly with the Daniel Pratt/Continental/Gin Company Archival Preservation Project that has cleaned, cataloged, preserved, properly boxed and moved thousands and thousands of documents and records. Earnie's phenomenal knowledge of the cotton ginning industry made this project possible as he led novices through 40,000 engineering drawings, innumerable manuals & catalogs and thousands of photos. Earnie had big plans to enjoy his last years living at The Mill, the loft apartments currently in the last phases of construction in downtown Prattville.

These apartments were developed from five historical buildings of the Daniel Pratt Gin Company, some dating back to the 1800s. Earnie was lucky to have secured the apartment that was once Daniel Pratt's office overlooking the falls and he and Lynda were looking forward to moving in within two months. He was preceded in death by his father, Earnest H. Edwards, Sr. killed in WWII in the South of France after surviving the Battle of Normandy when Earnie was a two-month-old infant, his mother Mattie Pearl Levins Kolb, stepfather, Irby Kolb and son Bradley Bigham. He will be lovingly remembered by his wife of 42 years, Lynda Bain Edwards; Son Michael Brent (DeeDee) Edwards, Autaugaville, AL; Daughter Kristen Edwards (Ron) Williams, Ballground, GA; Daughter Tonya Bigham (Shon) Lee, Montgomery, AL and Son Eric (Tracey) Bigham, Chelsea, AL; Sister Sharon Kolb Mills; Grandchildren: Emma (Samuel) Patterson, Savannah, GA; Abigail (Zach) Irtenkauf, Canton, GA; Madison (Austin) Gray, Canton, GA; Carson (Shelby) Edwards, Prattville; Major (Margaret Anne) Lee, Birmingham; Marshall Lee, Charlotte, NC; Gretchen Lee, Ft Worth, TX; BJ (Bek) Bigham, Gadsden, AL; Cody Bigham, Evansville, IN and Great Grandchildren, Stetson Edwards, Dreyson Edwards and Leo Bigham. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or your favorite charity. Funeral arrangements by Prattville Memorial Chapel and Memory Gardens, 841 Fairview Avenue, Prattville, AL on Wednesday, June 28 at 1:00pm. Visitation will begin at 11:30a.m. Grandsons Carson Edwards, Major Lee, Marshall Lee, Sam Patterson, Zach Irtenkauf and Austin Gray will serve as pallbearers.

Cemetery Details

Prattville Memory Gardens

841 Fairview Avenue
Prattville, AL

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 28. 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Prattville Memorial Chapel
841 Fairview Avenue
Prattville, AL 36066
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Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ *What an interesting life. So well deserved for such a nice guy. I enjoyed getting to know him at The Crossings. "May flights of angels sing him to his rest." My prayers for Lynda and his family.* ”

Terry - July 19, 2023 at 02:43 PM



“ *always remember those fishing trips with your family going to Destin when we were in Highschool.* ”

Bob Steele - June 27, 2023 at 09:05 PM

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“ *Met Mr Earnie through our hunting property. He invited me to his cabin and was such a gentleman. I'm sorry to hear of his sickness and passing. He will be missed* ”

Bubba McDonald - June 27, 2023 at 08:04 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Earnest "Earnie" H Edwards.* ”



June 27, 2023 at 12:33 PM



“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Earnest "Earnie" H Edwards.*



June 27, 2023 at 11:49 AM



“ *Lynda, Tonya and Family: Saddened to learn of your loss. Hugs and prayers for all the family..... Ron and Violet Burke and Family*

Ron & Violet Burke - June 27, 2023 at 10:43 AM



“ *So sorry to hear this news. Earnie was just an all-around good guy. The world was a better place with him in it and he will be greatly missed by family and friends. It was a pleasure working with him at CEC and I always appreciated all the help he gave me along the way. He always had a big smile on his face and I will always remember his kind nature. Matt Abbott*

Matt Abbott - June 27, 2023 at 09:55 AM



“ *We were in the same Master Gardener class in 2015 and shared a love for gardening and growing food for the needy.*

glenn huovinen - June 26, 2023 at 09:54 PM



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June 26, 2023 at 08:43 PM



“ *To my sweet friend Earnie...what a great husband to Lynda. I will miss seeing you at all the ESA functions. Rest in Peace my friend! Lynda you are in our-thoughts and prayers. Love you* ❤️❤️

*Jane and Phil Scarsbrook
Fairhope, Al*

Jane Scarsbrook - June 26, 2023 at 03:45 PM



“ *I'm sorry to hear. Prayers! Amy Fray*

Amy Fray - June 26, 2023 at 03:34 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Earnest "Earnie" H Edwards.*



June 26, 2023 at 02:57 PM