



Edward J. Sampson Jr.

September 21, 1942 - January 2, 2020

Edward J. Sampson, Jr. age 77 of North Andover passed away peacefully on Thursday January 2, 2020 after a lengthy period of declining health and multiple hospitalizations with his devoted wife by his side. Born in Brockton, he attended Northeastern University, where he received Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering and Master of Science in Electrical Engineering degrees. He then embarked on a fifty-year career as a system engineer at Raytheon Company in Bedford and Tewksbury. He had a lifelong passion for classical organ music and organs. He served as President of the Board of Trustees of the Methuen Memorial Music Hall, home of the world-famous "Great Organ," for over 40 years. As a long-time communicant of Saint Patrick Parish in Lawrence, he was a lector and a member of several parish committees. Ed was the recipient of the prestigious Chevrus Award because of his great devotion to St. Patrick Parish and the Catholic Archdiocese of Boston.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 50 years, Kathleen, and their fantastic feline "Ginger". He is also survived by his sister-in-law and brother-in-law Honor and Bill Jutila, sister-in-law Nancy Crowley, much loved nieces and nephews: Honor Marie and Jay Davis, Jennifer and Chris Grahn, Bill Jutila and partner Mindy Bregoli, Patrick and Karen Crowley and Susan Norton; his beloved grandnieces and grandnephews: Madison Davis, Meghan Davis, Emma Davis, Caitlin Grahn, Samantha Grahn, Michael Crowley, Dayna Crowley, Daniel Crowley, Arthur Norton, III and Taylor Norton. He was predeceased by his parents, Edward and Eleanor Sampson, his sister-in-law: Barbara J. Crowley and his brother-in-law: John F. Crowley, Jr.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by the Kenneth H. Pollard Funeral Home in Methuen. The wake will be held at the Methuen Memorial Music Hall, 192 Broadway in Methuen (see mmmh.org for directions) on Sunday, January 5, 2020 from 2:00 – 6:00 PM. Ed's funeral Mass will be held on Monday, January 6, 2020 at 11:00 AM at St. Patrick Parish, 118 South Broadway (Route 28), Lawrence, MA. Interment to follow at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Waverly Rd, North Andover, MA. Funeral attendees are asked to please meet directly at the church on Monday morning. In lieu of flowers, the family

requests that you consider a contribution in Ed's memory to either the Methuen Memorial Music Hall, Inc., Post Office Box 463, Methuen, MA 01844-0463 or St. Patrick Parish, 118 South Broadway, Lawrence, MA01843-1427. For directions and online guestbook, please visit the funeral home website, www.pollardfuneralhome.com. The Kenneth H. Pollard Funeral Home is honored to serve the Sampson Family.

Cemetery

Holy Sepulchre Cemetery

Waverly Rd.

North Andover, MA, 01845

Events

JAN **Calling Hours** 02:00PM - 06:00PM

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Methuen Memorial Music Hall

192 Broadway, Methuen, MA, US, 01844

JAN **Mass** 11:00AM

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St. Patrick Parish

118 S. Broadway, S. Lawrence, MA, US, 01843

Comments



“ Kathy, I was so sorry to hear about your loss. May Ed's memory and music become a blessing to you and your family.

Cynthia Zabin

cynthia zabin - January 09 at 02:57 PM



“ It has been almost sixty years since Ed and I spoke or saw each other, but over those years I have thought of him frequently. Ed and I were Brockton High School friends and were lab partners in Mr. Sandborn's advanced physics course. We shared many a joke and discussion as to how the world should be. Ed was very "proper", a true gentleman at seventeen. I remember visits to his home to see the organ he had installed and was so proud of, and of listening to him talk about his hero, E. Power Biggs. I believe Ed and I once attended a performance of the Messiah at Symphony Hall. Ed and I shared several other friends from that time and it saddens me that over the past few years he is the third of those acquaintances to have departed. I am saddened that the opportunity to reconnect has now been taken from me. I feel blessed that I was once able to call him a friend.

Terry Sweeney - January 07 at 01:25 PM



“ I was saddened to hear of Ed's passing. We both worked at Raytheon and were surprised we had some mutual acquaintances from Brockton High School days. I respected Ed's social orientation... his Walks for Hunger and especially, within Raytheon, his role as Sun Santa, helping to raise thousands of dollars for the Lowell Sun's Santa Fund. He extended that orientation outward to leadership for the MMMH.

Whenever I play the 'Lost Chord' I'll think of Ed.

A 'Great Amen' to a great, kind, and charitable person.

My sincere condolences to his family and many friends.

Joe Spicer

Joe Spicer - January 06 at 11:34 AM



“ Ed was a “Walk For Hunger” buddy, what a wonderful man, heart of gold, I feel blessed to have known him, sending loving thoughts and prayers to his family

Lauren Gervais - January 04 at 08:07 PM



“ Worked with Ed in Tewksbury. Such a kind gentleman and a true asset to Methuen Memorial Organ hall. He will be truly missed.

yvette Shevlin - January 04 at 10:06 AM



“ I remember with great fondness and appreciation all the help and guidance Ed provided when we were searching for an organ for the new Corpus Christi church we were building in Sandwich. Such a kind and talented man. Kathleen, you have my sympathy and prayers.
Fr. Marcel Bouchard

Marcel Bouchard - January 04 at 09:12 AM



“ Our sincere condolences at Ed’s passing. He will be missed.
Eunice and David Veit

David Veit - January 04 at 05:55 AM



“ I will always remember my days growing up in Brockton with Ed. We met while in Junior high and our friendship thrived through high school and college. Ed and I loved good music. I played piano and he played organ, not only played it but owned one. He was the only high school student I knew who owned an organ. I often teased him about making spaghetti with ketchup. Growing up in an Italian family, that never sat well with me. Our paths diverged after college but we kept in touch and met as much as possible, though I often wished it could have been more. He was a good person and led a good, successful life.

Alfred Galante - January 03 at 08:06 PM



“ I will miss Ed. A good friend and my colleague at Raytheon, I miss our lunches together in the cafeteria. The thing I admired most about Ed was his love for animals, especially cats. Every time one of my cats had a medical issue Ed would give me a ton of medical literature on feline illnesses and causes and remedies. Ed had a tremendous knowledge of feline welfare and medicine. He would have made a great vet. Ed had a heart of gold.



Dana Freeman - January 03 at 03:56 PM



“ Ed was an endearing fan of good causes.

He ran the Lowell Sun Santa Fund at Tewksbury Raytheon, was the facility rep for the Walk for Hunger, Facilitated the Raytheon Authors and Inventors dinner, Orchestrated Veteran's Day at The Raytheon facility including USA flag raising, and numerous other community services.

His leadership at Metheun Music Hall for 30 years reflects his dedication, similarly his commitment and faith to St Patrick's Parish including as Chairman of the Stewardship Commission.

We all were Blessed to know him.

Michael Segal

Michael P Segal - January 04 at 05:17 PM



“ Kathy, so sorry to learn of Ed's passing. He was such a wonderful person and someone that I felt like I really knew; although, I only knew of Ed through the stories that you told me during the many years that we worked together. Ed made this world a much better place to live for those around him through his unwavering support for his Music Hall and his Church. Ed will truly be missed.

Bob Snyder - January 04 at 07:19 PM