



Edward Robert Ahlquist

August 6, 1931 - April 30, 2020

Edward Robert Ahlquist, age 88, of Troy, Michigan, went to be with the Lord on Thursday, April 30th, 2020 after a long and happy life.

Ed was born on August 6th, 1931 in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania to Robert and Margaret Carter Ahlquist and had two younger brothers, John and Sam. Ed and family moved to Ames, Iowa when he was eight years old and graduated from the University of Iowa with a bachelor's degree in English. He moved to Ferndale, Michigan where he met his wife, Marilyn Elizabeth Minton and was married on April 16, 1955. Ed began work as a teacher in Garden City before changing careers to become a technical writer at General Motors in Warren, Michigan where he worked for 29 years until retirement in 1986. Following retirement from GM he worked at AM General and also consulted as a technical writer.

Ed was a long time member of the First Baptist Church of Ferndale (now named Renaissance Vineyard Church) where he served as a deacon, a Sunday school teacher and sang faithfully in the choir. Ed volunteered for many years at Meals on Wheels serving the Ferndale and Royal Oak areas. He played both the violin and the piano beautifully and enjoyed entertaining residents of his previous residence, Oxford Towers, Berkley, Michigan.

Ed, known for his calm and gentle demeanor, was a man of faith often reading his bible and daily devotional. He led quietly by example, always treating others with kindness. He was an avid reader, often reading 3 books a week. He also loved crossword puzzles and always had a crossword dictionary nearby.

Ed's greatest love was first and foremost his family with whom he always kept in close contact. He enjoyed frequent family gatherings and spending time with his children each week. He is survived by his brother Samuel Ahlquist, Plymouth; and his 4 children: Susan Calarco, Royal Oak; Edward Ahlquist Jr, Troy; Steve Ahlquist, Port Huron; and Marc Ahlquist, Troy; 10 grandchildren (Carl, James, Jennifer, Joseph, Jason, Sarah, Adam, Megan, Daniel and Evan) and great granddaughter (Zoe).

There will be a memorial service planned at a later date. Cremation arrangements and interment will be on May 22nd, at 11am at White Chapel Cemetery, 621 W. Long Lake Road, Troy, Michigan.

Cemetery Details

White Chapel Memorial Cemetery

621 W. Long Lake Road
Troy, MI 48098

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“ Ed was a pleasure to talk with during Sunday services. It is a joy to hear more about his life and a shame that I wasn't in the congregation when he was playing and singing. We will worship together soon Ed!

Karen Morrish - May 11, 2020 at 08:43 PM

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“ I have those same memories you noted in his obituary. Ed was a very, very kind gentleman.
He will be so missed by many of us. May he RIP.
We send condolences to your family in this very difficult time. Love Jack, Judy, Derek, Brenda, Cassandra, & Alexander McRobb.

Judy McRobb - May 11, 2020 at 06:58 PM

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“ *Condolences to the Ahlquist family . From Mr.and Mrs. Kirk R. Morey*

Kirk Morey - May 11, 2020 at 04:29 PM