



Edward Erling Kvistad

November 16, 1928 - October 20, 2017

Veteran

Edward "Ed" Kvistad, 88, died at home surrounded by his family. He was born November 16, 1928 in Bremerton to Oscar A & Tessie L (Burns) Kvistad. He attended Bremerton High School, joined the Army in 1947 and was Honorably Discharged in 1949. Bremerton Raceway was a favorite past time, where he enjoyed watching drag races and working on cars with friends. After serving his country, he worked at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard. He then moved to California where he worked for Honeywell as a Diesel Mechanic and he raced Jalopies at Gardina Raceway.

He married Carolyn in 1957 while in California. They moved back to Washington in 1959 and Ed worked with his brother Ivan for the Kitsap Coach Service. He purchased the Coach Service, owned and operated the business for 35 years before retiring in 1992. Ed raced at several different racetracks during his life. He raced at Silverdale, Spanaway, Skagit and Skyvalley Speedways, with his favorite being Elma Raceway. Ed was inducted into the first inaugural Elma Auto Racing Association Hall of Fame in 2009, where he was honored for his craftsmanship for building frames. Ed was the kind of person who would help everyone in any way he could. He built low cost, safe frames that won races and championships on most of Washington's race tracks. A true craftsman, he could build or fix just about anything.

More recently, Ed could be found tinkering in his garage where he was building a 1923 Ford Flathead Model-T Rat Rod from the ground up. Unfortunately, he did not get to finish, so his son Edward will have the honor of completing the project. He then plans to drive it to his father's final resting place. Ed also enjoyed spending time with family and friends, enjoying nature, daily crossword and working on the farm. He and Carolyn exercised Monday, Wednesday and Friday with the "Cardiac Kids." He never missed a NASCAR race, the Seattle Seahawks and old Westerns. In the evening after dinner, he enjoyed Wheel of Fortune and Jeopardy, both of which he was quite good at.

Ed was preceded in death by an infant son, brothers Jack and Ivan Kvistad and dear friend Lowell Hite.. He is survived by his sister Allene Ramirez and his wife of 60 years Carolyn, their children Barbara (Michael) Melton, Edward Kvistad, Catherine (David) Rash and Judith (Kenneth) Nichols, ten grandchildren; Jeffrey (Elizabeth) Rogers, Molly

Drapeau , Melissa (Scott) Rasband , Abigail Logan, Becky Mathews (Josh) Guilfoyle, Caleb Mathews, Keith (Brittany) Mathews, Justin Rash, Amanda (William) Wykes & Alexander Nichols. Great grandchildren, Caitlyn, Logan, Capri, Sienna, Elese, Ethan R, Ethan N, Eiden & Marcus. He also leaves behind his cats Bonnie and Clyde.

"And in the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years."

(Abraham Lincoln)

Cemetery

Forest Lawn Cemetery
5409 Kitsap Way
Bremerton, WA, 98312

Events

OCT 26	Funeral Service	11:00AM
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	Rill Chapel, Pendleton - Gilchrist Funeral Home 1151 Mitchell Ave, Port Orchard, WA, US, 98366	

OCT 26	Graveside Service	02:00PM
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	Forest Lawn Cemetery 5409 Kitsap Way, Bremerton, WA, US, 98312	

Comments



“ I remember when he gave me a pair of glasses, that allowed me to see behind myself. He then used to creep up on me and try to scare me. I was around 6 or 7 years old.

I am going to miss you Uncle.

Chris Kvistad - November 09, 2019 at 11:59 PM



“ As a young boy I'll always remember seeing his car race at Silverdale and Elma Raceway. GOD speed.

Craig Green - October 26, 2017 at 12:44 AM



“ Pamela H. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Edward Erling Kvistad.



Pamela H. - October 24, 2017 at 07:39 PM



“ All of my memories with Ed come from our Fitness Class. He and his wife Carolyn are members of the NextSTEP program here at Kitsap Physical Therapy. They would come to class three times a week and exercise. Ed always did his exercises on the Hand Bike and the Biodex (like a recumbent bike). Ed loved to come in and see all of his friends and always game me a hard time. I always asked Ed how he felt and he always said, "Okay." And if you know Ed you know that if he felt badly, he would still say that he felt okay, because that is just the type of guy that he was. He never complained and always exercised when he came in because he knew that it was good for him (and he knew that Carolyn would get after him if he didn't, haha). I had a bit with Ed and the tattoo on his arm. Ed had a panther tattooed in his left arm which is the arm I always used to take his blood pressure before class started. I would always give him a hard time and say that if I didn't watch out it was going to bite me. He would always just smile and go along with my joke (laughing) even though it was the same joke every week. Some times he'd say it was going to jump out and get me! Haha! That always made me laugh. I only knew Ed for a short period of time, but the memory of him will always stay with me. I will always have an open chair in my class for Ed. We will miss you, friend and God rest you in Heaven.

Love,

Keri Collett
Cardiac Conditioning Instructor
Kitsap Physical Therapy

Keri Collett - October 24, 2017 at 01:45 PM



“ I am blessed that I had the honor to have you as my grandfather for almost 30 years. I wish it could of been longer because I was not ready to say goodbye. I wanted more than anything to see you and Grandma enjoying yourselves on a warm, sunny day cruising in the 1924 Rat-Rod once you finished it. Even in your late 80's you would put In countless hours working on its completion. I will miss our conversations on racing and how your face would just light up With joy as if you were remembering yourself racing toward that checkered flag. I remember asking you what you missed most about racing and you told me "Going as fast as I possibly could on the straight away and then hanging on for dear life on the turn hoping not to crash into the wall". It is hard to imagine that you are no longer here with us physically but your memory will live on with me for the rest of my days. I hope that I made you proud to call me your grandson and I pray that you know how much I loved you. As much as I wish you were still with us, I know you are pain-free and not suffering. I will check on Grandma for you to make sure she is doing alright. I love you with all my heart Grandpa. May you rest in paradise.

Love,

Your Grandson Justin

Justin Rash - October 25, 2017 at 05:25 AM



“ Ed was a wonderful brother-in-law. I know he loved my sister Carolyn and his family with all his heart. I loved visiting with them and listening to Ed talk about his Norwegian heritage, family or whatever was going on in the world at the time. He was a very smart man! We will miss you for a while, Ed, but will see you before long.

Love,
Linda Cleveland

Linda Cleveland - October 29, 2017 at 05:45 PM



“ I missed the hot rod racing and fabrication stories but enjoyed the perspective that Ed gain from years of transporting the recently demised of Kitsap County to the funeral homes, the coroner and wherever was necessary. Good stores and a very important service he provided.

Paul Aufderheide - October 30, 2017 at 11:41 PM