



## Edward G. Vogt

November 16, 1931 - November 14, 2011

Visitation for Edward G. Vogt, 79, of Kankakee, will be from 10 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Saturday at the Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, west Kankakee. A funeral Mass will follow at noon at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Kankakee, where he was a member.

Inurnment will be in Mount Calvary Cemetery, Kankakee. Memorials may be made to the family wishes. He passed away at 6 p.m. Monday (Nov. 14, 2011) at Provena Heritage Village.

Mr. Vogt was an attorney. He was born Nov. 16, 1931, in Chicago, the son of Edmund Wisnewski and Margaret Rychloch Vogt. He was a graduate of the University of Notre Dame and the Loyola Law School. He practiced law in Kankakee for 40 years, during which time he tried more than 100 jury trials. In retirement he substituted in local high schools and was known as "Mr. V." His hobbies were singing, railroading and recitation of Shakespeare. He was an avid tennis player and bridge enthusiast. Ed was an environmentalist and was a volunteer legal counsel for preventing the garbage dump in Kankakee. He loved his home and yard work. Ed read historical novels, played Scrabble and loved a spirited debate on any issue.

Surviving are his wife, the former Margaret Ann Shannon, of Kankakee, whom he married Nov. 29, 1959, in Evergreen Park; three sons and one daughter-in-

law, Steven and Diane Vogt, of Evergreen Park, Bob Vogt, of Chicago, and John Vogt of Seattle, Wash.; five daughters and three sons-in-law, Katy and Paul Cirzan, of Ashland, Ore., Michelle and Heinz Schuller, of Oak Park, Mary Vogt, of Los Angeles, Calif., Anna Vogt and partner, Jennifer Mitchell, of Berkley, Calif., Shannon and Steven Smith, of Corvallis, Mont.; and seven grandchildren, Lexie, Rachel and Hailey Vogt, Teddy and Katy Schuller, Audrey Cirzan and Ronan Smith.

He was preceded in death by his parents and stepfather, John Firpach.

Memorials may be made for family wishes.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **19**. 10:00 AM - 11:45 AM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home  
1480 W. Court St.  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
(815) 932-1214  
cgfuneral@gmail.com

## Funeral Mass

NOV **19**. 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Patrick Catholic Church  
428 S. Indiana  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
(815) 932-6716

# Tribute Wall

DL

“ Ed was my lawyer--the only one in my 70 yrs. we had two cases-civil and both I was begging to settle out of court but he would calm you down in that heroic way of his and sure enough he knocked them out of the box. remember having lunches at walgreens. He was a mentor without even trying during some difficult youthful years. thanks for the memories doc lawson

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**Dr. Lawson** - December 08, 2011 at 03:36 AM

CD

“ Dear Vogt Family: My sympathy goes out to you and your family and friends. Thank you for welcoming me into Ed's room whenever I would visit with Ed and Ed's wife Maggie. At the end I got to meet two of Ed's children. My ministry is enriched by people who embrace my ministry as I try to meet their spiritual and emotional needs. I remember being in the coffee shop, at Heritage Village, when Ed was drinking a Coke. Something that he wanted to drink for quite awhile. It's amazing how the simple things of life mean so much to each of us on an everyday basis. In the short time, that I got to know Ed and his family, I felt that there is such a devotion and love among all of its' members. May you continue to live life to the fullest. Let Ed's memories warm your hearts and minds. With blessings of comfort and healing.  
Sincerely, Chaplain Carole R. DiZeo Director of Pastoral Care at Heritage Village

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**Chaplain Carole R. DiZeo** - November 21, 2011 at 07:48 AM

MM

“ Dear Vogts,

*I was very sorry to hear of Mr. Vogt's death. I have very fond memories of the Vogt parents singing in our home growing up and camping in Peninsula State Park with your family. They were very good friends to my family over the years. Having such zest for living life is a wonderful gift and legacy.*

*With much sympathy to you all, and especially to your mother, who I enjoyed visiting with earlier this year.*

*Mary Murphy Geerdes*

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**Mary Murphy** - November 20, 2011 at 11:58 PM

GD

“ Hi Maggie:

*I am so sorry to hear of Ed's passing.*

*Kankakee Valley Theatre was indeed fortunate to have Ed as the lead in "My Fair Lady." He was a great Henry Higgins.*

*I feel blessed to have had your friendship, during my 8-1/2 years living in Bourbonnais, before my move to Largo, Florida in 1982.*

*Ed was always the star, wherever he was. And if you look into the sky, you will see many stars that Ed has sprinkled over everyone who knew him and cared about him.*

*You and your lovely family are in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Grace L. Daley  
(formerly Grace Dal Cason)*

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**Grace L. Daley** - November 20, 2011 at 08:02 PM

SS

“ Dear Maggie and family,  
The Joseph McGovern family sends their condolences to all of you. We have so many fond memories of Ed and your family- we always enjoyed the Friday night pizza Maggie served us. We all enjoyed Ed's musical talents and his singing as well. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.  
Shelly ,for Kaye and Joe and the family

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**Shelly Schmidt** - November 18, 2011 at 09:40 PM

ES

“ Dear Maggie and Family,  
  
We will retain a clear memory of Ed--a man of strong convictions, life energy--who enjoyed polemic...used his manifest vocal talent and flair for drama to good advantage in support of the arts in our community. A teacher's instinct and enthusiasm for sharing, wherever he went, he produced notice. We consider these assests and applaud.

May you carry his legacy in your hearts and on your lips in good measure.

Sincerely,  
In friendship, Elmira and Gene Wilkey

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**Elmira Smith-Wilkey** - November 18, 2011 at 05:10 PM

AH

“ Dear Maggie and kids,  
My heartfelt sympathy to all of you. Ed was always so kind to and interested in us Milord kids. Maggie and Ed always made a gathering more fun. Loved how he always included us in intelligent debate around the pool. Loved that he played the ukelele and sang loudly with my dad. God bless him now.  
Amy Milord Harrell

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**amy milord harrell** - November 18, 2011 at 04:54 PM

GP

“ The CFD class of November 1, 2010 would like to extend their sincerest condolences to Bob and the Vogt family. Bob you are our brother and we will anything we can to comfort you in this time.

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**Gabriel E. Palominos** - November 18, 2011 at 11:20 AM

PM

“ *Maggie and Vogt Family,*  
*My sincere condolences. The Vogt Family holds a special place in the hearts of the Milord Family and we share many fond memories, especially those from our Chalet on the Lake vacations (see Mary's picture) such as Ed leading the "adults" in song on his ukulele or the big mixed pairs tennis matches Ed and Maggie played with my Parents. Ed was always larger than life to me as his godson and always took the time to talk with me at the Milord pool parties. He took a real interest in what I had to say. We always appreciated how he jumped right up when the teenagers asked who wanted to play basketball (even though while guarding him he would bull you over like there was no tomorrow) he was always great fun to play with. Did I mention how competitive he was?*

*My favorite memory is of Ed and Maggie, who journeyed to Florida to attend to our wedding, dancing the night away and commandeering the microphone for an a cappella version of what I believe was the French revolution song. It was classic Ed.*

*We will miss him dearly, however, his memories will forever warm our hearts.*

*Phil Milord and Family*

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**Philip J. Milord** - November 18, 2011 at 09:58 AM

AD

“ *Anjanita Dumas lit a candle in memory of Edward G. Vogt*



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**Anjanita Dumas** - November 18, 2011 at 09:27 AM

AD

*Our prayers are with you and your family during this trying time.*

**Anjanita Dumas** - November 18, 2011 at 09:35 AM

AN

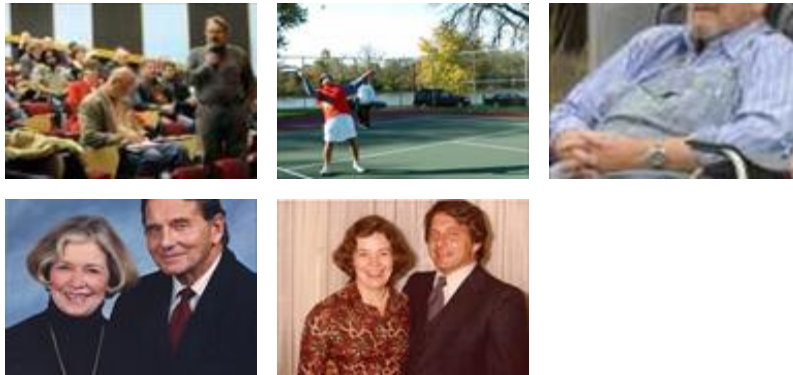
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**Anna&Jen** - November 17, 2011 at 11:48 PM

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**Anna&Jen** - November 17, 2011 at 10:14 PM

GW

“ If you look up the word "character" in the dictionary, you would find Ed Vogt's picture there for he was both a man of good character and a true character. Marsha and I send love and prayers to the Vogt family and a special hug to Maggie and our beloved friend Katy. Death ends a life but it doesn't end a relationship.

*Greg Williams*

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**Greg Williams** - November 17, 2011 at 10:08 PM

MM

“ The Family of Patrick Murphy wishes to extend their deepest and most profound sympathies with the loss of Edward. The Vogt Family shared many wonderful times throughout the past years with the Murphy's. God Bless and may God be with you during this difficult time..... Mary Murphy, Tom, Dan, Mike and Mary Michelle.....

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**Mrs. Patrick Murphy** - November 17, 2011 at 01:44 PM



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**Mary Vogt** - November 17, 2011 at 12:23 PM



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**Mary Vogt** - November 17, 2011 at 11:30 AM



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**Mary Vogt** - November 17, 2011 at 11:29 AM



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**Mary Vogt** - November 17, 2011 at 11:28 AM

AS

“ *My sincere condolences on the loss of your father, husband, and friend. I have only happy memories of Ed and his enthusiasm for life and passion for justice. The Gubbins family spent so many fun times on Evergreen Ave, sharing song and story. He will be greatly missed. Alice Sparks*

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**Alice Doyle Sparks** - November 17, 2011 at 09:24 AM

DL

“ *Thinking of you Maggie and your family. Fondly,  
Danielle Lange*

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**Danielle Lange** - November 17, 2011 at 09:13 AM

SM

“ *My family always enjoyed spending time w/ the Vogts and I remember being at their house on a New Years eve when I was a little sprout, it was a very fun time, I remember him playing the piano and singing and lots of balloons. Some years later I volunteered to play at the Spice of Life benefit and he sought me out after the show and recognized me even though I was older at that point and gave me some kind words, I always appreciated that. Ed will live on in my memories and I hope to make it to heaven so I can accompany him on some fun Irish songs.*

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**Shawn McGovern** - November 16, 2011 at 10:24 PM

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**Anna&Jen** - November 16, 2011 at 10:11 PM

JG

“ *Maggie & family: I am saddened by the news of Ed's death. I have so many great memories of the times years ago that were spent at the Vogt house on Evergreen and the times at Madcaps especially the year when Ed wrote the script for the room show where the theme was combining the towns of Kankakee, Bradley & Bourbonnais. Ed was always the life of the party. He was a great intellect & passionate for the rights of the individual. It has been a few years since I had the opportunity to visit with him but have often reflected on those years in Kankakee. I hope that the many great memories you have of Ed will ease your pain in the difficult days ahead. I shall miss his voice & humor. Sincerely, Joe Gubbins, Phoenix, Arizona*

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**Joseph x. Gubbins** - November 16, 2011 at 09:51 PM

JR

“ *To all of the Vogts,  
I have such wonderful memories of your Dad. It was such fun growing up on your block. My condolences to all of you,  
Jennifer Kilbride Range*

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**Jennifer Kilbride Range** - November 16, 2011 at 05:48 PM



“ I will miss you, dad: Your humor, your intelligence, your sense of justice. I have a lot of fond memories: Canoeing, your ukelele, singing at the piano, watching you onstage in Madcaps and Kankakee Valley Theater (as Col.Pickering), running for Mayor of Kankakee. I share your love of crossword puzzles, word games, books, music, tennis and argument. Perhaps the biggest gift you gave me was a respect for and love of animals and nature, which spurred me to become an activist on the behalves of both. And probably your most impressive accomplishment came near the end of your life: Saving Kankakee from having a landfill forced on it. Thank you for your activism, your music, your love of literature, your lust for life.

*I love you & will miss you very much. Love, your daughter, Mary*

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**Mary Vogt** - November 16, 2011 at 03:48 PM

JT

“ On the ski club trips Ed could play the Mandolan for eight hours till we got there.

*Janet and Viator Trudeau*

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**Janet and Viator Trudeau** - November 16, 2011 at 02:05 PM

DR

*Mr. Vogt, I've long admired you and your family from contact with your daughter. Rest in peace, David*

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**David Rice** - November 16, 2011 at 10:34 PM

JM

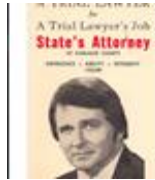
“ Much too soon Ed. Blessings to Maggie and all your family and many friends. Michela

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**john fred michela** - November 16, 2011 at 12:24 PM

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Anna&Jen - November 16, 2011 at 12:21 PM

JR

*Ed was always a good friend to me. When I was young he was an inspiration. When I grew old we shared many a laugh.*

James Riordan - November 16, 2011 at 02:34 PM



*I love that! Thank you for posting.*

Mary Vogt - November 16, 2011 at 03:48 PM



*My dad running for office in 1972*

Mary Vogt - November 16, 2011 at 04:05 PM

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Anna&Jen - November 16, 2011 at 11:40 AM

RW

“ I had the pleasure of working with Ed in POWER (Protecting Our Water, Environment, and River). He was active in the organization, providing pro bono legal work and advice. He and I had a number of interesting and enjoyable conversations with at our meetings, in his and Maggie's home, and after Mass. He was a gentleman and a dedicated citizen. Although we lost contact with each other over the past year or so, I consider myself fortunate to be his friend. God bless you, Ed.  
Sincerely,  
Ray Wilson



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**Raymond W. Wilson** - November 16, 2011 at 11:39 AM

TM

“ The times we shared with the Vogt family are among my fondest memories. In those recollections, Mr. Vogt is always at center stage (where else would he be?). I consider him a role model. I extend my sincere condolences to Mrs. Vogt and the entire family.

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**Tom Murphy** - November 16, 2011 at 11:38 AM

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**Anna&Jen** - November 16, 2011 at 11:37 AM



*November, 2009*

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**Mary Vogt** - November 16, 2011 at 04:03 PM

SS

*Dear Vogts: I am so sorry to hear of your father's passing. As a youngster I was a regular fixture around your house and as I read about your dad much of it came flooding back. The strongest memory of him for me is his singing and his laughter. He loved his family that was obvious, and no one more than your mom. A friend from a long time ago, Sarah (Blanke) Smith*

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**Sarah Smith** - November 22, 2011 at 12:40 PM

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**Anna&Jen** - November 16, 2011 at 11:36 AM

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**Anna&Jen** - November 16, 2011 at 11:29 AM



*I love this!*

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**Mary Vogt** - November 16, 2011 at 04:07 PM

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