



Edwin "Ed" Meents

March 30, 1931 - May 18, 2021

Edwin "Ed" Walter Meents, 90, of Kankakee (Limestone), IL, passed away Tuesday, May 18, 2021, at Riverside Senior Life, Bourbonnais, IL. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 pm on Thursday, May 20th, at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, west Kankakee, and from 9 am until the 10 am funeral service on Friday, May 21 at Our Savior Lutheran Church, Bradley, IL. Burial will be at Limestone Cemetery, Limestone Township, IL.

Ed was born March 30, 1931, in Ashkum, IL, the son of Walter and Agnes Meents. He married Perna Lee Pare Meents on Aug. 9, 1952, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Bloomington, IL. She died November 1, 2013.

Ed graduated from Gilman High School and University of Illinois as an accounting/finance major and was a member of the Chi Phi fraternity. A Korean War era army veteran, he worked for Caterpillar, David Bradley and retired as Controller for Roper Corp. in Kankakee and was a farmer in Iroquois County. He was very involved in the community as a precinct committeeman, Herscher school district board member, Limestone township supervisor, member of the Kankakee County Board, and a member of Our Savior Lutheran Church, Bradley, where he had been president, treasurer and Sunday school teacher. Ed was a founding member of the Prairieview Lutheran Home in Danforth and served as the first treasurer. He actively

donated his time with the Salvation Army (mini red kettle man), Kiwanis (“Mr. Peanut” multiple awards), Lions, and other charitable organizations.

Surviving are one daughter and son-in-law, Marcie and Michael Kolberg, Limestone, two sons and one daughter-in-law, Mark and Donna Meents, Fort Lauderdale, FL, and Scott Meents (Colleen Davis), Moline; five grandchildren, Lisa Barry, Paris, France, Courtney Kolberg (Adam) Duda, Limestone, Jason (Delaney) Kolberg, Davenport, IA, Mekena Herrera of Seattle, WA, and Mason Meents, Moline; two great-grandchildren, Alessandra Barry and Shelby Lee Duda; sister-in-law Lorraine Meents, Ashkum; and brother-in-law, Robert (Nancy) Pare, Bloomington, IL. His wife (Perna Lee), both parents (Walter and Agnes) and brother (Vernon) preceded him in death.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association or Prairieview Lutheran Home.

Cemetery Details

Limestone Cemetery

Route 113
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-1764

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 20. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Visitation

MAY 21. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Our Savior Lutheran
975 W. Brookmont Blvd.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-1848
<http://www.oursaviorlutheran.info/>

Funeral Service

MAY **21**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Dear Meents Family, Sorry for your loss and our warmest sympathy during this time. Mark is one of our dearest friends and we understand how difficult it is to lose a parent.
Bill Rosenthal, Jerry Gebo, and Adam Gebo-Rosenthal*

Bill Rosenthal - May 30, 2021 at 01:14 PM

JP

“ *Please accept and extend my sympathy as well as my warm regards for Ed Meents. I knew Ed as a diligent member of the Kankakee County Board, Limestone Township Supervisor and a variety of other local public committees and boards. Ed had the unique ability to balance the needs of the entire county while simultaneously maintaining a clear devotion to the constituents in his district. It was a privilege to serve with and know him. Jim Piekarczyk, Kankakee County Engineer (Retired).*

Jim Piekarczyk - May 29, 2021 at 09:26 AM

AC

“ *Dear Meents Family,*

So sorry to hear about your loss. Our hearts and prayers are with you. Thank you for posting all of the great pictures. What a fulfilling and joyful life that both Mr. and Mrs. Meents experienced. Many, many blessings!

Much love,

Andy & Connie Caldwell

Andrew Caldwell - May 22, 2021 at 10:49 AM

AB

“ Ashley B. lit a candle in memory of Edwin "Ed" Meents



Ashley B. - May 20, 2021 at 09:49 PM

MT

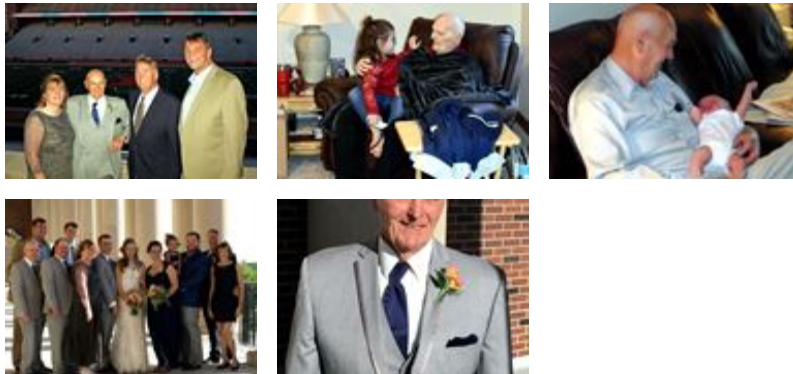
“ So sad to learn this. Ed was a great guy, wonderful member of Kankakee Kiwanis and always appreciated his efforts on Kiwanis, his quick wit and his open sharing of ideas and thoughts. May God bless the family with his peace and comfort and may many fond memories bring smiles and dry up the tears.



Mary Thomson - May 20, 2021 at 11:55 AM



“ 87 files added to the album LifeTributes



Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes - May 20, 2021 at 09:46 AM

JH

“ Love and blessings from God to you all, Ed will always be a part of each of us. Ed and Lee sat with me when I needed a companion. Ed told me how to follow a purposeful political path: his 😊. He was rarely incorrect. His greatest gifts to me were his children and grandchildren. After all these years, shouldn't I know Kolberg from Jason J or that Mason belongs to Scott AND Jake Jaffe is one word, for real!

Ed is so proud. We are so lucky!

Jean Butz Hall

Jean Butz Hall - May 20, 2021 at 12:10 AM

RO

“ My Father, Robert O'Connor, worked at Roper with Mr. Meents. My dad was fond of him and spoke well of him. As far as I know they were good friends. My prayers are with the Meents family at this sad time.

Rest in Peace Mr. Meents.

Sincerely,

Randy O'Connor

Randy j Oconnor - May 19, 2021 at 11:54 PM

DS

“ I used to sit next to Ed at Kiwanis' meetings so we could chat. Interesting man. I worked at The Salvation Army when he was on the board and unselfishly gave of his time to oversee the counter red kettles. Generous man. My sympathies to his family.

Dorci Schoolman - May 19, 2021 at 07:21 PM

DT

“ I worked with Ed at Roper in the early 80s. My condolences to the family.

Deb Thiele - May 19, 2021 at 01:58 PM

RE

“ My condolences and prayers are with the Meents family, Ed served on the Kankakee County Board from 1992-2006, we both had accounting backgrounds, but it was without question that Ed kept an eagle on on the finances, he was a good steward and watchdog over the tax payers dollars. We also served together on the Kankakee County Community Service Board, where he later served as President. The other accountants in heaven better be on their toes as Ed Meents has arrived! Rest in Heaven my friend.
Commissioner Robert S. Ellington-Snipes



Robert S Ellington-Snipes - May 19, 2021 at 12:52 PM

PF

“ My deepest sympathy to the Ed Meents family. I have many fond memories of Ed from time spent with him and Lee at church and as a member of the Limestone Township board. Ed was a kind man and a wise advisor who unselfishly donated many years to our community. May God comfort Ed's family and give you His peace and strength.

Patricia Fisher - May 19, 2021 at 12:50 PM

KA

“ *KathyLott lit a candle in memory of Edwin
"Ed" Meents*



KathyLott - May 18, 2021 at 07:33 PM