



## Edward Lee Rueger

December 6, 1938 - July 22, 2023

EDWARD L. RUEGER  
NEW HARMONY, INDIANA

Edward Lee Rueger 84 of Mount Juliet, Tennessee and formerly of New Harmony, peacefully passed out of this life on July 22, 2023. Ed was born December 6, 1938, to Malcolm Edward and Esther (Oeth) Rueger in Mount Vernon Indiana. He was preceded death by his parents and son: Jon Edward Rueger.

He attended Mount Vernon, Indiana schools and graduated in 1957. Ed played football with the 1954 undefeated PAC champions and was inducted into the Mount Vernon Athletic Hall of Fame in 1989.

Ed was a member of the Indiana National Guard for two years before joining the US army in 1958. He was stationed in Germany serving as a tank commander patrolling the East German border.

Settling in New Harmony, Indiana in 1963, Ed worked at Babcock and Wilcox in Mount Vernon as a welding inspector. Ed was a member of the New Harmony Volunteer Fire Department and First Baptist Church of New Harmony serving as deacon, music director, Sunday school teacher of 3- & 4-year-olds and bus driver.

He was an auctioneer, owning an auction barn in Mount Vernon.

Ed and his family relocated to South Florida in 1979 where he became an entrepreneur, an occupation he loved and would continue in for the rest of his

life. Moving to Mount Juliet, Tennessee he founded his company, E&S sales; buying and selling in several markets, including Nashville, Knoxville, Louisville, Evansville, and Lebanon, Tennessee.

Ed was a positive, cheerful person who never met a stranger. He had a ready smile, a giving heart, and praised the lord for each day on earth. Ed is survived by his wife of 65 years: Shari (Taylor) Rueger; sons: Jeffrey of Old Hickory, TN and Rick of Pembroke Pines, FL; sister: Dorothy Rueger of Mount Vernon, IN; granddaughter: Lindsey Rueger (Josh McMahan) of Donelson, TN; granddaughter: Erica Rueger-Quinones (Adam) of Plantation FL; grandson: Will Rueger (Bethany) of Mt Juliet, TN; brother-in-law: Michael Taylor (Brenda) of Coconut Grove, FL; sister-in-law: Cynthia Taylor Lyke of Aurora, CO; great grandson: Ryan Gutierrez of Davie, FL; niece and nephews: Kara Peters, Ryan Lyke, Bryce Taylor, and Kevin Taylor.

Services in Tennessee will be held at Sellars Funeral Home at 11 a.m., July 31, 2023 with graveside services at Maple Hill Cemetery in New Harmony Indiana at 10 a.m., Tuesday August 1, 2023.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations can be made to: Maple Hill Cemetery, PO Box 340, New Harmony, Indiana 47631.

# Cemetery Details

## Maple Hill Cemetery

5890 Maple Hill Road  
New Harmony, IN 47631

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

AUG 1. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Edward Lee Rueger

October 06, 2023 at 09:05 AM



“ You have our deepest sympathy. Praying for the family. I remember Edward Lee being a very nice cousin. He was always kind. Sorry that we won't be able to attend the burial service. Hugs...

Dee Dee “Naab” Hayden - July 28, 2023 at 07:48 PM



“ We live next door to where Eds parents lived. I can remember how nice and friendly Ed was. When he would come and see Ester and later Dorothy, he would always stop and talk to us when he seen us out. He was a very nice man and will be sorely missed. RIP Ed.

Brenda Willhide - July 28, 2023 at 04:18 PM



“ I have known Ed since I was around 8 years old. My dad met him through the flea market in Louisville. He was always one of my favorites. After I was married, my husband, Tommy Joe, became really good friends with “Mr. Ed”. We loved him dearly. We will be praying for the family in this time of grief. Ed will be missed by everyone that had the pleasure of knowing him.

Missy Young - July 27, 2023 at 01:14 PM