



IN LOVING MEMORY

Edward Locke

AUGUST 6, 1942 - FEBRUARY 3, 2025



Funeral Liturgy

2 p.m., Thursday, February 6, 2025
Munden Funeral Home, Havelock, NC
Officiated by Rev. Jim Buchholz

WELCOME

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

God who creates and re-creates us, God who laughs with us and weeps with us, God who walks with us each step of the way, carrying us when our strength fails, we gather today with hearts breaking with grief, with voices crying out words of lament.

And so we ask that you would move in and around us today. As we gather to remember and say good bye to Edward be the shoulder we can cry on, the arm we can lean on, help us to see through the veil of tears that there is hope for life continuing.

Gracious God, as mysterious and wondrous as you are, you are also a compassionate God, as attentive as a hen with her chicks, as tender as a mother with a newborn child, as watchful as a shepherd with the sheep, as protective as a father's warm embrace. and so we come into your presence to grieve Edward's death, asking that your Holy Spirit would be here to ease our pain.

As we give thanks for all that added to the lives of those around as we release our tears and anger, as we say our good-byes, remind us that we are not alone. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

HYMN, "BE THOU MY VISION"

by Selah

OLD TESTAMENT READINGS

Job 19:23-27
Psalm 23

Jacqueline Clay
Jacob Rowe

NEW TESTAMENT READING:

John 14:1-6

Abigail Pietrzykowski

A TIME FOR REMEMBERING / EULOGY

Tina Rowe

HYMN, "IN THE GARDEN"

by Anne Murray

PERSONNEL MEDITATION ~ GOODBYE TO A SERVANT

HYMN OF THANKSGIVING, "BE STILL MY SOUL"

by David Archuleta

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:

O God, before whom generations rise and pass away, we thank you for all your servants who, having lived this life in faith, now live eternally with you. Especially we thank you for Edward, for the gift of his life, his kindness, patience, and wisdom. We give thanks for all treasured moments and events, which he shared with his family and friends, making this world richer and brighter for his presence. Give us faith, we pray O God, to see beyond touch and sight some aspect of what life is like with you. And where our vision fails, may we trust your love, which never fails.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *

(Said In Unison)

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

COMMENDATION

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Edward. Acknowledge, we humbly pray, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive him into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light.

COMMITTAL

Lord Jesus Christ, by your own three days in the tomb, you hallowed the graves of all who believe in you and so made the grave a sign of hope that promises resurrection even as it claims our mortal bodies. Grant that our may sleep here in peace until you awaken to glory, for you are the resurrection and the life. Then will see you face to face and in your light will see light and know the splendor of God, for you live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.

Trusting in God, we have prayed together for Edward and now we come to the last farewell. Although this congregation will disperse in sorrow, the mercy of God will gather us together again in the joy of his kingdom. Therefore let us console one another in the faith of Jesus Christ.

* PLEASE STAND

CLOSING HYMN, "IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL"

by Anthem Lights

BENEDICTION

Honorary Pallbearers

Kurtis George * David Pietrzykowski
Clinton Rowe * Jacob Rowe * Patrick Clay

Edward Locke, 82, of New Bern, North Carolina, passed away on Monday, February 3, 2025, at the Crystal Coast Hospice House after a long illness.

Edward was born on August 6, 1942, in Pearl River, New York. Edward completed his associate's degree in automotive sciences from Morrisville College in New York. There he met the love of his life and made her his wife on March 10, 1963. He started his career as an auto mechanic and took his education and automotive experience and opened an auto parts store "Ed's Custom Auto" in 1970.

Edward was an avid auto drag racing fan and even in the early days participated in professional series drag racing in upstate New York. He also enjoyed fly fishing and was known to be out on the river on the first day of trout season April 1st even with ice still along the banks!

Later, Edward and his wife also owned a boarding stable "Wishing Well Ranch". After raising their girls Ed and Jackie retired to Melbourne, Florida for 20 years and then moved to New Bern, North Carolina to be closer to family.

He is survived by his devoted wife of 62 years, Jacqueline; one sister, Linda DeGroat and husband Brooke of Windsor, New York; one brother, David Locke of Haines City, Florida; three daughters, Catherine "Holly" George and husband Curtis of Havelock, North Carolina, Cynthia "Cindy" Pietrzykowski and husband David of North Tonawanda, New York, and Tina Rowe and husband Clinton of Havelock, North Carolina; four granddaughters, Jacqueline Clay (Rowe) and husband Patrick Clay, Samantha Pietrzykowski, Elizabeth George and Abigail Pietrzowski; one grandson, Jacob Rowe and fiancée Alysa Wallace; and one great-granddaughter Lyra Clay.

Edward was predeceased by his mother and father Edward Sr. and Dorthy (Terwilliger) Locke; two children, Edward III and Dennis of Valley Cottage, New York; and one grandchild, Sarah Pietrzykowski of North Tonawanda, New York.

As an expression of sympathy, memorial donations may be made to the Crystal Coast Hospice House, P.O. Box 640, Newport, NC 28570 or Misplace Mutts, P.O. Box 58, Beaufort, NC 28516.



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