



Sherman Edde Ellard

July 29, 1947 - February 24, 2025

Sherman Edde "Ed" Ellard, 77, of Charlotte, a true American patriot, veteran and family man, died Monday, February 24, 2025 in Lansing. Ed was born July 29, 1947 in Kalamazoo, the son of Bert Dexter and Imogene Lorraine (Schaiffer) Ellard. He graduated from Delton High School in 1966 and immediately enlisted in the U.S. Army. Ed wanted to serve his country in a time of need just as his father had done during the Second World War. He proudly served two tours in-country during the Vietnam War, a three-year period that would influence the rest of Ed's life. During his service, he was awarded both a Purple Heart and a Bronze Star. He returned home and married the love of his life, Mona Joan Monica on June 7, 1969, and the two settled in Grand Blanc, MI.

Ed earned a degree in Quality from Western Michigan University and went on to assist several organizations throughout his career, including General Motors. Over his 30 year career, he held 15 jobs, all in Quality Control. Ed and Mona moved to Charlotte, MI in 1981, where they would raise their two children and become active members of First Baptist Church and an integral part of the Charlotte community. Ed was instrumental in the Charlotte High School Vietnam Round Table, and helped the group bring the Vietnam Memorial Wall to Charlotte, a project which helped give him peace from his wartime experiences.

Ed grieved after Mona's death in 2023. He found his independence with the help of his family, all of whom now deeply grieve his loss. Mona and Ed will both be remembered for their devotion to Faith, Family and Country.

Ed is survived by his daughter, Courtney (Scott) Quinn of Olivet; son, Kyle (Sharlene) Ellard of Farmington Hills; grandchildren, McKenna (Lindsey) Quinn and Conner Quinn; brothers, Danney Ellard of Delton and Roger (Connie) Ellard of Alabama; and copious nieces, nephews and family friends. He was predeceased by his beloved wife, Mona Ellard; two brothers, Bert Dexter Ellard, Jr. and Terry Ellard; sister-in-law, Carol Ellard; and his parents.

Friends are encouraged to support Ed's family by attending services or sharing memories on his Tribute Page at www.prayfuneral.com <<http://www.prayfuneral.com>>. Visitation will be from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 27, 2025 at First Baptist Church of Charlotte. Funeral services will be at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, February 28, 2025 at First Baptist Church in Charlotte with Pastor Pete Kroll officiating. The funeral will be webcast so you may watch it from any computer, smartphone, or mobile device that has internet access. Go to www.prayfuneral.com <<http://www.prayfuneral.com>>, click on Ed's tribute, then click on Photos and Videos from your computer (or Media from your smart phone). If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to the VFW Post 2406 of Charlotte. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Cemetery Details

Maple Hill Cemetery

801 Tully Brown Rd.
Charlotte, MI 48813

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 27. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Charlotte
1110 S. Cochran Ave
Charlotte, MI 48813

Funeral

FEB 28. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Charlotte
1110 S. Cochran Ave
Charlotte, MI 48813

Burial

FEB 28 (ET)

Maple Hill Cemetery
801 Tully Brown Rd.
Charlotte, MI 48813

Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of Sherman Edde Ellard*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - February 28, 2025 at 08:11 AM



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Sherman Edde Ellard*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - February 26, 2025 at 03:43 PM

SS

“ *I'm Sam Spencer, and the middle guy in the picture. Ed (called him Sherm in Nam) I and Rewson were close in Nam. I carried the machine gun and Ed the M-79. His job was to cover the low spots we couldn't cover with the M60. He was one of the best guys with that M-79 that I ever saw. MY condolences to all your family, I have lost a real friend. I will miss him and your mom. God Bless you all.*

Sam Spencer - March 11, 2025 at 12:07 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Life Tributes



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - March 03, 2025 at 03:26 PM

LM

“ With deep Condolences, Eaton Community Palliative Care Staff



LaTonya McClinton - March 03, 2025 at 12:55 PM

AM

“ I have so many fond memories of Ed and Mona. I will always cherish our visits when they would come into the restaurant. Truly blessed to have known them. April Maynard

April Maynard - March 02, 2025 at 07:48 AM

RW

“ In my heart, you will forever be linked with the lake house on crooked lake, Swimming, boat rides fishing and the power of family and friendship all rolled up into one. As a fellow veteran I followed your lead in the military, I do sir salute you.

Randy W Wagonmaker - February 28, 2025 at 09:43 AM

TF

“ *The Attack Volleyball Club Family purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Sherman Edde Ellard.*



The Attack Volleyball Club Family - February 27, 2025 at 01:02 PM

TF

“ *The Attack Volleyball Club Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sherman Edde Ellard.*

The Attack Volleyball Club Family - February 27, 2025 at 01:02 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Life Tributes*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - February 27, 2025 at 12:37 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Sherman Edde Ellard.*



February 27, 2025 at 11:46 AM

RS

“ I first met Ed around 1990 when we were members of the Michigan Chapter of the 101st Airborne Division Association and then during the Vietnam Veterans Roundtable in CHS. Ed was a good friend and highly respected by those of us who followed him in going to Vietnam. Ed was a part of the 2014 Reunion Team when the Michigan Chapter hosted the National Reunion in Grand Rapids. I have many fond memories of Ed at Olivet HS events and other Veterans events. To Courtney and Kyle, my sincere condolences to you and your families over the loss of a father and grandfather. He will be missed by all of us.

Ron Springer - February 26, 2025 at 10:28 PM

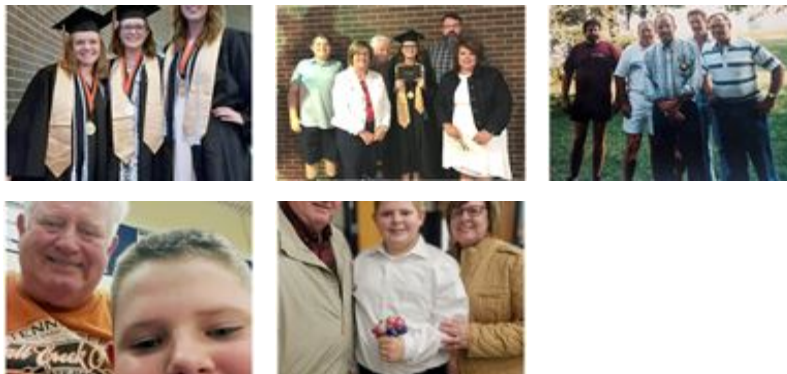
JM

“ Ed and Mona were my nextdoor neighbors. Ed would often share his knowledge as a Master Gardener, and he gave me nice plants. He was also a nice friend! I'm deeply sorry for your loss!

Jacalyn Miller - February 26, 2025 at 07:08 PM



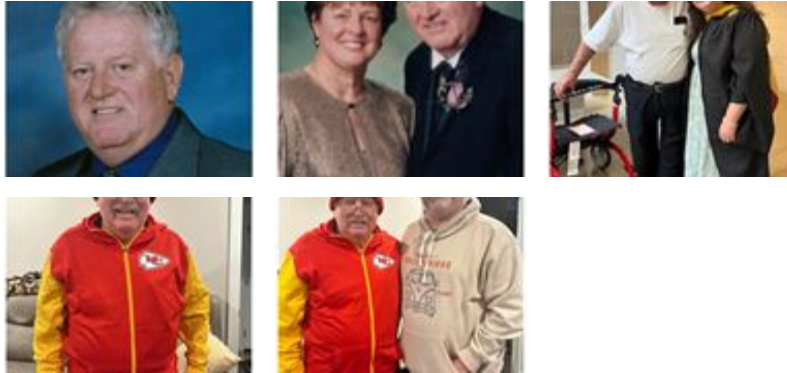
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Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - February 26, 2025 at 05:41 PM



“ 47 files added to the album LifeTributes



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - February 26, 2025 at 04:24 PM



“ Dear Courtney, Scott, McKenna and Connor, I was so sorry to hear of your Dad/Grandpa's passing. Please take solice in the thought that he and Mona are back together and probably enjoying every minute of being together and taking care of each other again. My prayers are with you.

Peggy Nichols

Margaret Anne Nichols - February 26, 2025 at 01:54 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Sherman Edde Ellard.



February 26, 2025 at 12:49 PM

LL

“ So sorry for your loss Mona! Although I didn't know him, I knew you and I'm sure it was a great loss for you and your family. Linda Lunsted.



Linda Lunsted - February 26, 2025 at 11:51 AM

MS

“ Monica & David Karr, Jeff Hanover, April & Todd Stopczynski planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sherman Edde Ellard.

Monica & David Karr, Jeff Hanover, April & Todd Stopczynski - February 26, 2025 at 11:38 AM

CE

“ My heart is heavy with the news of Ed's passing. He was more than a brother-in-law; he was a brother. I'll always remember the hugs that he gave me every time I saw him. Sending my deepest condolences to the entire family.

Connie Ellard - February 26, 2025 at 10:55 AM

RJ

“ Ed was a constant source of warmth and laughter in our family. I'll always cherish the memories of his stories and his infectious smile. He will be deeply missed. My heart goes out to the entire family during this difficult time. He left a lasting impact on everyone who knew him.

Roger Ellard Jr - February 26, 2025 at 10:46 AM

JS

“ Worked with Sherm (that's what we called him) at Spartan Motors and he taught us a lot with all his wisdom and experience. Very sorry for your families loss. God bless Sherm for serving our country and helping other Veterans.

Jeff Smith - February 26, 2025 at 10:44 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Sherman Edde Ellard.



February 26, 2025 at 10:29 AM

EH

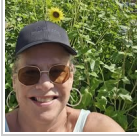
“ I am very sad to hear of Ed's passing. Ed and Mona were good people and friends and I have some great memories of them and the kids. I played a couple years of softball in Grand Ledge with Ed, and my son Jeff learned to swim in their pool in Charlotte one summer. I miss them both and Mona and Ed were great people to know since they moved to Charlotte man years ago ! Ed Hanover

Ed Hanover - February 26, 2025 at 10:01 AM

MC

“ Courtney, I am so sad to hear this news. I admired your Dad's strength and love as he was with your Mom daily, during her time of need. He was by her side during her Extension Office/4-H days too. Unconditional and true love. A testament to his strong and loyal character. May these Angels watch over you and your brother from above. Love you my friend...

Monique Colizzi - February 25, 2025 at 07:20 PM



“ *Mr Ed & Miss Mona were my weekend parents many times during middle school. They loved me as own of their own & included me in many family adventures. He was a das to me when my own couldn't be and for that I'm very grateful! Much love & grace to Courtney & family.*

AmyChristine Heldebrandt - February 25, 2025 at 07:08 PM

MC

Well said Grier ...

Monique Colizzi - February 25, 2025 at 07:15 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sherman Edde Ellard.*



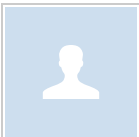
February 25, 2025 at 06:42 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Sherman Edde Ellard.*



February 25, 2025 at 06:23 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Sherman Edde Ellard.*

February 25, 2025 at 06:23 PM

JL

“ Our family sends condolences and prayers during this time of loss. Ed was a pleasure to be around, always with his keen wit and laugh that made you feel good. He was a wonderful husband, father and friend. It is a blessing to know that Mona and Ed are together again. Our thoughts and prayers go with all the family. Judy Locke

Judy Locke - February 25, 2025 at 05:08 PM

JH

“ Jay, Kristy, Jack & Henry purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Sherman Edde Ellard.



Jay, Kristy, Jack & Henry - February 25, 2025 at 04:44 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Sherman Edde Ellard.



February 25, 2025 at 04:27 PM

VN

“ To Courtney and the rest of the family I wish to send my prayers and condolences on the loss of your dad. It is never easy to lose the one you ❤️ love. May you find peace in knowing you are being prayed for. Veronica Nash, teacher

Veronica Nash - February 25, 2025 at 02:35 PM

AP

“ *Angel Pedelty lit a candle in memory of Sherman Edde Ellard*



Angel Pedelty - February 25, 2025 at 02:27 PM

CB

“ *Chuck Brandon lit a candle in memory of Sherman Edde Ellard*



Chuck Brandon - February 25, 2025 at 02:21 PM