



# Edmund Edwin Dusek

May 6, 1934 - August 31, 2018

Edmund Edwin Dusek, born on May 6, 1934, passed away on Friday, August 31 after a battle of complications from the advanced stages of Parkinson's Disease. His parents were Edmund Felix Dusek of Ammannsville, Texas, and Matilda Anne Janicek of Schulenburg. His grandparents/great-grandparents were Czech and German immigrant farmers who settled in the area at the time and who have brought Czech heritage and culture to the history of Texas.

Ed started school when he was five, at St. Rose Catholic Elementary, in Schulenburg, where he was also an altar boy. When he was eight, he and his parents moved to San Antonio so his father could work at Kelly Air Force Base during WWII. In San Antonio, Ed attended St. Leo's Grade School through the seventh grade and then attended Harlandale Junior/Senior High School, where he graduated high school in 1951.

Ed then attended St. Mary's University in San Antonio his freshman year, then transferred to Texas A&M University, graduating in 1955 as a Distinguished Military Student with a BBA in Marketing and a commission as 2nd Lt. in the United States Army. He spent two years in active duty in 1957 and 1958 in the Quartermaster Corp at Ft. Lee, Virginia, and Munich, Germany. After active duty, Ed served in the Army infantry reserves, attaining the rank of Captain before ending his reserve service.

Ed worked for Sears, Roebuck and Co. in retail store management. He started in 1955 with the company's Executive Trainee Program and worked his way up the corporate retail ladder to retire 39 years later as the District Manager for Sears in central, south, and west Texas. Fourteen years of Ed's service time with Sears was spent in Sears International Operations. Ed and his family lived four years in Madrid, Spain, seven years in Mexico City, and five years in Chicago.

After retiring from Sears, Ed moved from San Antonio to Austin, to be closer to family. He was a consultant, while obtaining a Master's degree. He later worked at Westwood High School where his granddaughters attended high school. He was a self-taught musician, having played in a jazz band when he was young, and learned to play the guitar, flute, and clarinet. He loved to cook, work on cars, and was an excellent wood-carver. He was young at heart, and for his 70th birthday, got himself a Harley Davidson motorcycle, which he rode for several years. He was very active in Rotary Club and A&M Ex-Student

Association. He was proud to be a Texan, an Aggie, and of Czech heritage, and being with his family was the most important.

Ed is survived by his two daughters and three granddaughters. His daughters are: Cheryl Sanders and husband Lance, of Austin, Laura Murphy and husband Colin, of Augusta, Ga., and granddaughters: Allison Sanders of Austin, Madison Broussard and husband Josh, of Houston, and Catherine Murphy, of Augusta, Ga.

Ed requests it be known that he attempted to do well as a son, husband, father, and grandfather during his time on earth. There is no doubt that he achieved all of these successes in life, and he was dearly loved by all who knew him. He will be greatly missed. Thank you to Buckner Villas and Hospice Austin for making his last days comfortable. A memorial will be held at a later date. Donations in his honor can be made to the Parkinson's Foundation.

# Comments

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“ Ed and I worked together with Sears in Spain, where we became good friends. He had an amazing work ethic. I only saw him sporadically after that. Once, when he was the store manager of Sears in Brownsville, Texas, I surprised him with a visit. We had a great time together, and I always remembered him on his birthday. He was a good friend, and I'll miss him. Reg Doherty 6106958899 Direct

Reg Doherty - October 02, 2018 at 01:21 PM

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“ Erin Klein I'm so sorry Laura! I always remember how sweet he was when I worked for you all

Karen Calhoun

Karen Calhoun Oh Laura - I am so sorry to hear. Saying a prayer for peace and comfort.

Stuart Leonard So sorry Laura! Your Dad was a really neat guy and so much fun to be around. He had a genuineness about him that you don't see in most people.

Prayers are with you and your family

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Elizabeth Broom Cleveland

Elizabeth Broom Cleveland I'm so sorry Laura. Keeping you and your family in my thoughts and prayers.

Celia Jones So sorry Laura, what a beautiful tribute to what sounds like an amazing dad. You honor him well. Praying for you sweet friend and your family.

Laura Murphy - September 17, 2018 at 10:23 AM

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“ Gilberto Ramirez Bergeron Sorry to hear your loss. Many blessings. To you and your family

Joan Morrow Seigle I can see the kindness in his eyes. I'm so so sorry.

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Tracy Skrzynski Sorry for your loss

Susie D Elliott Oh Laura, I am so very sorry for your loss. It's a loss for all of us who grew up knowing Uncle Ed. Please know you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Leona Maddox Deepest Sympathies to you and your family. Hugs for you my friend.

Laura Travis Thurber Laura I'm so sorry for your loss!! Daddy's and daughters always have a special bond.

Laura Murphy - September 17, 2018 at 10:22 AM

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“ Caroline Jones Shah Laura

I'm so sorry

Your words are beautiful and he sounded lovely!

Elizabeth Estes Niven

Elizabeth Estes Niven Oh Laura...I'm so sorry for your loss. What a great guy your dad was. Always such a diplomat. And a very handsome man and a heck of a lot of fun. And I remember the story about Buffy and Frieda...and they will tell him all about the adventure. And he will earnestly listen. Love to you and your family.

Anne Mengedoht Fitch So sorry, Laura. My condolences.

Wendy Nagel So sorry for your loss

R. J. Woo Laura. I am so sorry to hear about this!

Judy M. Nelson I'm so sorry for your loss Laura! DooDad was so easy to love. He just adored you and Callie and I know how much you both loved him as well. Prayers for you and your family coming your way.

RIP DooDad

Love you always,

Judy

Laura Murphy - September 17, 2018 at 10:21 AM

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“ Brenda Daniel McCrary Laura, I'm so sorry for your loss. Our dads are our strength!

Amelia Robinson

Amelia Robinson So sorry Laura love to you all xx

Kay Denman Payne Oh, Laura, my heart breaks to hear this sad news. Love and prayers for all of you.

Cornelia Todd Harrison So sorry for your loss, Laura. Lots of love and hugs to you all.  
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Mary Bowron Beasley

Mary Bowron Beasley Beautiful tribute to your Daddy. Prayers for you and your family.

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Louise Richardson Manzella

Louise Richardson Manzella Prayers and love to you and all!

Jenny Cook Wiegand So sorry, Laura. What a beautiful tribute to a wonderful man! Sending love.

Laura Murphy - September 17, 2018 at 10:20 AM

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“ Stephanie Steele Frees Laura, I'm so sorry for your loss! I have great memories of many shared countries and experiences with the Dusek Family. My daddy called yours every week until he passed away. I'm picturing them in heaven having a great time catching up!  
Hugs to you during this difficult time.

Lisa Brandon DeLorme So sorry for your loss. What a nice tribute Laura.

Joe Wiegand Love and hugs.

William Fort Very sorry for your loss, Laura .

Don Sheffield So sorry for your loss! My thoughts and prayers are with you and you're family.

Laura Murphy - September 17, 2018 at 10:20 AM

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“ Nancy Greenwood So sorry Dusek.

Angela Parrott

Angela Parrott I'm so sorry for your loss. A beautiful tribute to an incredible man - you're proof of that! Sending love and hugs to you and your family.

Lee Pride

Lee Pride So sorry Laura.

Ellen Jeffery Nemeč

Ellen Jeffery Nemeč I'm so sorry Laura for your loss. What a lovely tribute to a great father. Sending big hugs to you.

Julie Moebes Ellis

Julie Moebes Ellis I am so sorry Laura - hugs and prayers to you and family

Harriet Deas

Harriet Deas Laura, So sorry for your loss. Love & prayers to you.

Donna Fields Laura so sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Laura Murphy - September 17, 2018 at 10:19 AM

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“ I WORKED WITH ED AT SEARS . I ACTUALLY REPLACED ED IN DALLAS AS THE GROUP PERSONEL MGR ABOUT 1972 . HE WENT TO THE VALLEY VIEW STORE AS THE OPERATING MGR .AT THAT TIME. AFTER WE ALL RETIRED , WE GOT TOGETHER EVERY YEAR TO SHARE OLD STORIES . ALWAYS ENJOYED ED'S STORIES . HE WAS A TRUE AGGIE . MY NAME IS CRAIG HIBBISON . LOVE YOU ED .

craig hibbison - September 12, 2018 at 02:01 PM

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“ I got to know Ed while he was a resedent at Buckner Villa. While being taken care of at Buckner, he found ways to take care of those around him. He showed interest and concern in both staff and other residents. I know because my mom was one of them. Ed is just one more of those friendly faces that will greet me when my time comes.

Mark Mitchell

mark mitchell - September 09, 2018 at 12:11 PM

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“ From Lorri Osher McClain: I'm sooooo sorry about DooDad. Some of my favorite Sewanee memories include him Laura. Driving us into the hotel lobby like it was the normal thing to do, "what stairs?", and he was such an amazing father who loved his girls so much!!!! He will be greatly missed.

Laura Murphy - September 05, 2018 at 09:24 AM

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“ From Hildreth Stafford, paraphrased: DooDad was a hoot. He made everything he did fun, and I'll never forget how much fun our trip to Mexico was. We had a wonderful time any time he came up to Sewanee and to Atlanta, and he was always so kind. I know you will miss him terribly.

Laura Murphy - September 05, 2018 at 09:22 AM

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“ Fernando Fuentes Laurita,çSorry to hear the sad news. You are right, he was part of the reason we enjoyed hanging out in your house  
Laura Murphy Thank you Ferdie! I think those were some of his happiest days ever I think!

Fernando Fuentes

Fernando Fuentes Keep your head up high, and keep on keeping on!

Fernando Fuentes God bless!

Leslie Scardino Holland

Leslie Scardino Holland My heart hurts for you my friend. I hope you find comfort in those who love you. What gorgeous photos of Callie with her Doo Dad .

Laura Murphy - September 04, 2018 at 11:44 PM

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“ Kathy Rennolds Thomas Oh Laura, I am so sorry for your loss. Sound like a remarkable man. Praying for you and that memories will comfort.

Laura Murphy - September 04, 2018 at 11:35 PM

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“ Terry Plain Oh Laura! I am so sorry to hear about your dad! I remember him well...such a great man. Please know we are thinking about you and praying for your family!!

Laura Murphy - September 04, 2018 at 11:31 PM

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“ Laura's original post on Saturday morning:

It is with great sadness that Edmund E. Dusek (DooDad) has left this world after a 3 year battle with Parkinson's and related complications. He was such a great father, and was the reason why all of my friends loved coming over to our house when I was growing up.

He was the first in his family to get a college degree, then served in the Army as Captain, returning from Germany to begin a long and successful career with Sears Roebuck. He moved up the corporate ladder through his hard work, great smarts, operational efficiency, and sense of humor. Retail being retail, he often worked 6 very long days a week, yet still found time to spend with the family. Now that I'm a parent, I understand the sacrifices that he made to spend time with us. He took me to my ballet classes, horseback riding, and he played many many board games and chess. Although he would often deny it, I know that he let me win at Mastermind. Always an eager learner, he had a great way of mixing in some education into our weekend trips

that we'd take as a family to learn more about the new location Sears had sent us every 2 years. He spoke 5 languages, was a complete gentleman, and was the best father and grandfather that anyone could ask for.

DooDad, we miss you - have missed you through your progressive Parkinson's degeneration. There are far fewer laughs and smiles now that you have left us. I know you'll be making everyone in heaven laugh out loud, but watch it, because I'm not sure if the puns have a limit up there...Please hang out with Gary since you were like a father to him too, try to keep Loretta quiet, and find Buffy and Frieda please.

Laura Murphy - September 04, 2018 at 11:30 PM

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“ Lauren Samples Lee I'm sorry for your Loss Laura!  
Laurie Jarrett Rogers so sorry for your loss, this is such a loving tribute. Peace and many blessings to you.  
Kelly Brown So sorry for you and your family. Peace to you all.

Laura Murphy - September 04, 2018 at 11:29 PM

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“ África Galeras Sáez · Friends with Edmund E. Dusek  
From Madrid, Spain, very very sorry! The time with us in Sears-Madrid was really great. Bye to a wonderful man, a gentleman. We will never forget him. Peace for your family!  
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Laura Murphy  
Laura Murphy Thank you so much for the thoughts! He loved his time there!! I have that lovely chess set that you all gave to him, along with the bullfight Paco Camino poster that you all signed!

Laura Murphy - September 04, 2018 at 11:25 PM

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“ I'm going to share my facebook comments from those who commented on Doodad's post I did on Saturday.  
  
Claudia Venable Laura.. I loved that I got to meet DooDad.. what a wonderful man he was and I know that you will be comforted by so many beautiful memories.... thinking of you and your family.

Laura Murphy - September 04, 2018 at 11:24 PM

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Allison S. - September 04, 2018 at 10:27 PM

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Laura Murphy - September 04, 2018 at 10:19 PM

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“ Love you, Doodad Who else has a grandpa this cool? I can't wait to ride the Harley again with you one day.



Allison S. - September 04, 2018 at 07:59 PM