



Dr. Edward J. Bitler

January 25, 2021

Age 85, of Monroeville, passed away on Monday, January 25, 2021. Beloved husband of the late Patricia Bitler; father of Edward Bitler Jr. (Susan) and Cheryl Murray (Rufino); grandfather of Brooke and Taylor Murray, Matt, Caitlin and Chris Murray, Jaime, Jordan and Jake Beretta; also 2 great-grandchildren; brother of Barbara Siegel (the late Herb). He was preceded in death by his son-in-law, David Murray. Edward who went by “Ed” or “Dr. Bitler” to many, grew up in Greenfield, PA. He graduated from Alderdice High School and went on to serve his country in the United States Airforce. Ed earned his degree in education from Slippery Rock University and eventually his doctorate from West Virginia University. He started his career as a teacher with the Penn Hills School District and retired from the district as an elementary principal. He earned many awards as a teacher and principal. His passion drove him to continue his career supervising student teachers for Duquesne University until his mid 70’s. He resigned only to pursue his other passion, spending time with his family, especially his grandkids, and enjoying time with them at Rehoboth Beach. Ed also had a passion for coaching kids, as he won several elementary basketball championships as well as pony league baseball championships. A private visitation will be held for the family. Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. on Friday, January 29, 2021 at Christ the Divine Shepherd Parish at North American Martyrs Church. A private interment will be for the family only at Plum Creek Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to the GENE H. CORL FUNERAL CHAPEL INC. AND CREMATION

SERVICES OF MONROEVILLE. www.corfuneralchapel.com.

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 29. 10:00 AM (ET)

North American Martyrs Church
Haymaker Road
Monroeville, PA

Tribute Wall

RW

“*Reading and writing have been integral to my becoming a successful biotech executive. Along the way, I’ve been drawn to write books, including two published American history books. My fourth-grade teacher, Ed Bitler, played a major role in my literacy development as he steered me to read and collect The Hardy Boys series. He was also my first basketball coach at Hebron Elementary School. Like Dr. Bitler, I am focused in my "4th quarter" on spending time with my seven grandkids...and am co-writing books with four of them! Rick Williams, Apex, NC*

Rick Williams - October 18, 2021 at 01:49 PM

FW

“*Ed sorry to hear that your father passed away.I hope you find comfort in the presence of family and friends at this difficult time.*
Frank wilson



Frank Wilson - January 28, 2021 at 08:10 AM

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“ Cheryl and family,

Although my interactions were brief with you and your Dad I could see and feel the love your family had for each other. Reading more about your father proves what a kind, gentle and encouraging person he was and he instilled those traits in you and so many he came in contact with through the years. May your memories bring you comfort, happiness and peace.

Hugs and prayers,

Lori (Devin's sister)

Lori - January 27, 2021 at 05:11 PM

JP

“ *My deepest sympathies to the Bitler family at this time. I remember helping Ed with proofreading his Doctorate Thesis. He worked so hard earning that advanced degree. The pride in the smile on his face was so rewarding to those around him. “Dr. Bitler” was a hard earned and well deserved title. I was touched that he had reached out for my help. May God wrap his loving and healing arms around the entire family and help you find loving peace at this time..*

Jan Pottmeyer - January 27, 2021 at 12:23 PM

MS

Ed was my cousin's husband. I'm sorry to say I did not know him well, as visits were quite infrequent. He seemed like a gentle man, clearly an under-stated man for his many accomplishments. Eddie and family, I am so very sorry for your deep loss. May God bless you all. Mary Ann Sinnhuber and Barry Martin.

Mary Ann Sinnhuber - January 28, 2021 at 08:09 PM