



Edward Gibbons

January 1, 1953 - January 19, 2010

Edward F. Gibbons, 77, Topeka passed away Tuesday, January 19, 2010. Ed was born February 5th, in St. Louis, Missouri, the son of Hugh A. and Anastasia L. McCartney. He graduated from Saint Louis University in 1954. Ed, being drawn to a life of service to community, entered into twelve years of study with the Jesuits which included another three years of teaching at his alma mater, Saint Louis University High School. Ed then went to Cushing, Oklahoma where he was instrumental in the implementation and development of a secular retreat center. This time in his life was one of great self reflection and prayer. Ed decided to make a life change and take a position with Kansas Neurological Institute in Topeka, Kansas. During this time Ed had the good fortune to meet Frank McGrath who later recruited him to help lead the Capper Foundation. Ed served in a leadership position with Cappers for over thirty years. Ed further lived out his commitment to service by giving so generously of his time to friends, family and civic organizations. Ed was charter president of Topeka South Rotary and the clubs first Paul Harris Award recipient. He held the office of secretary/treasure and board member for Marketing Executives of Topeka Inc., he was a board member for Brewster Place, past president of the Knife and Fork Club, past president and member of Topeka Cosmopolitan Club, Director of Cerebral Palsy of Topeka, an officer of the Topeka Council on Philanthropy and National Society of Fund-raising. He was a member of Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church and served on the Endowment Board. In retirement, Ed continued his passion for service and

love for his community by honoring his son Tom as a board member for Sheltered Living and giving many hours of service to TARC. Survivors include his wife of forty years, Elida (DeRouen) Lamden Gibbons; children, Mark J. Lamden, his wife, Elizabeth and their son Miles, Kirkland Washington, Lori Lamden Roop, Fairway, Kansas and her son, John Avi Roop of Menlo Park, California, his nephews and many cousins. He was preceded in death by his beloved parents, brother, Hugh Gibbons and son, Tom Lamden. A parish rosary will be prayed at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, January 22, 2010 at Most Pure Heart of Mary Church 3601 SW 17th Topeka KS 66604 (17th and Stone). Visitation, at the church will follow the rosary until 7 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11a.m. Saturday January 23, 2010 at Most Pure Heart of Mary Church. A private inurnment will be held at Mount Calvary Cemetery. In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorial contributions to Most Pure Heart of Mary Foundation, Sheltered Living and TARC, sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Rd, Topeka KS 66614.

Tribute Wall



“ *Edward Gibbons*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Elida and Family: So sorry to hear of Ed's passing. Memories are the legacy of love. Hold onto the special memories you have of your beloved Ed, and they will assist you through the most difficult days. Wishing you and your family peace and strength.*

Debbie Baumgartner - February 01, 2010 at 04:42 PM



“ *Elida,*

I was so sorry to hear about Ed. He was a great friend over the years. I always enjoyed his conversations whether it was about buying an automobile or talking about a fine bottle of scotch. I know he will be greatly missed. My very best to you and your family.

Gary Croucher

Gary L Croucher - January 23, 2010 at 10:39 AM



“ *Elida and family, Though we are deeply saddened, the fond, loving memories we have with Ed will long be remembered. Touched by God's love he gave freely the gifts of encouragement and hope for the future, taught us how to advocate, filled our hearts with laughter and most important introduced us to our Catholic community and schools. Elida, thank you for sharing Ed with all of us and supporting his continued goals of caring for everyone.*

Shirley and Robbie Armentrout - January 22, 2010 at 06:50 PM

SH

“ I am the Principal at Avondale West Elementary School. Ed came many times to school, with Topeka South Rotary colleagues, to participate in our Lunch Bunch program. Students are nominated each month by their teacher for achievements and good behavior. We gather in the library on a Friday, at lunch time. Rotary members bring a lunch for themselves and their student Lunch Bunch buddies. Ed came often and always had a smile and encouraging words for our students. Students always were drawn to Ed's kind and calm invitation to eat with him. He always had kind words for me and often asked about my Dad, Owen Henson. We'll miss his kind words, easy smile and wonderful laugh.

Scott Henson - January 22, 2010 at 05:02 PM

BS

“ Dear Elida and family...I just learned today of Ed's passing and I am truly saddened. He was so good to me over the years. He was a wonderful friend and God's great servant for so many years. My prayers are with you, but I know that Ed's passing is a time of celebrating his life and thanksgiving that he is home with the Lord. God bless.

Brad Stauffer - January 22, 2010 at 12:39 AM

KS

“ Elida and family,
We are deeply saddened with Ed's passing. He was a wonderful person and great friend. It was an honor to have known him. We, along with many others, will truly miss him. But his memory will keep us smiling! You will continue to be in our prayers.

Kip & Sherry Slattery - January 21, 2010 at 09:12 PM

MP

“ *Elida - I was so sorry to hear about Ed's passing. I always admired his compassion and heartfelt love he had for those less fortunate. I saw him this past Spring and we had a great visit. My involvement in the golf fund raising with the Knights for the Capper Foundation always resulted in seeing Ed once again as a true champion of those with disabilities. I recognized his true humility in leading the Capper Foundation for so many years. God bless you and the family.*

Maggie Prellwitz - January 21, 2010 at 07:43 PM

NS

“ *Dearest Elida and Family,*

*We would like to offer our prayer for Ed:
Our blessings for Ed:*

Go with God; Son of Ireland!

It was a privilege to be a friend of "himself."

" To every season there is a time.....to every time there is a season....."

Nany Shaughnessy - January 21, 2010 at 07:23 PM

MN

“ Ed gave me my first job and invited me to lunch soon after at his home where I met Elida. He always had a hug and a laugh for all students at Capper. If someone said Capper Foundation in the community you often thought of Ed. I miss him.

He always took a personal interest in me and my life

Elida Mark and Lori you are in our prayers. I know he is smiling that big smile and I know he is at peace.

Monty Nelson - January 21, 2010 at 04:24 PM

BD

“ Elida,
I was so shocked and hurt when I saw that Ed has passed! I was also very glad that I did see him at Tom's service and was able to visit with him briefly. You have my sincere sympathy on his passing. I will always consider both of you as my friends.
Love

Barbara J. Davis - January 21, 2010 at 03:01 PM

TS

“ Elida and family:
Mr. G meant so much to us. He was "one of a kind". As a co-worker, board member, mentor and friend...he always brought a smile to your face and made your heart a "little lighter" after being with him. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Tom and Doreen Shea - January 21, 2010 at 02:04 PM

BJ

“ Ed was an absolute gentleman. It was a joy to have known Ed. The "Y" will never be the same. Bob

Bob Jones - January 21, 2010 at 01:54 PM

CZ

“ I will always remember Ed as a man of wisdom and compassion. He had a great heart and a wicked sense of humor. I count it as an honor to have been within his circle of friendship. The community will sorely miss his leadership and many acts of kindness. Jon and I send our condolences to Elida and all the children. We will join you at Ed's services.

Carolyn Zimmerman - January 21, 2010 at 01:40 PM

KA

“ Elida, Lori, and family...I have no words to express my sorrow at Ed's passing. I can only think that Tommy must have missed him too much.

Kathleen - January 21, 2010 at 01:32 PM

AB

“ Elida, we feel like we have also lost a member of our family. Ed was a wonderful man, and much loved. He will be missed. Sorry, we won't be able to be at service, we are out of town.

Al and Sharon Burghart - January 21, 2010 at 12:16 PM

PE

“ Elida,
How sad and difficult this must be for you. Ron and I lift you up in our prayers. Ed was always lifting others up and encouraging them... He will be missed by all those that knew and loved him!

Patty Engroff - January 21, 2010 at 10:25 AM

KB

“ *Elida,*
I am sorry to hear about Ed. He was a great guy. I will always remember how he made sure I had a smile on my face. He will be missed.

Kathy Brayton - January 20, 2010 at 07:42 PM