



## Edward Lee Keller

November 30, 1931 - October 10, 2020

Keller, Edward Lee , age 88, of Bruce Township, Michigan died on October 10, 2020 in his home surrounded by family. Ed was one of two sons born to the late George E. and Juanita V. Keller on November 30, 1931 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. His brother, Jack R. Keller predeceased him on May 4, 1974. At a very early age Ed relocated to West Virginia, the home State of his parents where he was raised in the small village of Reedsville. He attended Masontown High school, where he lettered in baseball, basketball and football for each of the three years attended. Following high school, Ed attended West Virginia University, where for two years he participated in the football program. Upon obtaining an AB degree in political science in 1954, Ed enrolled in the West Virginia Law School. After completing his first year of law studies, Ed was called to active duty as a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Air force at Tyndall Air Force Base in Panama City, Florida. Upon being released from active duty as a 1st Lieutenant in 1957, Ed voluntarily remained in the Air Force Reserve until 1974, achieving the rank of Captain. Following active duty in the Air Force, Ed relocated to Mt. Clemens, Michigan where he enrolled in the Detroit College of Law and obtained an LLB degree in 1959. Desiring to teach law, Ed continued his law studies at the University of Michigan, concentrating on administrative and constitutional law. After accepting a professorship at Chase College of Law in Cincinnati, Ohio, Ed elected to forgo teaching and became a trial lawyer. Following brief employment at the Title Companies, Ed became a Trial Lawyer with the Macomb County Michigan Prosecutors Office under the late George N. Parris, where he handled several high profile cases until he elected to become associated with the late Frank E. Jeannette in the general practice of law. Upon Frank E. Jeannette becoming a Circuit Judge, Ed relocated his practice to 185 N. Groesbeck, Mt. Clemens, Michigan where he engaged in the general practice of law until retirement in 2015. During his law practice, Ed was proud and privileged to practice with three of his children, Tara, Dena and George and, in addition, by way of association, with Robert Axford, Anthony P. Viviano and his children David and Kathy Viviano.

Since retirement from the practice of law, Ed devoted his time to managing Beacon Cove Marina in Harrison Township along with his partners Earl and Teri Jo Velger and Joan

Emerick.

While with the Macomb County Prosecutors office, Ed met and married Carol A. Morris in 1964. Four children were born of the marriage, Dena P. (Joe) Stanley, Nikki R. Keller, Tara K. (John) Gupta and George E. (Carey) Keller. All have chosen careers in law or law related fields. Nikki is a Youth Assistant Supervisor in Oakland County and Dena, Tara and George are attorneys. In addition to the surviving children, there are ten grandchildren, Addison and Jack Stanley, Cameron, Riley and Clayton Fox, Lauren, Charles and Samuel Gupta and Emerson and Kendall Keller.

Professionally, Ed was a member of the Macomb County and State Bar and was authorized to practice in State and Federal Court.

In addition, Ed was a Life Member of the Mt. Clemens AmVets Post 29 and served as its judge advocate in 1962, a member and past President of the Mt. Clemens Old Crowd, a member of the Mt Clemens Juggle Up Club, a Life member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Ed belonged to Preston County, West Virginia Lodge #90, of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and was a 32 degree Member of the Valley of Detroit and a Noble in the Detroit Shriner's.

Being an avid hunter, Ed belonged to and contributed to many hunting and conservation organizations. He was a Life Member of the NRA, a Life Member of Handgun Hunters Museum and Hall of Fame and a Life Member of Safari Club International. Ed was a member of both Novi and Detroit Chapter of the Safari Club International and served as the president of the Detroit Chapter in 1986. Ed served as Director of the American Handgunners Association and belonged to and contributed to Ducks Unlimited, North American Deer Foundation and the Mzuri Safari Foundation. Ed's hunting expanded to six continents with trips to Africa (13), England (3), Spain (4), Republic of Kyrgyzstan (2) France, Ireland, Iceland, Canada (9), New Zealand, Scotland Croatia, Serbia, Austria, Argentina (3) Mexico (9) and Alaska (7). The Keller trophy room was published in volume three of Great Hunters. Their Trophy Rooms Collections in 2001 and the Detroit News in 2013. In addition to authoring several articles for hunting magazines, Ed authored and published his Africa adventures in the book, My Africa, in 2017. In 2017, Ed was the recipient of the World Hunting Award Ring, presented to him in Las Vegas, representing the highest and most prestigious honor in the world of hunting.

Aside from his beloved wife of 54 plus years and children and grandchildren, above named, Ed is survived by his dogs Lincoln (Link) and Tango and many close and cherished relatives and friends.

Services are Private. Interment Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly MI. Memorials to The Detroit Chapter of Safari Club International 31468 Armada Ridge Rd. Richmond MI. 48062 and / or any cancer organization of your choice. Share memories with the family at their "On-Line Guestbook" @ [WujekCalcaterra.com](http://WujekCalcaterra.com).

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# Comments

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“ Jason & Lori Lascoe lit a candle in memory of Edward Lee Keller



Jason & Lori Lascoe - October 22 at 10:00 AM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Edward Lee Keller.



October 21 at 09:08 AM

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“ Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Edward Lee Keller.



October 20 at 06:47 PM

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“ Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Edward Lee Keller.



October 20 at 03:46 PM

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“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Edward Lee Keller.



October 20 at 01:55 PM

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“ Summer's Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Edward Lee Keller.



October 20 at 12:58 PM

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“ America the Beautiful was purchased for the family of Edward Lee Keller.



October 20 at 10:30 AM

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“ Michele Puffpaff lit a candle in memory of Edward Lee Keller



**michelee Puffpaff** - October 19 at 08:08 PM

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“ Wherever you are we know you are in a much better place looking down on Carol, your kids and grandchildren. We know your purpose in life was to make sure they were taken care of. Your accomplishments have inspired all of us. Although you are no longer physically with us you will forever remain in our hearts and your spirit will always be felt. Knowing Ed like we do he would be saying do things that make you happy, love, give back, figure out your purpose and enjoy the journey. Until we meet again May God hold you in the palm of his hand. The Morris Family

**Denise OShanick** - October 19 at 04:50 PM

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“ Lisa Barnes lit a candle in memory of Edward Lee Keller



**lisa barnes** - October 18 at 09:32 PM

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“ Our prayers and deepest sympathies for the whole Keller family. May you all find peace in the sweet memories you have. He was a kind and gentle man who will be missed by the whole MNWC family. Siobhan and Dan Juett

**Siobhan and Dan Juett** - October 18 at 08:19 PM

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“ I always felt like Ed was my older brother. He enriched my life and what I have achieved as a lawyer I owe to him. He was my mentor and when ever I had a problem I went to him. I admired his intelligence and integrity. I will miss him and he will always be in my prayers. To Carol, George, Nickie, Dena and Tara my deepest sympathies. I know he is gone physically but I know he will never leave you spiritually. Tony Viviano

**Tony Viviano** - October 16 at 10:34 AM



“ Thank you Judge for your kind words. You have been family to all of us and one of Dad's best friends. We will always treasure the memories our families created together.

**George** - October 17 at 11:06 AM



“ Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Edward Lee Keller.



October 15 at 04:03 PM



“ Ed always reminded me of my own father, who had passed many years ago. Needless to say that I had a special affinity for this very kind and gentle man. My sincere sympathy to the entire family. Ed will be truly missed by everyone who had the privilege of knowing him.

Deborah Servitto

**Deborah Servitto** - October 15 at 01:18 PM



“ Thank you for your kind words Judge. I know how much respect he had for you and your family as professionals and as a friends.

**George** - October 16 at 08:44 AM



“ Thank you Judge. I remember you telling me that. My dad always adored you. Your father must have been a wonderful man too.

**dena Keller** - October 18 at 06:24 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Edward Lee Keller.



October 15 at 09:38 AM

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“ Love and prayers to the Keller family. Ed was a dear man and his word was always gold. We had many cases over the years and we became good friends. Hold fast to all of your wonderful memories. Lori Finazzo

**Lori Finazzo** - October 15 at 09:29 AM



“ Thank you Lori. I know you spent a lot of time with dad and mom over the years. Dad really enjoyed your friendship.

**George** - October 16 at 08:51 AM

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“ My condolences to the Keller family. Mr. Keller was a class act that loved his children who I grew up with.

**Christine Robertson** - October 14 at 08:43 PM



“ Thank you Christine.

**George** - October 18 at 01:04 PM

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“ So sorry to here of eds passing he was a great friend he will be missed

**Ralph makowski** - October 14 at 04:29 PM

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“ Carol and family, wishing you peace and comfort during this difficult time.  
Ed was my Boss and also a good Friend.  
Walter and Donna Motte BC Guard Shack



**Walter Motte** - October 13 at 07:47 PM



“ Thank you Walter

**George** - October 18 at 01:05 PM

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“ I was honored and privileged and proud to be called friendBy Ed a great man! R.I.P.  
Brother R.I.P.!

**Nick Salis** - October 13 at 08:24 AM



“ Thank you Nick. You were a great friend.

**George** - October 16 at 10:26 AM

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“ We were so sorry to hear of Ed’s passing. It was a bit of a shock. He was a great husband, dad, grandfather and friend. I did enjoy working for him at Beacon Marina. Loved to listen to the stories he would tell us in the office. He could also be very funny too. He was an amazing man. It will not be the same without him. I last saw Ed about 2 months ago and we had a quick little chat. We wished each other well. I told him that I missed him. I was lucky enough to be invited to his lovely home to see his trophy room which is amazing and definitely showed his love for the hunt. My thoughts and prayers are with Carol, his children and grandchildren. He will be greatly missed by all. Rest In Peace Mr. Ed Keller.

Glenn and Ricki Smith



**Ricki Smith** - October 12 at 07:23 PM

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“ One of my earliest memories of Ed is traveling to Indiana to see the international drag races with his girlfriend Carol Morris. Our car broke down and needed a new alternator. Almost to the track, we witnessed a car accident with bodies being thrown from the impact. Ed was the one guy who could talk me into dancing with him at a Blind Pig on Quinn road. He was fearless -- a great guy and not too hard on the eyes.

**Carol Herzenstiel** - October 12 at 06:58 PM



“ Thank you Carol for sharing! You have always been like family to all of us.

**George** - October 18 at 01:07 PM