



## Edward Max Shaefer

September 7, 1944 - January 19, 2021

Edward Max Shaefer, 76, of Richland Center died Tuesday, January 19, 2021, at Harmony Place Assisted Living in Richland Center, WI after a long battle with Parkinson's Disease. He was born September 7, 1944, in Adams County, Iowa, to Lester and Ruth (Arnborg) Shaefer.

Ed was named after his two uncles that were serving in the military during World War II. Ed started his schooling at one school houses (Eureka # 5 and Eureka #6) in Adair County, Iowa. At age 11, Ed moved with his family from the farm to Canon City, Colorado, where he attended school. He graduated from Cannon City High School in 1961.

After graduating from high school, Ed worked at different jobs before starting at Penrose Memorial Hospital in Colorado Springs, CO, in environmental services. Ed received several awards while working there such as Employee of the Month (several times) and Employee of the Year. After 39 years of service to Penrose Memorial, he retired in December, 2008.

During his years at Penrose Memorial, he met Martha Fries, who worked at a sister hospital. Ed and Martha were married on November 19, 1980. They lived in Colorado Springs until 2010 when they moved to Richland Center, WI. Ed moved to Harmony Place Assisted Living, due to the progression of Parkinson's Disease, September 7, 2018.

Ed joined the First Presbyterian Church in Canon City, CO, then attended a Presbyterian Church in Colorado Springs, CO. After the move to Richland Center, WI, Ed and Martha attended the Presbyterian Church. When Ed reached the point he could not drive nor walk to church, Martha would push him in his wheel chair several blocks so he could attend church. He was unable to attend after the Fall of 2019, due to the cold, then Covid-19. Ed liked to travel, going to Las Vegas, NV, Florida, all around Colorado, and the many, many trips to Iowa and Wisconsin to visit relatives. Ed also watched many ball games on TV, especially his beloved Green Bay Packers.

He was predeceased by his parents, Lester and Ruth Shaefer, sister Karen Shaefer, brother Darwin Shaefer, father-in-law Theron Fries, brothers-in-law Dale King and Arthur (Brenda) Fries, and sister-in-law Mary Hall.

Survivors are his wife of 40 years, Martha, mother-in-law Mary Fries, sister Doris King, nieces Sherrill (Ben) Ress and Linda King, nephews Dale (Lori) King, Dean (Jennifer)

Hall, Bill (Gayla) Shaefer, brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law Carol Fries, Janet Hopper, Laura (Bob) Hopper, David Fries, Paul (Cheryl) Fries, Bettie (Richard) Ittner and many other relatives and friends.

Ed was cremated, per his wishes, and a Celebration of Life will be held at a later date in Richland Center, WI with burial at a later date at the Dexter Cemetery in Dexter, IA. The Clary Memorial Funeral Home in Richland Center assisted the family with arrangements.  
[www.clarymememorialfuneralhome.com](http://www.clarymememorialfuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Linda King lit a candle in memory of Edward Max Shaefer*



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*Love & miss you Uncle Eddie.*

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**Linda King** - January 24, 2021 at 08:10 AM