



## Marion Edward "Ed" Savage

August 3, 1938 - May 1, 2018

Marion Edward "Ed" Savage (1938-2018)

Ed Savage, 79, of Bartlesville went to be with his Lord at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, May 1, while surrounded by his beloved wife, children, and sister. Services will be held at 3:00 PM Friday, May 4, at Redeemer Lutheran Church with Pastor William J. Shupe officiating. Interment will follow in Memorial Park Cemetery. Ed lived his life on three principles in priority order: God, Family, and Work. Keep life in that order and never mix them up.

Ed was born August 3, 1938, at his family farm in Fallis, OK. He attended high school in Fairfax, OK, and graduated from Northeastern Oklahoma A&M in Miami, OK, with a Bachelor Degree in Education. Ed married his sweetheart Carolyn in 1960 when he was a senior in college and they made their home in Bartlesville after graduation. He served the Lord as an Elder, loved family and friends unconditionally, and positively impacted lives as a teacher.

Principle 1 – God: Ed served many roles at Redeemer Lutheran Church but his proudest and most honored role was that of an Elder. He organized countless fellowship dinners and for the last several years called each member on their birthday to sing "Happy Birthday". He'd always ask in his bubbly, humorous way, "Have you been a good girl/boy?" and end the call with "Remember, God loves you."

Principle 2 – Family: Ed's most treasured blessing was his family. He and Carolyn provided a strong spiritual foundation in a Christ-centered home to create solid family bonds. Many life lessons were taught through the

mountains and valleys of life experiences and they always encompassed Faith, Hope, and Love. His favorite times were family meals, fishing at the ponds, and taking each child out on a date to make them feel special.

Principle 3 – Work: Ed had many jobs throughout his life. In his younger years he plowed fields, worked in grocery stores and gas stations, and dug ditches in the oil fields. After college, his career focused on his passion: teaching. He taught 7th grade social studies at Madison Middle School for 31 years. One could often hear, “Give that girl/boy an E!” for doing something “extra” good. He organized field trips to Woolaroc and the roller rink, and led a canned food drive during Thanksgiving for many years. Most of all, he thrived at being a mentor to his students and understood each student was unique.

In addition to teaching, Ed had two favorite side jobs: Painting and Santa. He and long-time friend Bob Lewis created and ran a painting business for over 20 years. Their wives and children were part of the work crew and it taught them how to work hard, have fun, and create memories. The ultimate for Ed was playing Santa. His love for life illuminated the faces of children and parents as he flew down into Eastland Center in a helicopter and played Santa Claus every year.

Ed is survived by his loving wife, Carolyn Margaret Savage; two sons, Kenneth Joe Savage and wife Karen of Rudy AR, Jefferson Dietrich Savage of Bristow, OK; one daughter, Susan Renee Riden and husband James of Edmond, OK; two sisters, Linda Marie Lady and husband Don of Ponca City, OK, Dena Maye Miller and husband Joe of Davenport, OK; six adored grandchildren he called his Monkeys, Monkey #1 Kendra Shea Savage and fiancé Pedro Lopez, Monkey #2 Ashley Diane Welchel and husband Taylor, Monkey #3 Randall Dietrich Savage and fiancé Heather Kelley, Monkey #4 Michael Dewain Wilkinson, Monkey #5 Rebecca Ann Romine and husband Tyler, Monkey #6 Kurt “Wes” Savage; two great-grandchildren, Brantley Welchel and Brooklynn Savage; four sisters-in-law, Pat Durham and husband Bud, Henrietta Swarthout, Dorothy Gilbreath and husband Jack, and Barbara Weintz and husband Bill; close friends of 54 years Bob & Nancy Lewis, long-

term friend Barbara Williams, several aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, and a host of neighbors. He was preceded in death by his parents, Marion Jefferson "Doc" Savage and Alberta Marie Miller Savage, one sister, Diana Kaye Savage, two daughters, Donna Jean Savage and Lisa Michelle Weigl, and one son-in-law, Rodney Alan Weigl.

Memorials may be made to:

Redeemer Lutheran Church

Youth Group

3700 Woodland Road

Bartlesville, OK 74006

Comforting Hands Hospice

1366 S.E. Washington Blvd. Suite A

Bartlesville, Oklahoma 74006

Visitation will be at the Stumpff Funeral Home on Thursday, May 3rd from 4 P.M. until 8 P.M. and Friday, May 4th from 9 A.M. until 12 Noon.

Friends who wish may sign the online guest book and leave condolences at [www.stumpff.org](http://www.stumpff.org).

# Cemetery Details

## Memorial Park Cemetery

4200 Nowata Rd  
Bartlesville, OK 74006

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 3. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory  
1600 SE Washington Blvd.  
Bartlesville, OK 74006  
(918) 333-4300  
info@stumpff.org  
<https://www.stumpff.org>

## Visitation

MAY 4. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory  
1600 SE Washington Blvd.  
Bartlesville, OK 74006  
(918) 333-4300  
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## Church

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MAY 4. 3:00 PM (CT)

Redeemer Lutheran  
3700 SE Woodland Rd.  
Bartlesville, OK

# Tribute Wall



“ Marion Edward "Ed" Savage

October 23, 2023 at 04:40 AM



“ Marion Edward "Ed" Savage

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ One of my favorite teachers at Madison. Mr Savage was such a "gentle"man and really inspired me to learn. That was in 1967 and I've carried his love of learning with me for many years. I am saddened, but filled with gratefulness for his many kindnesses. Jon Newman

Jon Newman - May 20, 2018 at 11:49 AM



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Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory - May 04, 2018 at 12:36 PM



*He was a great teacher.. enjoyed being in his class was a blessing to have him as a teacher and mentor. You will be greatly missed...*

Sara Thompson - May 04, 2018 at 08:06 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Marion Edward "Ed" Savage.



May 03, 2018 at 08:23 PM

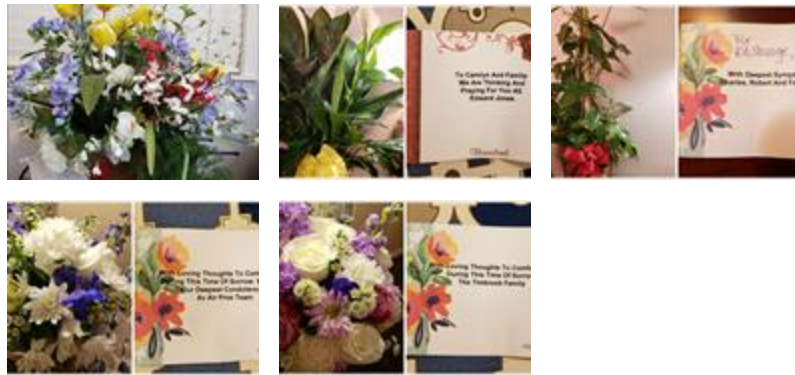


“ I was blessed to know Ed at Madison Jr. High and later we hired "Santa" to bring gifts to our kids when we were members of our sorority. Ed was a gracious and giving human being and will always remember his smile and laugh.

Tracy Rowe - May 03, 2018 at 08:03 PM



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**Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory** - May 03, 2018 at 11:53 AM

MV

“ *Ed was always so good to all of the kids. He made the time that our son Nick had, when he played and spent time with Michael, all that more special. I am so sorry for your loss. Sending you all love and prayers after losing someone so special.*

**Mike and Brenda Vincent** - May 03, 2018 at 10:29 AM

JT

“ *Mr. Savage.....what a blessing he has been to me throughout the years. He first came into my life as my teacher and remained teaching me for years to come about life, love and forgiveness. I also knew him as SANTA, with the best HO HO HO your ever heard! Later on he became my patient and I was honored to be helpful in his care. I thank God for this beautiful gentleman. May he rest in peace in Heaven. Judy Topping, LPN*

**Judy R. Topping** - May 03, 2018 at 09:05 AM

KC

“ *Kyle and Lori Carr purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Marion Edward "Ed" Savage.*



**Kyle and Lori Carr** - May 03, 2018 at 09:00 AM