



## Edward Francis O'Meara

April 10, 1950 - October 27, 2020

Edward Francis O'Meara

age 70, passed away on Tuesday October 27, 2020. He was a husband and father of four children. He was born on April 10, 1950 in Hazelcrest, Illinois to Helen and Edward "Bud" O'Meara. Ed lived in the Chicago area until his parents purchased a resort on the Turtle Flambeau Flowage in Mercer, Wisconsin at the age of 7. He graduated from Mercer Highschool in 1968. Ed studied physics at the University in Stevens Point for two years, until he decided to pursue a more rich career as a rock and roll musician and advocate in the midst of the counterculture movement. Edward was a founding member of "Koke," "Lewd Noogie," and several other prominent rock bands throughout the country. "Fast Eddie" performed for 28 years before settling down in Fifield and taking over the Homestead bar and Motel. It was in Fifield where he met his soulmate of 21 years. After marrying Amy on the inter coastal waters of Singer Island, Florida he decided to pursue a new career as a State Certified Tax Assessor for the state of Wisconsin until his most recent retirement. Ed lived life to the fullest. He loved traveling, experiencing new cultures and especially writing songs which he most recently had the opportunity to perform with his lifelong friends Frank Schubert (San Francisco, CA.) and Edward Kobesko (Lake Geneva, WI.).

He is survived by his wife Amy (nee Smetak) O'Meara, brother Rick (Jan) O'Meara, Four sons: Eddie, Tony (Mindi), Quinn, and Alec O'Meara. Three

grandchildren, Emma, Gavin, and Nora O'Meara, and nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends. Ed is preceded in death by his parents, his brother Patrick, and several relatives and friends.

Ed has asked that a celebration of his life and accomplishments be held to coincide with the Pat 'O' Jambo festival summer 2021!

The celebration for Ed's life will be held at Sieg's Inn and Outhouse in Park Falls, beginning at 11:00am on Saturday July 17, 2021.

Birch Street Funeral Service is assisting the family.

[www.birchstreetfuneralservice.com](http://www.birchstreetfuneralservice.com)

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUL 17. 11:00 AM (CT)

Sieg's Inn and Outhouse  
W9298 County Rd E  
Park Falls, WI 54552

# Tribute Wall



“ *Edward Francis O'Meara*

---

October 05, 2023 at 02:07 PM



“ *Cindy Larson sent a virtual gift in memory of Edward Francis O'Meara*



---

**Cindy Larson** - November 04, 2020 at 05:08 PM



“ *Cindy Larson lit a candle in memory of Edward Francis O'Meara*



---

**Cindy Larson** - November 04, 2020 at 05:07 PM

BT

“ I first met Eddie in the early 80's when he was the Owner and Master Mixologist of the Homestead in Fifield. With guys weekends at the cabin, the Homestead became our go to place to quench our thirst. As years went by and we got older we realized we didn't need spend 4 days in woods without showers and for a few bucks we could get a shower, a big bowl of homemade soup and a drink or six at the Homestead. Eddie was always welcoming and accommodating..we became good friends. Years later when I married my wife, we would go to Fifield for our anniversary. It started with a visit to Ed at the Homestead and then crossed the street for a great dinner at the Northwoods. For many years when asked what we are doing for our anniversary, we'd simple say "we're going up north to see Ed". We eventually moved to Fifield for a while and would see Ed and Amy. He worked at the Park Falls dam for a while and I couldn't help asking " Hows the dam job going" and he would reply "its a good dam job". That never got old at least for me.

*Its been a few years since I saw Ed, but following him, Amy and family on FB was great.*

*Rest in peace "fiddling man" until we meet again....*

*Prayers and healing thoughts to Amy, Quinn, Alec, Eddie and Tony*

*Peace,  
Bill (Tuna) and Dawn Tunison*

---

**Bill Tunison** - November 01, 2020 at 01:03 PM

SZ

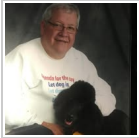
*I not only got to hang out during the "Red Eye Roadcrew" days and January Hawaiian parties, and mandatory dance in hwy 13 when someone played "Dancing in the streets" on the Jukebox, I got to work for the man and he was more than Aces in my book!!! I will always cherish those days!!! Love you and rest well!!! 🙌🍻❤️*

**Sandy Zahn** - March 19, 2023 at 11:28 PM

DS

*“ Ed and I rode the bus to school from 6th grade through high school. He was very well like and we all had a good time. We lost touch after high school but a few years ago we were at the same table with him, Amy, and Alec. We had a nice evening reminiscing about our school days. Also had the pleasure of hearing his twins sing at this Madrigal feast  
He couldn't have been a prouder dad. R.I  
P. Ed. You will be missed*

**Diane Smart** - November 01, 2020 at 10:15 AM



*“ Most people know as Jaime (Himy). My connection to Ed is through my very good friend Ed Kobesko. I was part of the road crew for the Atlantic Mine band back in the mid 70's. The only time I met Ed O was when we went to the northern part of the state. He impressed me as a genuine stand up guy. He didn't have any time for you if you weren't the same. His love of his family, his music and his friends was incredible. I am sorry to say that most of this is second-hand through Ed K. I wish that I could have spent more time with him on a personal basis. I want to assure his family and all of his friends in the Mercer area that you are in my thoughts and prayer. Virtual hugs to all.*

**James Wilson** - October 31, 2020 at 09:35 PM



“ *Cheeseboard Complete was purchased for the family of Edward Francis O'Meara.*



October 31, 2020 at 09:01 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Edward Francis O'Meara.*



October 31, 2020 at 08:48 PM



“ *2 files added to the album Memories Album*



**Catherine McMahon** - October 31, 2020 at 08:43 PM



“ *I'm so overwhelmed with sadness that it's difficult to articulate all the memories and feelings I have for Ed. What comes to mind is that he was always tender and supportive with no judgement or demands my entire life - that's Cousin Love 💕  
Cousin Cat*

**Catherine McMahon** - October 31, 2020 at 08:40 PM



“ *Ghirardelli Galore was purchased for the family of Edward Francis O'Meara.*



---

October 31, 2020 at 05:30 PM



“ *During my freshman year of high school, I've had the privilege to meet Ed's son Quinn. Soon after that, I got to meet his dad, Ed. Ever since I've known Ed, he was one of the most upbeat and kind people I've ever met in my life. He was one of the most talented people I've ever met. His album with The Koke Band is one of my favorite albums to listen to in my car. I've also have had the honor of playing music along with him at The Outhouse Bar, and at Merri Cassidy's. I've always enjoyed talking to him. He and his family are very close to me.*

*My prayers and thoughts are for Quinn, Alec, Amy, Eddie, and Tony through this hard time. Ed will be dearly missed by many and I'll always remember him.*

---

**Shane Kronberger** - October 31, 2020 at 05:28 PM



“ *Although "Eddy" as I knew him was younger than I am, I have fond memories of what a nice person he was. My heart goes out to all his family and friends.*

*Phyllis Reynolds Goelz*

---

**Phyllis D Goelz** - October 31, 2020 at 05:00 PM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Edward Francis O'Meara.*



---

October 31, 2020 at 04:57 PM



“ *Heartbroken. Ed was like another uncle to me, always there with open arms and his sparkling smile and eyes. Miss that laugh so much. Last time I saw him he reminded me how much he loved me like he always did. Love you too, Ed.*

---

**Lily Troia** - October 31, 2020 at 03:50 PM



“ *Some of my most treasured childhood memories come from our family vacations at O'Meara's resort, then working there as a dock boy, listening to jam sessions by the water, following Koke, North Starr, and other names around the northwoods. Ed was my 3rd cousin but felt like a first, many memories of him with visits at the Homestead and Brier. Thanks for always treating me as family, love you Ed, Amy, Eddie, Tony, Quinn and Alec... 🍀❤️👍*

---

**Jim Brennan** - October 31, 2020 at 03:39 PM



“ *Ed was my cousin and like a brother to me. I have known him since kindergarten. Lived with him at times. Played music with him over the years and loved every minute of his presence. My fathers sister and his parents ran the O'Meara's resort on the flow age in the 60s. Ed's music career had its roots there. He will always be in my memory.*

---

**Pat Shields** - October 31, 2020 at 02:38 PM

BA

“ In 1962, I worked for Ed’s parents at O’Meara’s Resort. Ed was 12 yrs old and had a dog (named Barney) who followed him around wherever Ed went.  
I’ll always remember Ed being a very kind and gentle person all his life.  
We all loved him.  
Bonnie & Bill

---

**Bonnie Altman** - October 31, 2020 at 01:50 PM

JM

Dear O’Meara family. I am saddened to hear of Ed’s passing. I knew Ed through his assessment career. I worked for the Department of Revenue and always felt Ed was a fine and just man performing a difficult job. Ed was a true gentleman. Rest In Peace Ed. Hugs and prayers to the family at this time.  
Jennie Sanders Martin

---

**Jennie Sanders Martin** - November 02, 2020 at 07:33 PM

 Sandy Frentz

“ We met Ed and Amy 13 years ago when we bought our little cabin in the woods in Fifield, WI. They welcomed us with open arms on our first exploring visit. Ed has always been a welcomed smile when we come up to visit. RIP Ed.

---

**Sandy Frentz** - October 30, 2020 at 11:21 PM

RP

“ We became friends about 10 years ago, he hired on to help the Ides go out of business he was my partner in deliveries what a guy full of life and a joy to be around, he is resting with our Lord, singing and playing I am sure.

---

**Ray Poetzl** - October 30, 2020 at 03:41 PM

JM

“ *Condolences for your loss. May he rest in peace.  
I met Ed many years ago in the process of our assessment work.  
Best wishes,  
Jef Muelver  
Summit Assessments*

---

**JEF MUELVER** - October 30, 2020 at 03:12 PM