



Edgar "Edd" Batchelor

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Edgar G. "Edd" Batchelor, age 96, of Longview, Texas, passed away on February 6, 2023. Beloved by his family, he was affectionately known as Papa to his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Edd was born on April 3, 1926 near Redfield, Arkansas to his parents, Patrick E. and Nellie R. (Walter) Batchelor. The youngest of nine children, he graduated from Redfield High School in 1944. At age 17, he enlisted in the United States Navy, trained at Camp Wallace, Texas and was stationed at Ebeye Island in the South Pacific during World War II.

On February 10, 1951, he married his sweetheart, Donnie McClain and the two made Pine Bluff, Arkansas their home. In 1956, they welcomed their daughter, Brenda. Edd worked at the Pine Bluff Arsenal and later, the National Center for Toxicological Research (NCTR) until his retirement in 1984.

After retirement, Edd and Donnie made many fond memories traveling in their RV to the western United States and enjoying Orlando, Florida in the winters. In 1996 they moved to Longview, Texas to be near their daughter, Brenda, son-in-law, Gil, and their three grandchildren. A faithful follower of Jesus, he and Donnie have been members of Longview Missionary Baptist Church for 27 years. An avid gardener, Edd was the definition of a hard worker. His family could also count on Papa to build, fix or repair whatever was broken.

He was preceded in death by his four brothers, Idis Batchelor, Arnold Batchelor, Pat Batchelor, Havis Batchelor and four sisters, Imah "Johnnye" Clark, Eura Mae Wilson, Erma Arendale and Arlene Batchelor.

He is survived by his wife, Donnie, his daughter, Brenda, son-in-law, Harry Lee "Gil" Gillam Jr.; his grandchildren, Ashley Gillam Cleveland, (Justin), Harry Lee "Harrison" Gillam III, (Carly), Ryan Batchelor Gillam, (Lily) and great grandchildren, Felicity Cleveland, Caroline Cleveland, Crockett Cleveland, Charlotte Gillam and numerous



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extended family members.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to Longview Missionary Baptist Church.




Events

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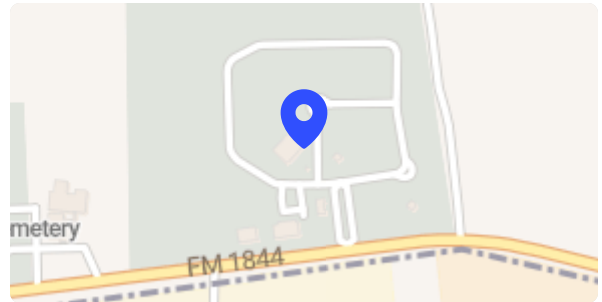
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Celebration of Life

 **Friday**, February 10, 2023

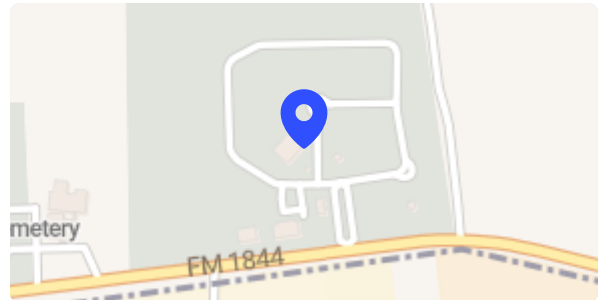
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 **Rosewood Park Mausoleum Chapel**
1884 FM 1844, Longview TX 75605



Cemetery Details

 **Rosewood Park**
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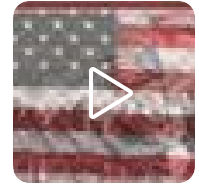
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Rader Funeral Home shared a **Video**.



February 9 at 10:26 AM



Paul M. Terry posted:

Mr. Edd and Ms. Donnie were always two of my favorite people at SMBC. Mr. Edd always had a warm smile and firm handshake. And he always had a wonderful sense of humor. He was a great man. My sympathy to Ms. Donnie and the entire family. Best, Dr. Paul M. Terry

February 16 at 5:26 AM



Sam Barton posted:

Donnie, I was heart-broken when I heard that Edd had passed away. I always enjoyed visiting with you both in the office & seeing your smiling faces. Sending love & prayers, Samantha Barton (State Farm)

February 10 at 6:37 AM



Ruth Kay posted:

Mr. Batchelor and Ms. Donnie were my long time customers at Albertsons. They quickly became my friends. I will always remember our sweet conversations and their kind words. He always liked to talk about their church and my church, even though I attended a different one down the loop. A smile would come to my face every time I saw them. Ms. Donnie and family, may God comfort you all in the days ahead. Thank you for your sweet friendship for so many years. Your friend, Ruth Kay (retired from Albertsons Grocery)

February 9 at 5:44 AM



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Tracye Thomason sent a virtual gift in honor of Edgar.

Aunt Donnie, Brenda and Family, It was always a joy to see Uncle Edd and listen to all the crazy stories of he had to share with us Smith girls about our Daddy. Uncle Edd had charisma like none other, he was my favorite Batchelor Uncle! Please know you all are in our hearts, thoughts and prayers. Tracye Smith Thomason



February 8 at 1:44 PM



Cindy Bullard February 10 at 12:37 PM

Aunt Donnie and family we are so happy for the privilege of having a Great Uncle Edd he will always remain in our hearts for all the great tales he had. He was a very special person to me I remember when he came to mama and papa to celebrate his birthday with us please know that you are being prayed for I love you all so much and may God keep you comforted at this time Cindy Smith Bullard



Anonymous sent a Gracious Lavender Basket to the Batchelor family.



February 8 at 10:57 AM



Dana And Alison sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Batchelor family.



February 8 at 7:32 AM



Mary A Leake posted:

Edd was a wonderful neighbor and always had he best sense of humor. I have known him and Donnie for 25 years and they always had smiles and good stories to shares. Love them both.
Mary Leake

February 8 at 5:44 AM



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Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Batchelor family.

February 7 at 11:55 AM



Dale And Judy Hendricks sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Batchelor family.

February 7 at 11:26 AM





Media

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Edgar by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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