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Alfred D. "Sonny" Edwards, 82, of Longview, Texas passed away on April 12, 2025 listening to his favorite music and surrounded by family. He was born November 25, 1942 in his grandmother's home in Saratoga, Texas. The son of a Coast Guardsman, Sonny and his family moved often, and he loved to talk about his time spent in The Big Thicket of southeast Texas, Ketchikan, Alaska, and Galveston, Texas. On February 29, 1964, he married his Galveston sweetheart Charlotte Loesch. They remained in the area where he worked in a meat packing plant, delivered seafood, read light meters, and eventually started his career at Continental Can Company. In 1978 he transferred with the company to Longview, Texas and remained there until his retirement in 1991.

He is preceded in death by his wife Charlotte, his parents Darrell and Betty Louise Edwards, and sister Edith Lawson. He is survived by his son Darrell (Dena) of Longview; daughter Michelle York (Randy) of Hallsville; his five grandsons Darrell Edwards, Trace Rossow, Jonathan York (Krysta), Jacob York (Makenzie), and Matthew York (Bailey); and great -grandson Lincoln York; brother Charlie Edwards, sister Nora Edwards; and several nieces and nephews.

Sonny will be remembered for his kind, giving heart and his God given abilities in music and art. He was an incredibly talented musician and could play virtually any song by ear. With Charlotte always by his side, he traveled around performing in many bands. Even with his memory loss, he always had a guitar and harmonica nearby to entertain those around him. Sonny was also an accomplished woodcarver and a member of the East Texas Woodcarvers Guild. He sold his carvings at Canton Trades Days for several years, and his old world Santas given to family and friends will be treasured for years to come. Sonny and Charlotte made lifelong friends while camping and traveling to bluegrass festivals, woodcarving shows, and monthly "jams" in the area.

Sonny was most recently a resident at Hawkins Creek Assisted Living in Longview. He enjoyed riding around on his scooter, talking to others, sharing his Tic-Tacs, and playing bingo. He was



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also known to join in with the musicians who came to entertain the residents.

Sonny's family would like to thank the staff at Hawkins Creek for their kindness and loving care for Sonny. They would also like to thank Corinna, Josh, and Dr Holder with Heartsway Hospice for their compassionate care these last few months. To Ann Stone, words cannot describe the gratitude felt for 11 years of loving companionship Sonny had with his best "buddy."

A funeral service will be held at Longview Missionary Baptist Church on Thursday April 17, 2025 with visitation beginning at 10 am followed by the service at 11 am. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Heartsway Hospice in Longview, Texas.



Events

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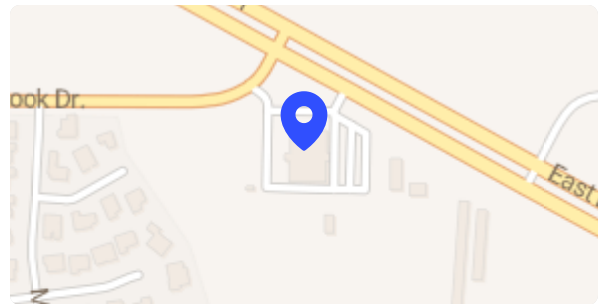
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Visitation

Thursday, April 17, 2025

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CT

Longview Missionary Baptist Church
800 E. Loop 281, Longview TX

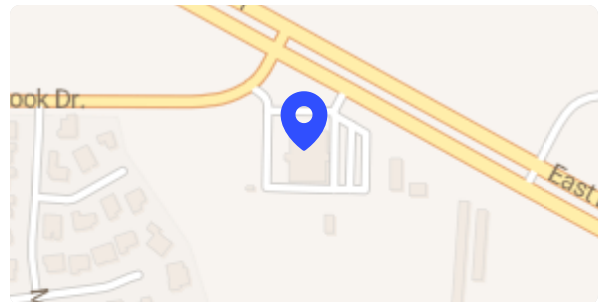


Funeral Service

Thursday, April 17, 2025

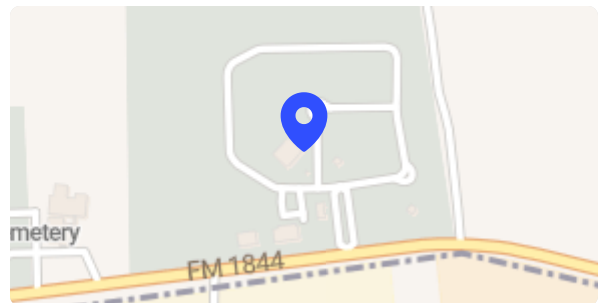
11:00 AM CT

Longview Missionary Baptist Church
800 E. Loop 281, Longview TX



Cemetery Details

Rosewood Park
1884 FM 1844, Longview TX 75605





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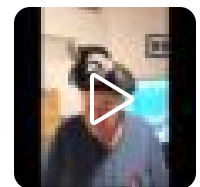
Shawn Meyer posted:

I typed in Sonny's name and the obituary came up. Sorry to hear of his passing. My parents Mick & Suzanne Meyer were good friends with Sonny and Charlotte. Dad worked with Sonny at Continental Can in Longview from 1978 to 1991. I remember the Wind River Band. Mom and dad followed the band where ever they were playing. Dad and Sonny were both wood carvers together. Great memories even for me. My dad passed away June 28th 2024 just shy of his 82nd birthday. Mom has some of Sonny's wood carved Santas and proudly displays them year round. Sonny and Charlotte always looked forward to mom's hand made Christmas cards every Christmas. Mom and dad moved back to Indiana in 1995 but I live here in Longview. Wish I would have caught this sooner as I would have most certainly attended Sonny's funeral service. Great tribute video! Cherish those memories! Sincerely, Shawn Meyer

June 12 at 8:29 AM



John McClough shared a video to the **Slide Show** album.



April 18 at 8:16 AM



Kaitlyn Schneider posted:

Mr. Sonny was a blessing to all who met him. I will miss his pictures of the birds and hearing him play the harmonica around our community. Your family is in my prayers, Michelle. We love yall!

April 16 at 12:32 PM



Mary B. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Alfred.



April 15 at 6:45 PM



Ronda lit a candle in honor of Alfred.



April 15 at 1:50 AM



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Ronda sent a virtual gift in honor of Alfred.



April 15 at 1:49 AM



Ronda posted:

I will miss Sonny he was a sweet person and kind he was always friendly his family is in my prayers 🙏 it won't be the same with out him.

April 15 at 1:46 AM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Alfred.



April 14 at 3:18 PM



Anonymous sent a Medium Dish Garden to the Edwards family.



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Slide Show



Memories only last if you share them

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



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