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Edward Dean Bonam



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Edward Bonam Obituary

Edward Dean Bonam 62, of Galesville, Wis. passed away Monday, May 2, 2011, in his home, surrounded by his family after a short battle with thyroid cancer. Born June 7, 1948, in Canton, Ohio to the late Lloyd and Katherine (Hooper) Bonam. He graduated from Canton South in 1966 then joined the military to serve his country. Ed was employed for 25 years at United Auto Supply in Galesville. Ed was a musician at heart with a passion for music that could be felt in his presence. Ed also had a love for collector cars, motorcycles, and Green Bay Packers. He was so excited when they won the Super Bowl this year! Survived by his fiancé, Kathy Riley; sons, Brian (Lisa) Huston, Michael (Jennifer) Bonam; daughter, Sara Bonam (John Rostvold); seven grandchildren, Kayla, Hope, Coleton, Lexi, Justin, Weston, and Corbin; stepchildren, Joey (Andy) Daley, Bobbi Fortek, Adam Fortek; brother, Francis Bonam; sisters, Linda (Jerry) Johnson and Anita (Jim) Minard; several nieces and nephews.

Memorial services were held in Galesville at First Presbyterian Church, with the military presenting his son, Michael with a flag for Ed's Army remembrance and respect. Zwickey Funeral Home assisted the family with cremation.
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Love you and will miss you so much

Kathy

July 10, 2021

We just found out the news about Ed today from an old college friend. Our sympathies go out to his family and friends. Will treasure the week he came to Houston (several years ago) and entertained all our friends with his magical voice and guitar playing! So glad he thought to give us a copy of his CD while he was here that Christmas... God added another memorable voice to His chorus!

Donna & Troy Meadows

July 16, 2013

Ed, missed your annual Christmas Eve phone call, and everyone else did too. Even tho you are unable to be with us, you are still and always will be in our hearts..all my love to you, Mom & Dad..

Linda

December 25, 2011

dad...not a day goes by that i don't think about you more than i can count. you would be so proud of kayla-she made competition team as a freshman! and lexi is getting so big. natalie is just beautiful too. as we look through our photo's i can micheel from your hs years. miss you so much. so glad i can still hear your voice on your cd's. love, sara

sara bonam

November 30, 2011

To My Dear Brother,
Really Miss you & your calls... You will always live in our hearts and prayers.
With Love,

Linda

November 11, 2011

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God saw you getting tired and a cure was not to be. So he put his arms around you and whispered "come with me". With tearful eyes I watched you and saw you pass away, although I loved you dearly I could not make you stay. A golden heart stopped beating, hard working hands at rest. God broke my heart to prove He only takes the best. Love and Miss you my dear brother Eddie

August 4, 2011

Strange. I was thinkIng of you this afternoon and was going to post on your wall that I miss you, old buddy. Guess I will do that here.

Dan Sands

July 23, 2011

I forgot to tell you I love you in my last chat, also forgot to sign it but I know that you already know.

Bette Thompson

July 22, 2011

I thought of you again today, I can,t get it that you are gone, seems like you were always here, I was just a young rebel and now I am a great grandmother and I just wish I could pick up the phone like so many times when I needed to talk. I know you are still with me I just want to talk to you. I miss you my dear friend.

July 22, 2011

Do not stand by my grave and weep,
I am not there, I do not sleep.

I am a thousand winds that blow,
I am diamond glints on the snow.
I am the sunlight on ripened grain,
And I am the gentle autumn rain.
When you awaken in the morning hush,
I am that swift uplifting rush
Of quiet birds in circled flight,
I am the soft star that shines at night.
Do not stand by my grave and cry.

I am not there, I did not die.

Native American Prayer

Jean Vaughn Favre

June 10, 2011

Don't think of him as gone away-
his journey's just begun;
life holds so many facets-
this earth is only one.
Just think of him as resting
from the sorrows and the tears
in a place of warmth and comfort
where there are no days and years.

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Think how he must be wishing
that you could know today,
how nothing but your sadness
can really pass away.

And think of him as living
in the hearts of those he touched...
for nothing loved is ever lost-



and he was loved so much.

My deepest sympathy,
Karen Jolly
CSHS 1966

Karen Jolly

June 8, 2011

I knew Ed while he worked with my father @ United Auto, and always was fun to talk to and hang around while I pestered Him and everyone at the Store. I know that this world is worse off with out more people like Ed. I know as a someone who had very limited contact with him, nothing will be the same. My thoughts and prayers go out to his Family and Friends. I was blessed to have known him a short time

Rest Well Ed

Michael Santos

June 7, 2011

Sincere sympathy to all family and friends. I had not seen Ed since high school. Did not know him as well as others, but must say I admired his strength. God Bless all of you.

Janie Shotwell

June 7, 2011

Francis, Linda, Anita, and family,
I still can't believe that Ed is gone. Francis, I know how much you enjoyed it when Ed came home, and you could just play guitars & sing until late the night. So many great memories.....memories until we meet again, Ed.

Deb Zinn

June 7, 2011

I will miss all of the great times we had together. The things we shared, divorce, death of our parents, our children, your wonderful music, our friendship over the last 40 plus years. The old days when life was one big party. How you recorded the music for my wedding since you couldn't come with us to Vegas. The Thanksgivings at my in-laws farm. The jam sessions late at night, the coffee sessions early in the mornings when you would show up at my house because you couldn't sleep and needed to talk. When I met Kerry and took him to meet you, and later told you I knew he was the one. So many wonderful times my dear friend like you sang I'LL REMEMBER YOU!!!!!!!!!!!! I love and miss you always in my heart. What a friend!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Bette Thompson

June 7, 2011

My Feelings

I wait but I know Ed won't be calling me
For God has set him cancer free
He has taken him home to be with mom and dad
For this reason I will try not to be sad
I will always cherish the times you came home
The chance to play guitars and always wanting to hear Sam Stone
When you came home in 2010 for your class reunion
I didn't know exactly what you were doin
You rented that cabin down in Bear Creek
How you thought it was so neat
I went with you to the class party that night
I was your designated driver so you would make it back alright
I have a feeling you will contact me someday
When it is my time and you tell me to come your way
I love you my Brother and will miss you everyday
When we join up again , It will be a special day.

Love, Francis

May 28, 2011



We little knew that morning that God was going to call your name. In life we loved you dearly, in death we do the same. It broke our hearts to lose you, you did not go alone; for part of us went with you the day God called you home. You left us peaceful memories, your love is still our guide, and though we cannot see you, you are always by our side. Our family chain is broken and nothing seems the same, but as God calls us one by one, the chain will link again.

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Love, Anita and Jim

May 25, 2011

Eddie, as a friend of more than 50 years you will be missed my friend. You are gone, but trust me, as one of the "Biggies" you will not be forgotten.

Ron Moss

May 13, 2011

To Ed's Loved Ones,

I was saddened to learn of this. I knew Ed in high school and always looked forward to seeing him at our reunions. I was especially touched the time he sang "Hello In There" for us at one of our Class of '66 get-togethers. I am truly sorry for your loss.

David Carpenter

May 13, 2011

God has taken you home, this candle will light your way Ed

Ksthy Riley

May 12, 2011



Ed was my fiance' and I miss him so much. I took care of him until the end at home where he belonged....with me. I just lost my husband 3 years ago to pancreatic cancer so I had lots of experience. Now I've lost Ed and my heart aches so much every day. Every day I ask myself "where do I go from here" and I have no answers.

I wait for the nights so I can take my sleeping pill and just go to sleep.

Its hard.....very hard.

Kathy Riley

Kathy Riley

May 12, 2011

Francis, Linda and Anita

Sorry to hear about the loss of Eddie. I will always remember when he came home and came to moms to play for her. She enjoyed that so well. Will always remember his good voice. But we have to remember he is in no more pain. God Bless each and everyone of you.

Love Always

Debbie and Leo Edwards

John Dodge

Debbie Edwards

May 12, 2011

As the days and weeks pass, and as you return to life's routine, may you continue to feel comforted by the love and support of family and friends.

gordon deb conway

May 11, 2011

The American Red Cross Military Services of Stark County sends our deepest sympathy in the loss of a True Hero we say "Thank You for Your Past Service to Our Country"

Melissa Seibert Mgr.

May 11, 2011



May your spirit soar in freedom
From the fears that gripped so tight.
May you find the peace your searched for
As you wandered, lost, in the night.

May your tortured mind be clear and calm
And your tender heart be warm.
May you have no need for strength now.
May there never be another storm.

May the music of the angels

Be the sweet sounds that you hear.
As you're rocked in Heaven's cradle

May you never shed another tear.

I'll wear your memory proudly,
My only brother...my true friend.
May my love for you reach Heaven above
Until we meet again.

May 11, 2011

I will truly miss all the times we heard him sing and play his guitar, such a wonderful voice I shall never forget. I will also miss hearing from him at Christmas time to wish us all a happy holiday.... Miss you uncle Ed.
Your neice, Alisha

Alisha Johnson

May 11, 2011



Anita, Francis and Linda

Sad to hear of Eddie's passing. He is now pain free and in a better place. He was a loyal, caring and loving friend of mine for many years. He will be missed

Pat

May 11, 2011

To my dear brother, God looked around his garden, and found an empty place, He then looked down upon the earth, and saw your tired face. He put his arms around you and lifted you to rest. God's garden must be beautiful he always takes the best.

He knew that you were suffering he knew you were in pain. He knew that you would never get well on earth again. He saw the road was getting rough and the hills were hard to climb, so he closed your weary eyelids and whispered, 'Peace be thine'. It broke our hearts to lose you but you didn't go alone, for part of us went with you the day God called you home. You will be dearly loved and sadly missed forever..

With all our love,

Linda & Jerry Johnson

May 11, 2011

Hello Eddie's family and friends,

Am an old friend from high school, Eddie was a nice guy! One of the few and he will be missed I'm sure..

Kathy Graber

May 11, 2011

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