



## Edmund James Braker

December 30, 1927 - July 4, 2024

Edmund James Braker , affectionately known as Ed, passed away on July 4, 2024, at the Lakes of Monclova at the age of 96. Ed was born on December 30, 1927, to William Henry and Stella (Kolasinski) Braker. He attended St. Peter and Paul Elementary School, Jones Junior High, and was a proud graduate of Macomber Vocational High School, class of 1945. While at Macomber, he apprenticed as a tool and die maker at Haughton Elevator. He was called up to the Army, WWII, and served for two years. Upon discharge, he returned to Toledo and worked at Haughton. He was eventually promoted to the Engineering Department, where he worked as a process engineer. He retired after 46 years as foreman of the machine shop. While at Haughton, he was vice president of the Credit Union and was active in many activities.

Ed married the love of his life, Rita Gratz, on March 8th, 1952. He was a member of St. Joseph's Parish in Maumee, the Maumee Elks, and the American Legion. He was an avid golfer into his 90's, and considered himself to be a top-notch euchre player. He taught all of his children and grandchildren how to play, and was always ready for a game or two.

He is survived by daughters, Barbara (John) Walters and Mary (Brian) Duncan; five grandchildren, Megan Walters, Melissa (Gabriel) Bird, Elizabeth (Brian) Denham, Allison (Dan) Zeug, and Maggie (Josh Richardson) Kirchner. He was predeceased by his wife, Rita; son, Tom; brothers: Ervin, Richard, and

Bill; sister: Dorothy Heini; and great-grandson Henry Denham.

Friends may visit at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd., Toledo, OH 43614, on Tuesday, July 9th from 3:00-7:00 p.m. where a Scripture Service will be recited at 6:30 p.m. A Funeral Mass will be held on Wednesday, July 10th at St. Joseph Church, 104 W. Broadway St., Maumee, OH 43537, at 10:30 a.m. Interment Toledo Memorial Park.

Ed was incredibly thankful to God for his wonderful life. Special thanks to the staff at the Lakes of Monclova, especially Kaylie, and the caregivers at Hospice 360 for providing him with the best of care. We are forever grateful for you.

Memorials may take the form of contributions to the Toledo Animal Rescue or to St. Joseph Church in Maumee. Please view and sign our online "guest registry" at [CoyleFuneralHome.com](http://CoyleFuneralHome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Toledo Memorial Park

6382 Monroe St  
Sylvania, OH 43560

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL **9**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral Home  
1770 S. Reynolds Road  
Toledo, OH 43614

## Funeral Ceremony

JUL **10**. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

St. Joseph (Maumee)  
104 W Broadway St  
Maumee, OH

# Tribute Wall

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“ Barbara and Mary and Family, I was so sorry to hear of Uncle Ed's passing. I have so many memories of family get-togethers and the fun we had! My prayers and thoughts are with all of you at this time. Uncle Ed and Aunt Rita were special! Thank you so much for posting the video of past memories! Love, Karen Braker Kamla and Family

Karen Kamla - July 25, 2024 at 03:01 PM

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“ TO all of Eds family, you have my thoughts and prayers. He was a very good man, and showed his excellent taste when he married Rita. BOTH were very helpful to faith community church, in Maumee, Ohio. May God bless you all. SINCerely Pastor Kaufman

Pastor Kaufman - July 10, 2024 at 10:20 PM

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“ Ed Always treated Me as One of the family. Kind Hearted with a great Smile and Funny comments to Go along with it. He passed all that Along to His Daughters and Grandchildren. R.I.H. with those You Have missed.. Love , Your Polish Daughter..

Marianne Printke - July 09, 2024 at 02:50 PM

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COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS - July 08, 2024 at 02:47 PM



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