



Edward Louis Shifter

September 21, 1925 - September 25, 2012

Edward Louis Shifter, age 87 of south Toledo, passed away on Tuesday September 25, 2012 in his home surrounded by his loving family. He was born in West Point, New York on Sept. 21, 1925 to Harry and Irene Schifter.

Edward served as a Merchant Marine in the United States Coast Guard from 1941 to 1945. He worked as a manager for Rogers Terminal and Shipping, a division of Cargill, for 30 years where he retired from.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers Harry and Michael Schifter; sister Elizabeth Masiello and son-in-law Leon Fuller. He is survived by his loving wife of 63 years, Anna Jane Shifter; daughters Eileen Fuller and Elizabeth Robles; 10 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

Visitation and funeral services will be private. Interment will take place in Maplewood Cemetery.

Tribute Wall



“ Irene, you must be devastated because I knew how much you loved this man. One can say he had a long life and therefore we must accept God's Will, however, I know from my own experience it is easier said than done. Irene, I send you my love for Uncle Ed lives in the kingdom of God, now, and you're here in your human state missing him. I remember that radio he got you and how it was your pride and joy. RIP, Uncle Ed, and God bless you, and Irene and her family as you grapple with the memories of a and warmth of wonderful man yet miss his presence here on Earth.###imported-begin###P. Pack###imported-end###

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“ My sincere condolences to the family of "Uncle Eddie" and all who knew him especially my cousin Irene (Pinky). I never got to know him well, much to my regret. Whenever I did spend a little time with him at my Uncle Marty and Aunt Betties, Pinky's parents, I was impressed with his sincerity and sense of humor. RIP, Uncle ED, you will be missed.###imported-begin###Ron Capotorto autotest@optonline.net###imported-end###

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“ I am so sorry to hear of his passing, my memories of are aleays waiting for him to come over, I even lived with him and my Aunt Anna for a short while before Eileen was born. I am so sorry for this lost and will keep him and his family in my prayers.###imported-begin###Joan Younghese memar07@gmail.com###imported-end###

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“ I remember Ed from Astoria. He was a great guy and my sympathy goes to Irene & her family with this sad loss. Blessed are those who mourn for they shall receive comfort .##imported-begin##Claire Alvanos##imported-end##

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Claire, omg...I remember you and you wonderful Mom. Many a delicious we kids had thanks to her when she would call us in to her apt. That was before my parents bought 1404. She was a wonderful woman...I remember h er vividly. Thanks for you kind words abt my favorite uncle. He still lights up my life with rich and beautiful memories. Much love -iam

Irene A Masiello - March 23, 2025 at 12:53 PM



“ my sympathy to you and your family, Irene. I hope you remember that you have immortalized your dear uncle in the dedication of Paradise Costs,
"Dedicated to the loving memory of Elizabeth, Mario and Martin M. Masiello, Jr with deep appreciation for the unwavering support, wisdom and love of Edward L. Shifter." That's an incredible epitaph to someone you obviously cherished. What's more, when Paradise Costs is made into a movie, your uncle will live through it and through the book for time immortal.##imported-begin##Linda Chipikias##imported-end##

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“ Irene & I grew up together so of course I knew Uncle Ed and I actually enjoyed a great gift he gave her when we were teenagers. I believe it was a transistor radio, the first of its kind. This man was an old fashioned gentleman and his neice Irene adored him and from what I could see it was mutual. I feel for you, Irene, because I know this man was a knight in shinning armor for you. My sympathy goes out to you for the loss of a one of a kind relationship. RIP, Ed, the journey has been long, filled with pain and very taxing. I know Betty and Marty Masiello's death would have flattened Irene if it was for you.##imported-begin##Joe Del Senno##imported-end##

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“ Regretfully, I never had the pleasure of meeting my friend Irene's Uncle Eddie. Clearly, he was a fine man, whose kindness and compassion enriched many lives. What greater legacy can anyone leave? I wish him peace on his further journey, and happiness in his new environment.##imported-begin##Roberta Mueller Soyars##imported-end##

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“ Irene, Elizabeth Kubler-Ross said “The most beautiful people we have known are those who have known defeat, known suffering, known loss, and have found their way out of the depths. These persons have an appreciation, a sensitivity, and an understanding of life that fills them with compassion, gentleness, and a deep, loving concern. Beautiful people do not just happen.” From what you have shared with me over the decades, I know Edward Shifter played such a monumental part in your life. I know how much his support meant during those dark and difficult days, months and years after your father was killed. May the souls of the dearly departed rest in peace and may you be blessed with peace and be comforted in the face of this startling and hurt filled loss.##imported-begin##Barbara Clovetgraze##imported-end##

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“ I want to express my sympathy to my dear friend Irene on the loss of her uncle. Irene has spoken so fondly of her uncle for the 30 plus years I have known her. I know her faith will sustain her during yet another difficult time and I also know her to be one of the most powerful and loving people I have ever met. Irene, I'm sure your uncle was very proud of your incredible triumphs. I know your book was dedicated to him along with your parents and brother. No more needs to be said of the loyalty and love that you shared with him. May he rest in peace.##imported-begin##C. Schmidt##imported-end##

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“ Dearest Family of Uncle Eddie,
I join with many others who knew “Uncle Eddie” offering our deepest sympathy on his passing. Although it is little consolation at this sad time, it should be of some satisfaction to know that in his passing you can celebrate the end of a very long and productive life. I know “Uncle Eddie” touched many lives; my grandparents’ Elizabeth & Mario Masiello were very fond of “Uncle Eddie” My mother Irene Masiello, was “Uncle Eddie’s” god-daughter and she adored him as well as my mother’s brother, and my beloved “Uncle Junior”.

With deep sympathy,
Suzanne, Chris & Kayla Weinreber###imported-begin##Suzanne Weinreber Sueblitz1@hotmail.com###imported-end##

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“ Although I never met Uncle Ed, I have heard about him from Irene over the years and read about his helpful role in Irene's book. May this kind, gentle soul be at peace. And may his spirit be ever present for his family.###imported-begin##Alex Tarasko###imported-end##

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“ As a childhood friend of Irene's, I met Ed Shifter many times and remember "Uncle Eddie" very well going all the way back to Astoria, Queens, NYC. I always loved the relationship he had with Irene. It was always clear to me that Uncle Ed and she had something really special a special rapport and they loved each other very much; it was truly heart warming. I am sad to hear of his passing for her sake, that of his family and every single one of us who knows there are very few heros like him left in this lonely world. May God bless you all and, Uncle Ed, rest in peace. Love Barbara and family###imported-begin##Barbara Baccarella##imported-end##

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“ As a lawyer and a nurse as well as a developmental and legal editor of his niece Irene's book, *Paradise Costs*, Ed Shifter played crucial role in making that book a reality. His narrative voice through out the book plays such an important critical part in having the reader see the multi-generational affects leading to the horrendous events that happened as well as the social ills that plague our nation now. As a supportive player in this scenario, his efforts were monumental in getting the recognition from the author of "suicide by cop" who is internationally known as well as having this book become part of the largest .gov data base in the USA on academic and scholarly works on elder abuse and exploitation. Irene is the first to admit she, "Couldn't have done it without my uncle." If I remember correctly, the book, in part, is dedicated to his wisdom and love. Irene, my dear friend, my heart goes out to you, be at peace with God, Uncle Ed is in the best of hands now.###imported-begin##Elizabeth H.##imported-end##

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“ A tree was planted in Ohio early this week to honor Uncle Ed's memory and to once again immortalize the beauty he brought to my life. Rest in peace, Uncle Ed. I love you and thank you for blessing my life the way you did and always will. With love, peace, light, your niece and goddaughter, Irene##imported-begin##Irene A Masiello##imported-end##

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“ I got to know "Uncle Eddie" a few years back.I remember him as a very compassionate,caring,soft spoken gentleman,the type of which is way to rare,in today's society.I am deeply saddened,to hear of his passing,and send my sincere condolences to his family.##imported-begin##Anthony J. DePaola JR##imported-end##

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“ I am saddened to learn that this wonderful, kind man is no longer with us. I know my Mom and Uncle Junior thought the world of Uncle Ed and so did my grandparents Mario and Elizabeth Masiello. I didn't know my great uncle well but whenever I did spend time in his company I could see why my Mom, Uncle Junny, Grandma and Poppy loved him so much. Rest in peace, Uncle Ed.##imported-begin##Ed Duke EdDuke@optimum.net##imported-end##

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“ I offer, on behalf of myself and my entire family, my deepest sympathy to my uncle's family. Edward Shifter was a great man and he will always be that great man to me. One could always count on Uncle Ed for wise advice, love, gentleness and kindness. From my father, to my mother, to my brother and many, many others, Uncle Ed was the best there was and simply in a league of his own. I know this about my Uncle Ed, he made the world a better place for my brother and myself.

Frankly, I don't know what we would have done without him. Uncle Ed, rest in peace knowing that you made a huge difference for all of us and there is not a doubt in my mind that heaven has now received one of the best people this path called life has ever had. I love you and will miss you deeply, your goddaughter & niece,
Irene###imported-begin###Irene Masiello
ireneamasiello@cs.com###imported-end##

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