



Edmond N. LaFrance

December 13, 1944 - May 7, 2012

Edmond N. LaFrance, Jr.

Edmond Ed LaFrance, Jr. 67, previously of Concord, died Monday May 7th, 2012 after fighting a long battle with Leukemia at The Cleveland Clinic.

Born in New Bedford, Massachusetts on December 13, 1944, he was the son of Edmond and Pauline LaFrance. Before graduating Cum Laude at York College he served his country as a US Air Force Intelligence Specialist. Ed and his wife Donna LaFrance formerly Pressello married January 16, 1982, presently living in Knoxville, TN. Ed was the VP of Purchasing for Mitsubishi-Caterpillar Forklift of America, Inc.

He was a loving and devoted husband and father. A long time mentor and teacher to his children, grandchildren, co-workers and friends, he took pride in sharing his brilliant mind and challenging thought process to improve the lives of others. As an avid viewer of Fox News he remained debating and conversing on the latest topics. Ed shared his lifelong enjoyment for crossword puzzles with his grandchildren to help encourage and engage them.

He is survived by his loving wife Donna; his adoring children: Preston Valerie LaFrance and Joy Marc Pender LaFrance, both of Chagrin Falls, Gina Jon Webb of Knoxville, TN, Angelo Beata Pressello of Warsaw, Poland and Anthony Stacey Pressello of Nashville, TN; 12 Grandchildren; his sister, Susan Tom O'Neal of Bellvista, AR, and his brother, Peter Christine LaFrance of Freehold, NJ; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday evening at 6pm in the MONREAL FUNERAL HOME 35400 Curtis Blvd, Eastlake, OH.

Visitation will also be held on Thursday from 2 to 6 at the funeral home.

Tribute Wall

JB

“ Hello, I was doing some genealogical background searches when I came across this very sad obituary. I remember your husband, Edmond, from long ago. I remember his father, Eddie, his mother, Pauline and his grandmother and grandfather, my aunt and uncle, in Fairhaven, Mass. I was a little older, but Susan and Peter and Ed we calledhim "Butch" played together when my mother visited her sister, Yvonne Edmond's grandmother. My belated condolence to you and your family. James W. Beaudry JWBEAUDRY@AOL.COM

JAMES W. BEAUDRY - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ The greatest lesson I learned from Ed, and still carry with me today, is the importance of community and teamwork. When working with those around me, I remember always that it is about all of us. Thank you, Ed, for your mentoring. Donna, my prayers and thoughts are with you and your family always.

Marci Zamarripa Wiechart - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LE

“ Dear Donna & Family,
We are so sorry to hear about Ed's passing. Ed was a special peron whom we enjoyed working with for many years. Ed was always very helpful and encouraging as we all developed throughout our careers. His support will always be remembered and appreciated. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
Sincerely,
Lee & Ruth Edwards

Lee & Ruth Edwards - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DZ

“ Donna, we are so deeply saddened to hear of Ed's passing. He was a great friend and mentor during our years in Ohio and Houston. We will remember him very fondly, and will miss the "Ed-mails" we have enjoyed over the last few years. Our deepest sympathy goes out to you and your family. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Please let us know if there is a memorial fund set up in Ed's memory. May God bless you and give you peace.
Love, Dave & Donna

Dave & Donna Zempel - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ Ed taught me to build relationships with suppliers, buy them lunch when they came to Houston, and work with them as partners. Today, that is common teaching, but at that time suppliers were often treated poorly. Ed was ahead of his time, a great mentor, and a good friend. May God bless you abundantly with happy memories of his life.

Scot Jackson - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ Our thoughts & prayers are with you in this time of loss.

Paul & Angela Becksvoort - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PN

“ I have fond memories of working with Ed at Caterpillar. So sorry for your loss Donna and family.

Patricia Norder - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Dear Donna and family,

Our deepest condolences. We first met Ed 35 years ago in Mentor, Ohio when as a young married couple he made us feel so welcome to the Towmotor/MCFA Family.

We have many wonderful memories of good times with you both. He will be missed by all who knew him. You are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Mike and Helaine

Mike and Helaine MacPhail - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ Dear Donna and Family,

So very sad to hear of Ed's passing. He was my boss and mentor in The National Accounts Department in both Mentor and Houston. A more knowledgeable and helpful person you could never have wished for.

His enthusiasm for life and assistance to all around him set him apart from many others.

He will be greatly missed.

Best regards,

Ken and Pat Rosenberg

Kenneth Rosenberg - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Donna and Family,

Our deepest sympathy to you all in your loss. We have fond memories of you all and thru them, Ed will live on. Thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Dennis & Patti Morgan - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Ed left his footprint on alot of good people. He was respected by many and will be remembered by all.
"Then the kingdom of heaven shall be compared to ten maidens who took their lamps and went to meet.."

Lynn E. Fite - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Donna and family,
On behalf of the Chesko family, we send our condolences. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Ed played a significant role in my business development. I am forever indebted to him for the time spent mentoring and challanging my thought processes. Ironically I just pulled out his dealer scorecard and am modeling it for my new company so Ed's legacy lives on.

Jim Chesko - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Please accept my expression of deep sympathy to you and your family. Ed truly made an imprint in all his work, social and community activities.I recall Ed as the "driving force" behind the concept and approval of Caterpillar Financial Services Corporation...what a great tribute to Ed's intellect, dedication and motivation. I personally will be forever grateful. Again, my sympathy to Ed's family.

Dennis Colbert - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ My condolences to the family, most of whom I was privileged to meet while Ed and Donna lived in Houston. I enjoyed Ed's conversations that challenged me and his wicked sense of humor. He will be missed.

Patricia Peters - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ Donna & Family,
I am so sorry to hear about Ed's passing. He was a good man. He was one of my favorite bosses at MCFA. I will never forget how compassionate and understanding he was. I pray God will give you comfort & peace during this time.

Melony Robichaux - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ My deepest sympathy for you loss.

Bill Forbes - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ My condolences to the LaFrance family. Prayers and blessings to you during this time of need.

Tommy Hoke - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ My deepest condolence to the LaFrance family.

*Shelia Ryder
MCFA
Houston, Tx*

Shelia Ryder - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ I worked with Ed several years back in our Purchasing Department @ MCFA. Ed was always witty and had a great attitude. He will be missed by all at MCFA. Our prayers go out to the family and friends.

Jeff Mueller - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Dear Donna, Joy, and Preston,
Kathy and I share the sadness in the loss of your husband and father. I recall fondly the early days when I first met Ed at Caterpillar and then later at Towmotor. Our careers progressed together and frequently complemented one another. Ed possessed a keen intellect and wonderful business sense. He was one of the most articulate and persuasive persons I have ever met. I benefited from his support, as did many others. When our son was born, he was one of the first to the hospital. He welcomed us as new parents and shared the enthusiasm and devotion he felt from raising his own son and daughter. Although time and distance separated us, Ed will remain unforgettable, as will his humor. We hold you, and your entire family, in our thoughts and prayers. Our heartfelt sympathy to you all.

Jim and Kathy Wilson - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ Donna: I was saddened to hear about Ed's death. He was one of my early mentors @ CII and always a person I could talk to about various issues. I remember the good times we had over the years. I especially remember his involvement in various youth baseball activities in Mentor and encouragement for me to get involved. He is in my thoughts and prayers. The good memories will live on.

Bob Richards

Bob Richards - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LO

“ Ed was a wonderful man and friend. He did such a wonderful job working with our students at FPS. I will be forever grateful to him for his help.

My deepest sympathies to Donna, his children and grandchildren, and to his siblings.

Rest in Peace, my friend. We will miss you.

Linda Oglesby - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DN

“ Please accept our condolences, I have fond memories of growing up next door and can still picture the whole family there. We are so glad we got to see Ed at Lauren's wedding. Please share our condolences with your family. May he rest in peace

Don and Joan norkus - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BI

“ Dear Donna,

It is with a heavy hand and regret that I write to you to express my deep sympathy to you and your family. Ed was a remarkable man and an exceptional friend... I very much enjoyed the times I spent with him - he always knew how to make me laugh. Ed made a difference in the lives of many people including me -- I will always be truly grateful for him being a part of my life. I hope you know there are many people who care about you and are thinking about you in this difficult time of sorrow.

*Love always,
Bob Izzi*

Bob Izzi - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM