



Edwin John Gurney

November 5, 1955 - August 11, 2025

EDWIN JOHN GURNEY

GURNEY, Edwin John, 69, resident of Prattville, AL passed away on Monday, August 11, 2025. Memorial service will be held on Tuesday, August 19, 2025 from Prattville Memorial Chapel at 11:00 am. Ed proudly served his country in the United States Air Force for 20 years, retiring as a SMSgt. He also worked with

the United States Postal Service for 26 years, serving his community and building relationships with all. He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Dorothy Gurney, and his brother Brian Gurney. He is survived by his son, David Gurney (Brittany); daughter, Sarah Gurney Griffith (Derek); his four grandchildren, Abigail Gurney, Madelyn Gurney, Aiden Griffith, Ayla Rae Griffith; three brothers, Charles Gurney Jr., Mark Gurney, Glen Gurney; two sisters, Elizabeth Gruenke, Bonnie Eigenberger (Tim); and extended family members and friends. As a single father, he dedicated his life to his children, working selflessly to provide a wonderful life for them, never desiring anything for himself. As he became a grandfather, his love and selflessness continued to his grandchildren. He lived as an example to his family, always prioritizing the needs of others over his own, dedicating his life to those he loved. He was a man of few words, but had a heart of gold. He was one of the greatest men that anyone could have ever crossed paths with. Matthew 6:1-4 exemplifies the life he led. We were his home; he was our rock. He is loved and will be forever missed by many.

We love you Dad

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG **19**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

“Hello, all my family and friends. So, I will begin by saying my family, Ed's family, his athletic son David and sweet daughter Sarah along with beautiful grandchildren will severely miss my wonderful and loving brother, Dad Grandpa and Uncle. I can ten tell you this ... if you needed advice or needed some help in any way, he was there for you. A very big-hearted, generous man and the "greatest" man I ever knew and loved! Last time I saw my dear brother was 2009. Stayed with him in Prattville til February 2010. Then it was time to head back home to Wisconsin. He told me to head home actually now mind you it wasn't that he tired of my company, but he knew I missed my grandson, Blayz. And he was right! I need to talk about our younger days. Ed was a driven young teenager to make money and hiss primary goal was to build his '57 Chevy into a dream of a car. It was an awesome car. White convertible with a blue metal flake tear drop on the hood. Everyone in eastern Wisconsin knew that car. He worked at a full-service gas station called Transport and! He worked with a construction crew at 15 years old as well from 5AM till 5-6PM. He would eat a quick supper and head right off to his job at Transport. ok, there was all that. He was also quite the ladies' man. Seemed he never had trouble getting a date with the young women he was attracted to. God! I loved my brother and once he joined the U.S. Air Force things just weren't the same. All our friends saved n=me from missing him a little and he always came home every year for his 30-day leave. The whole family and our friends always looked forward to Ed coming home for those 4 weeks. It was a true honor know how well my brother was doing in the USAF as a jet engine mechanic. F-15s, F-16s. He even gave me the thrill of my life one weekend i Phoenix Arizona 1985. We were supposed to go try to go golfing, but Ed was a a leader of men so when the work was needed to be done even if he was the only one working, he was THE MAN on the job. So I go to Luke AFB and go to the hanger area where they were the jet engine mechanics and there Ed was ready to fire up an F-16 trainer. He sees me and as I get out of mt car he hands me a helmet and asked me if I ever had the chance to sit in an F-16 while i was in the Air Force. My reply, no, you know we were a radar unit and I never wanted an

incentive flight in a B-52 bomber. Well, here is your chance. Put that helmet on and climb aboard. And don't touch anything thing damn thing might be armed and loaded with ammo. So, we climbed aboard and Ed fired that F-16 up for what they called a dry dock test to check the power of the jet propulsion system. I thought for sure that F-16 was ready to rock n roll. It was a serious thrill for me, and it was all because of Tech Seargent Ed Gurney my brother who ran the show at Luke AFB! How do I put into words how much I loved, enjoyed and endeared my brother Ed. My heart breaks knowing he has passed away. Loved, loved, loved him. Not many people know this but he was the bass guitar player in a 60's rock band (The Midnight Express with the Saeger brothers) and he was damn good at it too at 13 years old. Gotta go seeing my time at the library is running out. Love you Sarah, David, Derek and Brittney. and to all my family alove that will never end!!!

Charles Gurney - October 09, 2025 at 04:06 PM

ED

“ As I'm in tears typing this It's only been a month! 1 month! I cant wrap my mind around it The world stops for no one ...I just wanted to say thank you all so much to everyone who shared a memory and took the time to say afew words about my daddy. I can feel the genuine love you all had towards him. “A selfless righteous hardworking man who would help and never expect or accept anything in return.. it's been really hard to post anything because I have so many memories. They say losing a parent or child changes you and it truly truly does and I miss him so much.. what I wouldn't give to go back in time to hear stories from him he always knew how to make me laugh..He wasn't really the type to share deeply so he would always smooth it over with something corny to make light of it ..it's been really hard trying to navigate this journey without him. No matter how old I am, I will always be daddy's girlie That's what he always called me “ Girlie”. Hes always been my person my go to.. I can be in a room full of people, but still feel alone, but I do have my two greatest blessings and joys The Best of Both Worlds..They keep me going ...I'm just glad I got to share what was on my heart with him before he crossed that rainbow bridge. I've heard from hospice nurses that say when a loved one passes,They have 7 minutes worth of memories that they see before entering paradise... I can only imagine..I hope you're having the time of your life and finally reunited with Brian,Grandma &Grandpa. We all love and miss u terribly.

Eds Daughter - September 15, 2025 at 08:14 PM

SG

One of my many favorite memories with you.. jammin out to “More than a Feeling” by Boston.

SGG - September 15, 2025 at 11:18 PM

ED

So I saw something crazy the other day our state bird 🦅 The Bald Eagle landed on my back fence as I was sitting at my kitchen window which is very rare..I've never seen one in person much less that close i got a photo but hard to see through the screen window so I tried to go to the door but he flew away. I knew at that moment it could have only been you! Me and Ayla Rae saw you. What an amazing site to see! I believe you are watching over us..if u look for a sign outside you'll find one, not everyday but I truly believe that until the final judgement our loved ones are watching over us..Since you left us I saw lots of rain for the next few weeks and I prayed and I prayed, and I prayed for a sign. I wasn't sure what I was asking for but One day I was leaving Guthrie's and as I pulled up at the red light, I saw the biggest widest rainbow that day and my brother did too. We talked about it. Without saying a word, we both felt it . There has been things That just randomly happen when we're outside. I try to go outside more now. I know deep down in my heart as a once in a lifetime thing and I may be wrong, and lord forgive me if I am but now I wonder in that saying you never know.you could be entertaining an angel or it could be one of your loved ones whether it's is a bird a butterfly, a rainbow or even a bald eagle 🦅. Going outside 2 feel closer to you. God is The Author of Time- So live this life to the fullest because I know the next one we won't be here. I am truly honored and blessed to be your daughter You have taught me so many life lessons that I will carry with me and pass down to your grandchildren. You gave us kids the best you could and in our eyes you did You'll always be My Hero.. No more suffering... and in that gives me some comfort.

Me and Ayla Rae always visited him in the evenings, it was easier for him to breathe, so nights were our time.. We're NightOwls 🦉 Nights are rough.. Thank You 2 Prattville Memorial For giving an outlet for us to share. #ForeverYoung🎵 I'll be seeing you 💔

ED's Daughter - October 01, 2025 at 03:08 PM

AB

That is so beautiful!!

I'm crying too you couldn't have said it better! You are your dads legacy and he is so proud of you all!!! Please no you're never alone we are here for you always!!!

A good friend of mine once told me after his mom passed away if you just look up at the sky you will see the and feel their presence just as you said in your story

Sweet pea... I love you so much!?

Aunt Bonnie - October 01, 2025 at 08:46 PM

AB

Love you so much !

Aunt Bonnie - October 01, 2025 at 08:48 PM

SG

“ *My brother...I will miss talking with him! He was a Packers fan and loved watching the games on TV and tailgating with his brother Mark. Gone too soon! Rest in Peace...you brother, Sam - Semper FI*

Sam Gurney - August 27, 2025 at 06:21 PM

AE

“ *Ed was the best postman that I ever had. When he brought a package to my door, he said "you got a goody" today. I am so thankful that I got to see him about a year ago when he was in the truck with his son. I told Ed that he was the best. I appreciate all that he did while he was on my route. Praying for his family. He will be missed.* ❤️🙏❤️

Anne Emery - August 22, 2025 at 09:59 PM

JT

“ *Hey Uncle Ed. I'm really happy I got to come down to Alabama to see you last year. I really wish I could have gotten to know you and your part of the family better. You're a super amazing Uncle and I promise I will be there for my cousins. -Your Nephew, Jake.*



Jacob Thorne - August 21, 2025 at 07:59 PM

TT

“ I was fortunate to have spent time together with Ed in Junior High and High School. Ed always drove and worked on great cars.I want to wish his family my condolences at this time.

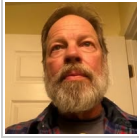
Tim Tracy - August 21, 2025 at 04:59 PM

CK

“ Cousin Louella Koeppen purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Edwin John Gurney.



Cousin Louella Koeppen - August 19, 2025 at 07:53 PM



“ Ed and I were pretty much best buds in Jr. High and High School. Did a lot of growing up together through those formative years. Many good memories now that I think about it!! Gradually lost contact with Ed after he joined the service but reconnected recently, and glad that I did. You all (or should I say y'all) have my sincere condolences. God Bless.....

Andy Eigenberger

Andrew Eigenberger - August 18, 2025 at 11:09 AM

CG

Yes, my ole friend. We were like brothers back in the day. Never a dull moment with you, Dick and our pack of friends that was always a great time. Thx for the memories Andy. Love you bro just like I love Ed and your whole family.

Charles Gurney - October 09, 2025 at 03:12 PM

RM

“ Ed has been a friend since we were little kids.
We kept in touch with at least one two hour phone call a year.
Missed this year (so sorry Ed).
I know his kids well even though we never met. He loved all of you
and would tell me things going on in your lives.
The last time we visited was in Hawaii .
Driving his red corvette and trying boogie boarding where the Air
Force rented out cabins. Definitely one more time I'll remember you.
So many good times
Hopefully someday I get the chance to meet all of the kids.
Love
Rox Heus-Mosher



Rox Heus- Mosher - August 17, 2025 at 08:04 PM

CG

You always were a great and favorite friend Rox

Charles Gurney - October 09, 2025 at 03:09 PM

CG

You guys made a cute couple if you ask me. The Corvette, oh ya Baby!

Charles Gurney - October 09, 2025 at 04:15 PM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family
of Edwin John Gurney.



August 16, 2025 at 08:48 PM

MG

“ Ed was the best brother you could have wanted. Always there for you if you needed anything! God doesn't make them any better!
RIP Bro



Mark Gurney - August 14, 2025 at 07:21 PM

BO

Couldn't agree more brother ❤️

bonnie - August 14, 2025 at 09:52 PM

AL

“ This was his last punch at the post office



Alicia - August 14, 2025 at 05:39 PM

BO

I love this picture!

bonnie - August 14, 2025 at 06:27 PM

MG

Thanks Alicia for the memory of my brother's last day at work

Mark Gurney - August 14, 2025 at 07:01 PM

EL

Thank you for the awesome pic of Ed. He looks so happy there 😊

elizabeth - August 14, 2025 at 09:50 PM

CG

There's my brother Ed! The best! At everything he did! Love you Ed!

Charles Gurney - October 09, 2025 at 04:13 PM

CG

My beautiful happy adorable brother. Cant believe he is gone with a flight of Angels

Charles Gurney - October 10, 2025 at 07:35 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Edwin John Gurney.

August 14, 2025 at 02:28 PM

BO

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Bonnie - August 14, 2025 at 02:20 PM

CG

Ed was 17 years old in this photo coming right out of Lackland AFB Texas basic training. The red rope signified he was the flight leader if I remember correctly. Ed was a man of men. My heart soars when I lived those days and the memories of today. Paradise is your's my dear brother so deservedly so! I will always be so proud that he is my beloved brother!

Charles Gurney - October 09, 2025 at 04:20 PM

EL

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



elizabeth - August 14, 2025 at 02:18 PM

CG

He was a very handsome man. Dress Whites he wore to honorary celebrity Air Force awards dinners. I believe he wore this when he married Kelly Pernanski 1975.

Charles Gurney - October 09, 2025 at 04:23 PM

ES

“ *Eric Sagal purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Edwin John Gurney.*



Eric Sagal - August 13, 2025 at 06:28 PM

ES

“ *Eric Sagal planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edwin John Gurney.*

Eric Sagal - August 13, 2025 at 06:28 PM

BO

“ *Bonnie lit a candle in memory of Edwin John Gurney*



Bonnie - August 13, 2025 at 05:03 PM

FF

“ *From your loving family! purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Edwin John Gurney.*



From your loving family! - August 13, 2025 at 04:56 PM

EL

“ *My brother, my rock. Words can't describe how much I miss him. He may have been my brother, but he was more of a father to me than anything. He was a very selfless and caring man Even though we were miles apart, he will forever be deep in my heart. Rest in peace, my beloved brother.*



elizabeth - August 13, 2025 at 03:33 PM

CG

Beautifully said Beth. I whole heartedly agree

Charles Gurney - October 09, 2025 at 04:26 PM

BO

“Ed was a rock for our family! He will be so greatly missed by all of us. My heart has been so sad since he left us. He was an amazing dad and brother. When I was a little girl he welcomed my sister and I to come live with him in Utah as our parents were unable to care for us at that time. He provided a loving home for us for a couple years. He would do anything for anyone and expected nothing in return. I never knew anyone who could give so much to so many people. He always had great advice and kept things simple.

Bonnie - August 13, 2025 at 03:01 PM

BO

God bless you my brother ... your legacy will live in my heart forever

Bonnie - August 13, 2025 at 03:05 PM

CG

Well said Bonnie

Charles Gurney - October 09, 2025 at 04:25 PM



“A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Edwin John Gurney.

August 13, 2025 at 02:40 PM

AG

“I love and miss you Paw

Aiden Griffith - August 13, 2025 at 02:19 PM

BO

He loves you so much too Aiden!

Bonnie - August 13, 2025 at 02:41 PM

BO

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He raised 2 amazing children who gave him beautiful grandbabies too!!

God bless you my brother...your legacy will live in my heart forever.

Bonnie - August 13, 2025 at 02:54 PM

CG

You just brought tears to my eyes Aiden. Your grandpa always said you were his big helper. He adored you and loved you so much Aiden as he loves all his children and grandchildren. He was an angel given to us as a gift. Miss you grandpa so so much! A hole in our lives that will be tough to fill. together we can do it out of our love for each other and Ed your grandpa!

Charles Gurney - October 09, 2025 at 04:31 PM

BH

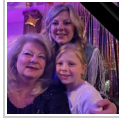
“ He was the best postman ever and a true friend. He cared for the older and crippled on his route and would bring the mail to their door. He's going to be missed by many. God rest his Soul.

Bruce Hurst - August 13, 2025 at 01:50 PM

BO

Sounds just like my brother...thank you so much for sharing that. God bless!

Bonnie - August 13, 2025 at 05:01 PM



Sympathies to the Gurney family. A lot of good memories.

Mary Lorge Vollstedt

Mary Lorge Vollstedt - August 21, 2025 at 05:27 PM



Thank you Mary. I just left Debbie Schaller Lawrence's funeral today. My eyes cant take any more tears. Hope all is well with you.

Charles Gurney - October 09, 2025 at 04:33 PM