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Mr. Edgar Lee Cummins of Norton Shores went to be with his Lord and Savior on November 22, 2007 after a lengthy battle with Alzheimer's Disease. He was 89. Edgar was born in Broadhead, Kentucky, the fourth of seven children. His family moved to Detroit following economic difficulties; and his father, who served on the Detroit Police Department, died in 1930. As the burden of maintaining the family fell upon Edgar's mother in the height of the Great Depression, the children often went door-to-door selling home bake goods to make ends meet. Edgar along with his two older brothers, went to school and worked at Ford Motor Company. He met Viola Ewing in 1938, and the two married a year later. Their first son was born in 1940. Despite being exempt from the draft for his employment at Ford, Edgar voluntarily enlisted in the Army as the U.S. was drawn into World War II. As a machine gunner, he fought fascist forces in Italy until being severely wounded near the city of Bologna. He spent nearly a year recovering at Percy Jones Veterans Hospital in Battle Creek and was awarded the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star for his service to his Country. Edgar eventually returned to Ford Motor Company in the purchasing department. Following the birth of his second son, Bill, and daughter, Peggy, He joined his brothers as a co-owner of Solar Machine Products. The highly successful company supplied parts to the auto industry, and Edgar remained there until retiring at age 58. After selling their home in Plymouth, Edgar and his wife would spend the next 30+ years residing in Muskegon and joining the snowbirds in Florida. Edgar and Viola faithfully served many churches throughout their 67 years of marriage. These include Springwells Avenue Baptist Church in Wayne, Calvary Baptist Church in Plymouth, and Calvary Church in Fruitport. In addition to his involvement in building the Evangel Baptist Church in Boca Raton, Florida, Edgar was on the Board of Directors of the Maranatha Bible and Missionary Conference for numerous years. Edgar leaves a wonderful spiritual legacy that is carried out



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through his three children, eight grandchildren, and eleven great grandchildren. He will be best remembered for his love for the Lord and his generous heart of giving abundantly from his financial resources, which include support to many nieces and nephews in ministry, as well as his church, Maranatha, and other Christian missions. Edgar's SURVIVORS include his wife, Viola; a daughter, Peggy (Dave) VanAndel of Muskegon; sons, Bill (Dotti) Cummins of Lodi, CA, and Ed Cummins of Pittsburgh, PA; a brother, David (Mary) Cummins of Decatur, AL; a sister, Pauline Rivers of Canton, MI; sisters-in-law, Georgina Cummins of Muskegon and Virginia Cummins of Deland , FL. A FUNERAL SERVICE will be held 1PM Tuesday, November 27, 2007 at Calvary Church (5873 Kendra in Fruitport) with his Pastor, Bill Rudd, officiating. VISITATION will be Monday, 6-8 PM at The Lee Chapel, Sytsema Funeral Homes, Inc. 6291 S. Harvey St. 231-798-1100. Military Rites will be under the auspices of VFW Muskegon County Council. Interment in Sunrise Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS may be made to the Calvary Church Building Fund.




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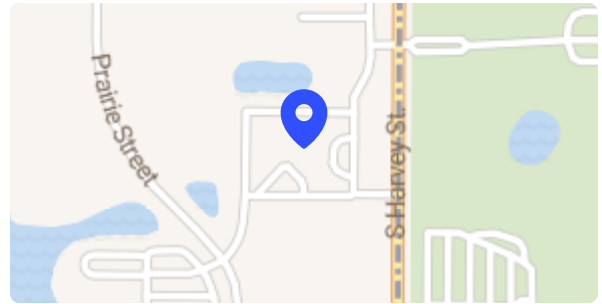
Visitation

 **Monday**, November 26, 2007

 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET

 **Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services - The Lee Chapel**

6291 Harvey St., Norton Shores MI 49444





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Anonymous posted:

Dear Aunt Vi, Ed, Bill & Peggy, I grew up hearing stories of what a wonderful guy my mother's brother was; how during the hardest times he could bring joy & laughter. He was such a kind man. I regret that so many years have passed without telling any of you that you, & he, were such need 'soft spots' of kindness in a young girls world of pain. May the presence of the Holy Spirit wrap around you & cushion you from the harshness of this world, & cause His love to continue to shine through you to others.##imported-begin##Joanne Holcomb (nee Rivers), & Mike##imported-end##

November 28 at 6:16 AM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Viola and family,We were surprised when we received word from Doug Peters that Ed had gone to be with the Lord.With you we can only rejoice to know that soon we all will be at home with those who will be waiting.The obituary brought back memories of the times at Military Avenue Church. Barbara especiially remembers the ministry in music of Ed and his brothers. Barbara also remembers baby-sitting for young Edgar when his father was in service.Isaiah 26:3Barbara (Parker-Kuykendall) and O.A. Brown##imported-begin##Barbara and O.A. Brown##imported-end##

November 26 at 1:23 PM



Anonymous posted:

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family and relatives. James's dad, who was a friend of Edgar's, went with Alzheimer's in 2001. So we know it hasn't been easy for you, the family, for the past few years ... but Edgar and Harold are in a much better place, and most likely enjoying time together with our Savior right now.##imported-begin##James and Suzanne Karls##imported-end##

November 26 at 5:14 AM



Anonymous posted:

I am very sorry for your lost. May God hold each and everyone of you close to his heart. He is in a very loving place now, at peace.##imported-begin##Cathy Meeker##imported-end##

November 26 at 4:25 AM



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Anonymous posted:

Dear Vi, Peggy and family, My heart is saddened with the news of Ed's home going, but I am so very thrilled for him since he is now safely 'home'. I have memories of his friendly greetings at the Maranatha tabernacle, of his laughter, of his pride over his grandchildren, of his white shoes and brightly colored sportcoats, of his kindness and respect to Ron and me. Please know that I am asking the Lord to give you comfort and strength in these days as you continue on without him. May the times together as a family be filled with sweet memories and the joy of such a godly heritage. The Lord is faithful to meet your needs now, as He has done in the past. Deut. 33:27 proclaims "The Eternal God is our refuge and underneath are the Everlasting arms." Rest in these arms. Love, Francine##imported-begin##Francine Busch##imported-end##

November 25 at 8:43 PM



Anonymous posted:

When I worked the Tab sound, I would often see Ed sitting just a few rows back, and would go and chat with him about old times. I will miss him, but in God's future, I will indeed chat with Ed again. God's peace be with you, Viola. Gene Kuntz##imported-begin##Eugene Kuntz##imported-end##

November 25 at 6:06 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dave, Peggy and family, We are praying for you during this time of loss. May God's daily presence minister to your every need. With deepest sympathy.##imported-begin##Syriac family##imported-end##

November 25 at 3:17 PM



Anonymous posted:

With sincere sympathy and peace to his memory. The Jeff Wynsma Family Wheaton, IL##imported-begin##Sue Wynsma##imported-end##

November 25 at 2:46 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Dear Vi and family,Edgar is with the Lord he loved and served. Our Christian sympathies are extended to each of you at this time of grieving his death. May his example of Christian living inspire all of us to be more faithful to our God. Psalm 116:15.Doug and Darlene PetersHCJB GlobalColorado Springs, CO##imported-begin##Doug and Darlene Peters##imported-end##

November 25 at 12:44 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Cummins Family,We want to extend our sorrow in the passing of Edgar. It was our pleasure to care for him and to meet his family.We hope in some small way we were able to make a difference in his last earthly days. Thank you for coming to "OUR HOME". May God Bless You Always##imported-begin##Poppen Hospice Staff##imported-end##

November 25 at 10:03 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Edgar L. by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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