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Edwin “Ed” Arthur Reschke, age 84, passed away in Fruitport, MI, on Tuesday, March 28, 2023. Ed was born on March 6, 1939, in Chicago, IL, to his parents Reynold and Hulda (Lucht) Reschke. Ed grew up in Chicago and graduated from Lane Tech High School, then went on to receive his Master’s of Science from The University of Illinois. Ed was proud to have been an Eagle Scout when he was younger, where he developed his love for nature.

As a boy scout and eventually an Eagle Scout he would attend summer camp at Owasippe Scout Reservation in Whitehall, MI. His love for this area would eventually lead him to pursue a career in the area. Ed worked as an instructor at Muskegon Community College for over thirty years, teaching biology, anatomy, and physiology. He was a talented photographer and traveled all over the world taking photos that would be published in many magazines, journals and textbooks over the years. He was proud to have over 7,000 images listed on Getty Images. He also enjoyed fishing, bird watching, good bakeries and was a long time Chicago Cubs fan. He passed his hobbies and love for nature and travel on to both his sons.

Ed will be lovingly remembered by his longtime travel partner and significant other, Mary Chase; two sons: Gerald and Steve Reschke, and their significant others, Gail Salazar and Kim Hirai; and many nieces, nephews and grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Herbert Reschke.

A MEMORIAL VISITATION will take place for Ed from 6:00-8:00 PM on Friday, April 14, 2023, at The Lee Chapel of Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services, 6291 Harvey St, Norton Shores, MI, 49444. Memorial contributions can be made to either the Harbor Hospice Foundation or the American Cancer Society. Please sign the family’s online guestbook and share memories with the family at sytsemafah.com



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Memorial Visitation

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 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET

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

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Kevin Patton posted:

I only found out today of Ed's passing. We never met, but I've used many of his amazing photographs in the anatomy and physiology textbooks that I author. I was telling my new coauthors just this morning about how his science photos clearly demonstrate a "teacher's eye" for what students need to learn. Condolences to Ed's friends and family. His amazing work surely will help many more thousands of learners far into the future. Kevin Patton Ph.D.

January 23 at 1:08 PM



Anonymous sent an Arrive in Style to the Reschke family.



April 14 at 5:29 AM



Richard Oman posted:

As a colleague of Ed's at MCC I always appreciated his sparkling smile, friendly words, and support for other programs, especially those in the "softer" departments like English, Philosophy, and the Arts.

April 8 at 11:51 AM



Lori Hammar Sapigao posted:

Ed was definitely like family to me! He was my mom and dad's best man at their wedding and their strong bond allowed us to be good friends with Steve and Jerry. I have fond memories of enjoying nature together and learning a lot from Ed. A funny memory was when Ed would get his slides out to share with us when we'd come out to Michigan for a visit and his kiddos would say..."not all the carousels, dad!" But we loved hearing all about his adventures as the stories were new to us. I'll never forget the infamous canoe trip! I prefer bigger boats now! May Ed rest in paradise and continue to wow his friends and family with his many stories of travel and adventures. Sincerely, Lori Hammar Sapigao

April 7 at 5:07 PM



Carolyn Iversen Sturuss posted:

Ed was a great member of the MCC Biology Dept. Quiet, soft spoken & sincere, he fit in as a member of the college family. Years pass but fond memories linger. I pray peace be with his family.

April 6 at 8:17 AM



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Anonymous sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Reschke family.



April 4 at 8:33 PM



Carol J Belohlavek posted:

I taught with Ed for almost twenty years in the Life Science Department at Muskegon Community College. He was a fine photographer and a good friend.

April 4 at 2:20 PM



Arun Datta posted:

I know Ed when I came to MCC in 1997. He was a wonderful person to talk to various aspects of life. As life science department was one floor down from the math-science department, we used to meet often in the MCC campus. He will be missed. Rest in peace, Ed. Sincerely, Arun K. Datta, Instructor of Chemistry

April 3 at 4:49 AM



Rose Emmons posted:

Mr Reschke was a wonderful instructor at MCC. He was one of my favorites from MANY years ago! His love for teaching inspired me in my nursing career. Thank u Mr R. Rest well! Rose Emmons

April 1 at 4:42 PM



Debra S Howell posted:

I have such fond memories of Ed. We worked together at MCC for many years. Ed was a wonderful mentor and friend. He will be missed.

April 1 at 1:44 PM



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CB

Cheryl Hammar Brunk posted:

I have known Ed Reschke all 60+ years of my life, one of my parents' very best friends. I have fond memories visiting the Reschke Family exploring the grounds of their property, finding sassafras, playing ping pong in the basement, and enjoying time at Duck lake, canoeing and overall enjoying nature at its best. Ed will be greatly missed by so many people - I'm proud to have known him, and grateful for our family's friendship over these many years. Rest in peace, and blessings to Mary, Jerry and Steve.

March 31 at 1:17 PM

JZ

Jay Zarowitz April 6 at 8:34 AM

I remember seeing Ed around the campus. He was always friendly to me. May your memories of him bring you comfort. Jay Zarowitz



Memories only last if you share them

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



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