



Dr. Richard A. Edlund

June 9, 1930 - January 31, 2019

Dr. Richard Allan Edlund, FCOG, Diplomat of American Board of ObGyn, was born on June 9, 1930, the oldest of four children born to Raymond and Gladys (Anderson) Edlund in Minneapolis, MN, and went home to his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Thursday, January 31, 2019. He graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1956, interned at Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami, Florida in 1957, and became an M.D. He joined the United States Air Force as a Captain and Flight Surgeon, taking care of flight personnel and earning his wings flying with them over 200 hours. It was during this time that he felt the Lord calling him to co-labor with Him in women's care, from the verse in Psalm 139:13, "You have covered me in my mother's womb, I praise you that I am fearfully and wonderfully made". He looked forward to working with the mom's feeling life within, to help them bring forth healthy babies and then being able to follow up with them afterwards. He entered an ObGyn residency at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, Michigan where he received his specialty license in ObGyn. He worked at the Metro Health Plan medical buildings in the Detroit area as Head of ObGyn Department. During that time, he delivered over 6,000 babies! He later practiced in Muskegon for 35 years and delivered 4,000 more babies and received a 50-year award for practicing ObGyn medicine in Michigan. Dick moved to Muskegon in 1975 and was in private practice until 2000. He introduced the concepts of fathers being in the delivery room, epidural anesthesia, and doctors being able to deliver their own children to the doctors and hospitals in Muskegon. He enjoyed many hobbies along the way including hunting with his son, Rich, in Montana, Texas, and Africa. He owned many 60's and 70's era muscle cars including a '69 Shelby GT 350 signed by Carrol Shelby. He attended numerous car shows with his many friends and family. He was an avid antique collector as well as a coin collector for most of his adult life. He also enjoyed helping run a cattle ranch for many years in Livingston, MT with the purchase of his own 100 head. During his free time, he pursued antelope, mule deer, and whitetail. Dick had always enjoyed working in various positions of ministry throughout his life and career. After his retirement, he was active at the Men's Rescue Mission, has taught men's classes through Bridge to Life, and then at the food pantry at Hope Lighthouse with Pastor Doug Malear in Muskegon Heights. Until very recently, he and his wife, Lynn, volunteered at World Mission Thrift Store as home missionaries, raising funds

for solar powered audio Bibles in 6000 languages around the world. His thriving practice kept him away from family and friends much of the time, but he always cherished the visits from his children and grandchildren. After retirement, he was finally able to do the things he and his cherished wife truly enjoyed, in the service of the Lord. He will be sadly missed and remembered by his loving wife of 43 years, Lynn; his children, Karen (Kevin) Courter of Carmel, Indiana and Cynthia (Pete) Duncanson of Nashville, Tennessee; son, Richard Edlund of Muskegon; step-daughter, Lori Grabiec; grandchildren, Kasey, Parker and Eric Courter, Elizabeth and Christopher Duncanson, and Ethan and Alex Grabiec; brother, Robert (Jean) Edlund of Lakewood, Colorado; sister, Susan (Tom) Haslip of Ft. Myers, Florida; his former wife, Carol Edlund; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; his daughter, Debbie Edlund (who was a nurse in Franklin, Michigan); and brother, Joel Edlund. Dr. Edlund was well-loved by all his patients for his kind and compassionate care. A MEMORIAL SERVICE will be held 1:00 PM Saturday, February 9, 2019 at Port City Church with Pastor Steve Derdowski officiating. VISITATION will be from 2-4 & 6-8 PM Friday, February 8, 2019 at The Lee Chapel, 6291 S. Harvey St., 231-798-1100 and one hour prior to his service at church. MEMORIALS in Dick's memory may be directed to Friends of Zion Jerusalem Prayer Team, World Mission Thrift Store, St. Joseph Indian School or Port City Church. You may sign his online guestbook at www.sytsemafth.com

Events

FEB **Visitation** 02:00PM - 04:00PM

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The Lee Chapel

6291 Harvey St., Norton Shores, MI, US, 49444

FEB **Visitation** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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FEB **Visitation** 12:00PM - 01:00PM

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Port City Church

3387 Hts. Ravenna Rd., Muskegon, MI, US, 49444

FEB **Memorial Service** 01:00PM

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Comments



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Richard A. Edlund.



February 08 at 09:32 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. Richard A. Edlund.



February 07 at 02:05 PM



“ Dr Edlund was my OBGYN who delivered my 3 C-section babies. He will always be remembered for his kindness and his wittiness! The year of my 2nd pregnancy I made him promise me he wouldn't ride away on his horse to Montana before my delivery. My C- was scheduled just before he left. She is now 30! I loved him as my doctor and as a person and I am so sorry for your loss!

Janice Bialik - February 06 at 12:43 AM



“ My memory of Dr Edlund was that He was a man that I knew loved the Lord. I'm so thankful that I had the honor of knowing him personally. I'll always remember his smile.

Cindy Weberg - February 03 at 10:22 PM



“ Jeff B Holstine lit a candle in memory of Dr. Richard A. Edlund



Jeff B Holstine - February 03 at 09:46 AM



“ We were so sad to hear of our dear friend Dicks passing only because we didn't get to give him our last hug. I'm so glad I got to pray over the phone with Him and Lynn. My Joy is that I'll see him again as we both have our faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. That truly is our greatest hope in this world.
Dick was a very kind and loving father type friend to me and my family. He helped me in so many ways. He showed a Christ like compassion to my family. I will always be grateful. You'll be missed for a while. But until we meet again. Rest in our fathers. Home.
Your friend Barbara Michael Becca Joshua and family

Barbara Olinsky - February 02 at 08:14 PM



“ I had the joy of working with Dick at the thrift store and he always made everyone feel welcome and made everyone feel loved

Sandy Stone - February 01 at 09:02 PM



“ Dr Edlund was such a blessing in my life. He seen me through 4 miscarriages and finally the birth of my first child. Always kind and caring he would do anything to lift my spirits in the dark days. My condolences to the family.

sabrena smith - February 01 at 06:47 PM



“ Have known Dr. Edlund, Lynn, and Rich for a very long time. Many thoughts and prayers are going out to you guys right now and the days to come. .

Kristi Shivlie - February 01 at 05:41 PM



“ Dr Edlund was my OBGYN and he delivered both of my babies. He was always so kind and compassionate. He surely lived his best life. A great man!

Debbie Duram - February 01 at 12:13 PM



“ He delivered all three of my daughters too. So sad.

Karen Steinhauer - February 01 at 12:29 PM



“ Our prayers are with you lyn and your family . Dick. Doc. Was a great man to all.
Dave and Barb DeBoer

barbdeboer - February 01 at 10:57 AM



“ My prayers are with you Lynn and your family. I pray God blesses you with peace.

vickie wagner - February 01 at 11:25 AM



“ We met Doc Edlund at church. He and Lynn were always so kind to our daughter Michelle. So appreciated their kindness towards her. When he traveled to Russia with Pastor Keith, he brought back a lively teapot as a gift for me to add to my collection. I never look at the little teapot without thinking of him. Such a sweet thoughtful loving man. Heaven's gain! Prayers for Lynn and family.
Alan & Linda Buchanan

Linda Buchanan - February 01 at 10:25 AM



“ It has been an honor to know this man and his family. His words of encouragement and support and wisdom to me in some of my darkest times of my life were fatherly and rarely ended without him saying “Let's pray about this!” He was an example of a grandfather for my children and took prayerful keen interest in them as the tentacles of divorce attempted to strangle us. His loving acceptance of me and my struggles, his warm and solid embraces, his encouraging advice and passionate anger at what he saw happening within the step-parenting drama's were exactly what I needed...every...single...time!
His life and Lynn's; Lori and Rich's were woven into my life by an all knowing Designer and their presence in the dark times have been like golden threads in the tapestry that Our Father is weaving. I have no doubts that his arrival home was met with shouts of welcome and “well done!”
His life has blessed mine and altered it for the greater good many times.
My prayer is that the family will grieve well and press into the chest of the Savior whom Dick now sees, face to face.

Bernadette Haas - February 02 at 09:53 AM



“ Praying for your family. So blessed, Lynn, that we spent time with you both. What precious memories we have. Take care. Garth and Janice Wagenman

Garth Janice Wagenman - February 01 at 10:08 AM



“ Dr Edlund delivered my second son Seth Adkins...a very nice Dr with a great sense of humor...Heaven's gain...prayers and condolences for his family

Eileen Adkins - February 01 at 07:06 PM



“ Not sure where to begin! I am a Registered Nurse and worked with him on OB Labor and Delivery at Hackley. I learned so much from him, and watched him give wonderful care to his patients. Then, when I had children, he was my Dr. and I received his great care. He did 3 c-sections and a hysterectomy on me and even did a home visit after my hysterectomy when I had a problem, to make sure I was ok. Still later, he and Lynn started attending our church and we worshipped together for several years. In 2003, He and Lynn came with me to Ann Arbor U of M hospital to support me when I faced having a tumor removed from my kidney. They stayed there with us from admission to discharge. The depth of love and friendship they displayed to us will never be forgotten. I could go on and on sharing kind things about him, giving to so many...his time, resources and friendship. He visited sick people, folks in nursing homes....gave rides to people. On and on and on....a blessing on earth and now whole and healed and perfectly completed in his faith in heaven. I look forward to reuniting in heaven. I am so thankful for him and the memories we share with he and Lynn. We will continue to pray for the family and cherish our shared memories through the years.

Judy Henry - February 01 at 09:44 AM



“ My prayers are with the family. He helped me and my family tremendously with infertility issues. He was very kind and compassionate when I finally found out I was expecting and eventually went on to miscarry. He then was by our side as we went on to have 2 beautiful children. He was truly one-of-a-kind! So glad I was able to reunite with him on his popcorn runs to Wesco.

Donna Goetz - February 01 at 09:44 AM



“ My prayers to the entire family on the loss of a wonderful man. He delivered both of my children and has always held a special place in my heart. I loved his witty personality and the way he treated me. His patients would be so backed up sometimes it was good to call before you started your drive to see how long to wait

before leaving. I absolutely loved this man and he was worth the wait every time. He took the time needed with each and every one of us as if we were his only patient. Kudos to you, Mrs. Edlund, for waiting patiently each night for him. God Bless You.

Pam Veach - February 01 at 07:03 AM



“ Our prayers are with the family during this time of loss. Richard was an amazing doctor and we were thankful to have his extreme compassion during the months leading up to the birth of our son. His care was exceptional. May you find comfort in your sweet memories in the days to come, and find strength through our Lord to endure.

Chaplain Wes and Lil Spyke - February 01 at 06:05 AM



“ He was such a wonderful man and a great doctor. I had three babies in 4 years and I became very close to him. He treated me as if I were his own daughter. He will be missed!!

Sandra Sox - February 01 at 03:20 AM



“ A wonderful man! He and I worked out together at Mercy. He actually made exercise fun! Such a sense of humor! He will certainly be missed here in Muskegon!

Donna Sorn - February 01 at 01:23 AM



“ My heart is deeply saddened:: Lynn and Rich,,,,Dick touched many lives,, I for one,,,you guys have Always been... a treasured memories of my life..and will continue...FJM

Frederick J. Monroe - January 31 at 11:12 PM



“ Dr Edlund is such a wonderful man!! When I was told I couldn't have any more children, I became pregnant he was the one that Could tell I was pregnant before I even knew! He will never be forgotten!!

julie thiele - January 31 at 08:44 PM



“ Will never forget him, and how he saved my son and my sanity in the spring of '92. Thanks to his care, all the movies he brought me to watch, and my half hour escape from bed rest each day my many days in the hospital to have my son was bearable. Prayers for the family.

Tonya Alexander - January 31 at 08:31 PM



“ I will never forget him. Due to health issues I had a hysterectomy at 32 and never had any children. He ordered a Stork meal for me and my husband while I was in the hospital.

Marsha Allen - January 31 at 07:47 PM



“ Such a kind man, always willing to encourage and help, a pleasure to be around .Look after my girl please ! Until it's our time. Please Lord comfort the family, for such a great man is a great loss .

Dolly Crowell - January 31 at 07:29 PM



“ So sorry for your loss! He was a special man! And a great Doctor. He will now be missed by his family, friends and Port City Church family!

les and Martha Webb - January 31 at 06:53 PM