



Edward C. Woodman

April 4, 1947 - October 20, 2023

Edward C. Woodman, age 76 formerly of Gahanna, OH, passed away October 20, 2023 at Kemper House in Highland Heights, OH. He was born on April 4, 1947 in Lakewood, OH.

Edward Charles Woodman, named after his paternal and maternal grandfathers, spent his formative years growing up in Avon Lake, Ohio where he attended St. Joseph Elementary School and graduated from Avon Lake High School in 1965. After a short stint at Lorain Community College and with the Vietnam War ramping up, Ed was drafted into the United States Army. Following boot camp at Fort Benning, Georgia, he was only one of two cadets who was not sent to Vietnam from his unit. He spent his last year in Germany and was honorably discharged in November of 1968. Ed attended Ohio State University earning a Bachelor of Science in Education in 1974. He was immediately hired to teach physical science at Middle School East in the Gahanna-Jefferson Public Schools. During his career, he earned a Master of Arts in Education in 1981 and a Doctor of Philosophy degree in 1993. As an educator, Ed wore many hats: teacher, coach, administrator and counselor. Of all of his various job titles, Ed was most proud of his work as one of the coordinators for the Drug Free Schools Consortium, a group of educators and counselors that work collaboratively to address the problems of adolescent alcohol and drug abuse for multiple school districts throughout the Columbus, Ohio area. In 2004, he retired from Gahanna Schools only to become

Coordinator of Testing for the District from 2007-2014. His final retirement took place in 2014.

Aside from his professional life, Ed's personal life was witness to his faith in Jesus Christ and his faith and devotion to the Blessed Virgin. From his formative years at St. Joseph School to his dedicated involvement in the Newman Center at Ohio State and eventually the Church of the Resurrection in New Albany, Ed always made himself available to fully contribute his talents to the community. Many of the wood items located around the sanctuary and worship space at Resurrection were the creation of Ed's handy work.

After extensive surgery for colon cancer in 1998 and a year of chemotherapy and radiation, Ed was given a pessimistic prognosis, but with his ardent faith and continual prayer, the cancer never returned and he lived another twenty-five years cancer free. He always attributed his survival to his faith and devotion to the Blessed Mother.

As retirement years passed, Ed began to have cognitive problems. Since Alzheimer's is genetically part of our family history we surmised he was in the beginning stages of this dreadful disease. His condition was finally diagnosed in 2020 and he had been in a slow decline until his passing last week. Ed was intelligent, fiercely independent and exceedingly private. Alzheimer's deprived him of his own sense of security and peace.

The family would like to extend our sincere gratitude to the nursing staff and aides at Altercare of Mentor and Kemper House who looked out for Ed and cared for him over these last two years. A special thanks to Cypress Hospice for their unbelievable attention to Ed's needs over the last two weeks of his life.

May the Angels lead him into Paradise.

He is survived by his brothers, Thomas (Roberta) Woodman and Richard Woodman; nephews, Christopher and Aaron (Mandy Osborne) Woodman; niece, Ashley Woodman; and great-niece, Parker. He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Harriet Woodman; and grandparents, Edward and Florence Schaefer and Charles and Ella Woodman.

A funeral mass will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday October 28, 2023 at St. Noel Catholic Church, 35200 Chardon Rd., Willoughby Hills, OH 440094.

Interment will be in All Souls Cemetery, Chardon, OH.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Cypress Hospice, 2 Berea Commons Suite 1, Berea, OH 44017 or to the Alzheimer's Association, online at <https://www.alz.org/>

Arrangements entrusted to the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, Mentor, OH. Offer condolences at www.brunners.com.

Cemetery Details

All Souls Cemetery

10366 Chardon Rd.
Chardon, OH 44024
(800) 582-6850

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

OCT **28**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Noel Catholic Church
35200 Chardon Rd
Willoughby, OH 44094

Tribute Wall

JK

“ Ed was like a father/grandfather to me. I've known him for 35 years, since my birth. He was my father's counselor in high school, and a close family friend for many years. We had dinner at his home in Gahana every Thursday when I was young. My earliest memory was with Ed, holding me in the aquariums at Seaworld. The colors of the glowing tanks and sea creatures are still vivid in my mind all these years later. I was 2. He taught me to color within the lines, he taught me to build castles with legos. He has mentored me through many life challenges over the last 35 years. He was consistent in his support of my goals. Ed attended my graduation ceremony for my undergrad degree, and was always in my corner cheering for me when applying to grad school. The depth of his love and support changed the course of my life. He was in touch with me often after his diagnosis, but had asked I not visit due to Covid. Eventually he was unable to speak or text anymore and I was told his brother would contact me to keep me update on his well-being. That unfortunately never happened. I am devastated to hear the news of his passing 2 months late. I would have loved to be present at his end of life ceremony, to celebrate the most generous and loving man I know. May he rest in eternal peace.

Jasmine Krapf - December 26, 2023 at 12:17 PM

CT

“ I knew Ed from working in the Gahanna schools and as a fellow parishioner at Church of the Resurrection. He was always kind and dedicated to his work. I have missed seeing him in the gathering space at church. Rest in peace Ed.

Cathy Tucker - November 07, 2023 at 09:02 PM

TN

“ *Mr Woodman was my soccer coach in the early 80's. Thanks to Ed, Mr Measure, and Mr Wood, we won the boys 1983 OCC champions, for the first time in Gahanna history! The Team will miss you Ed, God Bless.....Tim Nuss*

Tim Nuss - November 04, 2023 at 10:35 AM

AC

“ *Ed will be missed. I loved to hear about his travels and always admired his deep faith. I was fortunate to have worked with him at GLHS. May he rest in peace.*

Amy Carter - October 29, 2023 at 11:50 AM

BH

“ *Best teacher I ever had even got the pleasure of working with him at the Newman center at Ohio State , and back packing in the Rocky Mountains with him I'll miss you Mr Woodman*

Bill Hickey - October 28, 2023 at 09:58 PM

LS

“ I taught with Ed at Lincoln High School and was privileged to work with him on the creation of the drug and alcohol coordinator position for the school district as well as rewriting our drug and alcohol policy. Every initiative he worked on was for the betterment of our students.

Growing up in Lorain County myself, Ed and I were avid Cleveland Indians fans. He even hosted my parents at one of the games, which they loved! Ed also took me to see his beautiful wood working creations at his church and told me how spiritual his trip to Italy was for him.

He was a genuine supporter of the importance of health education and I always appreciated that!

Rest in peace, Ed.

Linda Shannon

Linda Shannon - October 28, 2023 at 08:38 PM

CM

Ed Woodman was a wonderful co-worker and an even better friend. I had the honor of working with him at Gahanna Lincoln H. S. We also made memories together at Church of the Resurrection, where we shared many a committee meeting. I always knew when Ed chaired a committee that any meetings held would run according to plan and on time! A giver on all levels. We will certainly miss him. ❤️

Cindi Macioce - October 29, 2023 at 05:30 PM

AP

Ed was a valued colleague and friend during many of my years at Gahanna Lincoln High School. I enjoyed working with Ed and we had many interesting conversations about education and life through the years. I remember visiting him in the hospital when he was dealing with cancer and thinking "Ed is one tough guy, if anyone can beat it he is the one." Sorry to hear he had to battle with Alzheimer's. RIP Dr. Woodman.

Art Prince - October 29, 2023 at 06:14 PM

RC

Ed and I met every Tuesday for brunch for the last decade, since our retirement. We solved world problems and laughed and laughed at the absurdity of events of life. A man at another table stopped by once and said he wanted to join our table because we had such a good time; and we did.

Ed helped supervise my students at the many national DECA competitions and had a very hard time keeping me in line. We golfed about once a week during golf season and took it about as seriously as our thoughts about current politics. He had a joke he would use with me when I hit a good shot - "That's a really, really great shot Russ.....for someone of your ability, it was terrific." Then he could hardly stop laughing.

I saw the extent of his moral courage throughout his career, taking on some unpopular issues and standing his ground. Also, there were so many occasions when he would go way beyond normal procedures to help students and others without anyone else knowing. He had a strong faith that he lived by and a moral commitment to do good in this world and to be an example of goodness, and he certainly was.

I so miss him.

Russ Cochrane - October 29, 2023 at 07:06 PM

BH

What a gentle soul! He helped in the early stages of the Elementary Guidance Program. Because of him and his devotion to our students, I was able to provide meals to families during the holidays as well as much needed items to the students through the year through the G.R.I.N. Program. Safe travels, Ed💕

Betsy Hussey - October 30, 2023 at 05:29 AM

FD

I had the honor to work with Ed at Gahanna Lincoln High School for many years. He was a great teacher and a great friend. I often asked him for advice, and always received wise counsel from him. We shared lots of laughs in the science dept, and his contribution to the drug and alcohol program was wonderful. I will truly miss him.

RIP Ed ...

Fred Donelson - October 30, 2023 at 04:37 PM

SC

If memory serves, I was in one of his first classes at what was then Gahanna Lincoln Junior High (grades 7-9) eight grade science. I remember him as an extremely professional person and quite adept at not only tolerating us but teaching and reaching us. Blessings to his family.

Schuyler (Scott) Cook

Schuyler Cook - October 30, 2023 at 08:28 PM

TI

Mr. Woodman was a dear friend to my mom, Patty Musgrove. I think they must have started GLHS at the same time, because they shared many happy memories. He he a special place in her heart. Rest in peace, Mr. Woodman.

tina - October 30, 2023 at 10:00 PM

DT

Prayers to the family. Ed was a superb educator and was well respected among his peers. May he rest in peace.

Dean Townsend - November 01, 2023 at 07:35 PM