



## Edward Bruno Lesch

August 21, 1924 - March 20, 2011

Edward Bruno Lesch Jr. was born on August 21, 1924 in Omaha, Nebraska to Edward and Louise (Harris) Lesch. Ed grew up in northeast Omaha near the airport. He attended Beechwood 49 Elementary School and North High. As a young man he enjoyed hunting, fishing, building model airplanes, trap shooting and his dog, Pluto. Ed served in the United States Army during World War II from 1944 to 1946. He was in the Military Police in the Pacific Theater. Ed married Betty Frericks on November 12, 1949 at St. John's Catholic Church in Quincy, Illinois and to this union 5 children were born: Martin, Timothy, Christopher, Cynthia and Elizabeth. Ed and Betty raised their family in Waterloo, Nebraska.

Ed worked for Valmont Industries in the maintenance department, as a truck gardener, proprietor of Viaduct Gardens and sold fireworks. He enjoyed carpentry, hunting, fishing, camping, painting and gardening. He was active in the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Waterloo Volunteer Fire and Rescue, Waterloo School Board, Waterloo Civil Defense, Waterloo City Council and St. Patrick's Men's Club. Ed was very proud to be able to present high school diplomas to some of his children at their graduations. He was a devoted member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Elkhorn and a 4th Degree Knights of Columbus. Ed was very likeable, honest and had a sense of presence and confidence. He was a problem solver and an eternal romantic. Ed loved to tell stories and jokes, especially to his grandchildren and extended family complete with animation and laughter. He had a strong work ethic and believed in a solid

educational background. Ed was dedicated to his family and cherished the time that they could all be together.

Ed passed away on Sunday, March 20, 2011 at the Life Care Center of Elkhorn at the age of 86 years, 6 months and 27 days. He was preceded in death by his parents Ed and Louise and sisters, Susan Sudduth and Lucile Gausden. Ed is survived by wife Betty; sons and daughters-in-law Martin and Shirley of Omaha, Timothy of Burlington, WI and Christopher and Cyndi of Newark, OH; daughters and sons-in-law Cynthia and Jim Busse of Omaha and Elizabeth and Tom Grimm of Valley; 14 grandchildren and 1 great granddaughter; Brother Frank of Shelby, IA and sister Jean Leonardo of Omaha.

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Lesch, Edward age 86 of Waterloo, NE

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Reichmuth Funeral Home

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Edward Bruno Lesch*

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *Tim, Chris and Cynthia,  
Our belated condolences to you on the passing of your dad.*

**John and Cheryl Foley** - April 17, 2011 at 04:35 PM



*Cheryl, I was thinking of dad and looked up his obituary and read the notes left by family and friends. I must have missed your comments back then and when I saw your name wanted to thank you for your kind words. Would like connect with you so if you get this message text me at 4022143111. Cynthia*

**Cynthia lesch- busse** - December 07, 2020 at 11:59 AM



“ *Cynthia, I am sorry to hear about your dad. I know how hard it is lose a parent. My condolences to you and your family. You'll be in my prayers.*

*Teresa Jacobs*

**Teresa Jacobs** - March 23, 2011 at 11:20 AM



“ *Dear Betty and family, Susan and I were deeply saddened to hear of Ed's passing. I have thought of your family many times in the past 55 years. Ed gave me my first job working in the garden. 65 cents per hour, I was the richest kid in Waterloo. Great guy, wonderful boss and a good friend. Love to you all Al*

**Al Campbell** - March 22, 2011 at 03:08 PM

GN

“ Dear Elizabeth and Family,  
Please accept my deepest sympathy at the death of your dad. I know you will miss him dearly, but now you have wonderful memories. Put your arms around your mother as she will need your strength.  
Bless all of you.  
Gerri Nordell  
Valley, NE

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**Gerri Nordell** - March 22, 2011 at 12:53 AM

KH

“ Ed was such a good man, he is and will be greatly missed by many. We have such great memories of Ed and Betty, and what great friends and neighbors they were. We are keeping all of you in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Kieth, Cindi, Joe and Chris Hansen** - March 21, 2011 at 09:08 PM

ES

“ We are so sorry to hear of the loss of your father. Al has many memories of working with Ed at Valmont. I wish to send a special word of sympathy to Martin, Shirley and Raechel, as I spent many hours working with Martin at RMS and had many happy hours hearing Ed stories. Take Care. Love Al and Evelyn Schuman

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**evelyn Schuman** - March 21, 2011 at 03:32 PM

JM

“ May your memories carry you through this difficult time. You are in our thoughts and prayers.  
The Modrcin's

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**Julie Modrcin** - March 21, 2011 at 02:56 PM

JE

“ Praying that all of your wonderful memories may comfort you in this time of sorrow and always. Thinking of you, Julie Eckholt

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**Julie Eckholt** - March 21, 2011 at 01:10 PM

SP

“ Hugs, hugs, and hugs - to the family, your dad and grandfather's legacy lives through great memories. Holding your family up in prayers.

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**Sandy Perry** - March 21, 2011 at 11:31 AM