

Edward J. Grinnell

July 4, 1935 - April 28, 2010

Edward J. Grinnell, 74, of Tully, New York, died Wednesday, April 28, 2010 at the VA Medical Center in Syracuse, New York after a courageous battle with Multiple Myeloma.

Born in Camden, New York, he was the son of the late Theodore and Helen (Rowell) Grinnell. He was a graduate of Syracuse University where he received a Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering and a Masters Degree in Education from SUNY Oswego. He retired in 1992 after 36 years of service as an engineer at General Electric where he was project manager for the Heavy Military. He was an Army veteran. Ed was a 45 year member of Tully Fire Department and served as an EMT. He was a member of Grace Episcopal Church where he was a founding member of Loaves & Fishes, a member of GE Elfun Society, Pheasants Forever, and The Grinnell Family Association Genealogy Group. He served on the SU Alumni Board of LC Smith School of Engineering and Boys & Girls Club of Syracuse. He loved hunting, fishing, growing garlic on his farm in Cato and camping in the Adirondacks. Ed is survived by his wife of 55 years, Patty Davis Grinnell; son, Theodore (Shawna) Grinnell of Truxton, New York; daughters, Elaine (Michael) Hutson of Tully, New York, Valerie (Dennis) Hartnett of DeRuyter, New York, Sue (Bruce) Wilson of Truxton, New York, Lisa (Louis) Morgan of Homer, New York and Teresa (Michael) Hoke of Tully, New York; sister, Mary Ellen (Richard) Matson of Cortland, New York; Sister-in-law, Lois(Ward) Tillotson; grandchildren, Jennifer (Michael) Sherwood, Jill (Travis) Gilmore,

Tracey Hutson, Alison Grinnell, Erik, Kristin, Robert, and Lindsay Wilson, Zachary and Alyssa Morgan, Julia, Kyle, and Owen Hoke; great-grandchildren, Brianne, Erik, Donovan, Moses, Cormac, Sullivan, and Landon. He is also survived by several nieces, nephews, cousins and he will be missed by his German Shorthair dog, Mitzie. Ed's family would like to thank Dr. Jane Hudson, Nurse Practitioner Linda McHugh, Colleen Galvin and everyone in Infusion. Services will be Saturday, May 1, 2010, 10:00 a.m. at Grace Episcopal Church, 13 Court Street, Cortland, New York. Burial will be in Tully Cemetery, State Street, Tully, New York. Calling hours will be Friday, April 30, 2010, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. at Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home, Inc., 2584 Field Lane, LaFayette, New York. Donations in lieu of flowers may be made to Tully Hose Company or to Loaves & Fishes at Grace Episcopal Church.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Edward J. Grinnell*



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“ *The neighbors from Cato, have been concerned. We have missed Ed and only learned yesterday. This Spring he has not been here with his smile. Once we had a beef steer get lose and he called and let us know that he had seen him visiting at his farm. The day we went to get him he had adapted to Ed's farm too well and the ground and everything else was covered with ice. It was exhausting but we got him home. Those that have been out to Ed's farm can imagine how funny we looked trying to return the beef steer to the Daly farm. We were always glad he let us know. Thanks again Ed, you brought smiles to Cato.*

May 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *We love you Dad and miss you everyday*

May 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ We met Ed at our daughter, Frances Matson's home on many occasions. He was a lovely man and we enjoyed his company very much. We are so sorry he lost his battle to this dread disease. He is in our prayers.

May 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ To the Grinnell family...may each day provide you with strength to continue your lives without your dad/husband but may the memories live inside your heart forever. We will miss Ed on the sidelines of the Tully Youth lacrosse field with Pat. I'm sure he has been greeted by many Tully friends, including my dad, Fluff! Rest in peace, Brenda and family ~ "Psalm 23"

May 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ I can remember meeting Ed and Pat at a family reunion of my Mom's. We were talking to them and mentioned making Molasses the old-fashioned way. That year they came back to Iowa in October to make it with us. They made it back almost every year after that. I will always remember Ed as the first guy to go to work and the last guy to stop, and always happy no matter what job he was doing and always having time to talk to the people around him. I still remember the last year they came down. My dad was also really sick with Lymphoma, and Ed had been pretty sick himself. When I talked to Pat, she said that the strange thing was he got to feeling better the closer he got to Iowa. That was the last time I saw Ed and the last year my dad got to do molasses with the family. I am sure Ed got a huge greeting from dad when he got there. He will be missed and Daniëlle and I are praying for your family.

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“ *The Lord works in special ways. How he takes one family member and gives another one in the same day.*

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“ *We all live on in the memories we leave behind so those like your father who touched so many will never be forgotten. Our thoughts go out to you. The Caslers Rochester NY*

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“ *I had the pleasure of Ed's acquaintance through Pheasants Forever and hunting birds with Ed and Mitzie. Mr Ginnell was truly a first class individual. My thoughts and prayers are with all who are missing Ed, especially the Grinnell family. Bill Hayes*

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“ *I am forever thankful to have known such a wonderful man and family. Our memories will bring smiles to our faces and love to our hearts. - Korinne*

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“ *Patti & family-Ed will be greatly missed at the family reunions. The ready smile despite all he was going through will stay with me. My love and prayers to all the family. Gini*

April 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Few can bring the warmth We can find in their embrace, And little more is needed to bring love Than the smile on their face. They've a supply of precious stories, Yet they've time to wipe a tear, Or give us reasons to make us laugh, They grow more precious through the years. I believe that God sent us Grandparents As our legacy from above, To share the moments of our life, As extra measures of His love. -Unknown Love you grandma Miss you papa

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“ I have known Ed and his family for many years. His smile and humor will be missed. Our sincerest condolences to Pat and family. God bless you all. Sincerely, Karen and Dick Reome

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“ Pat and family, You are such a wonderful family, you will all come together and get through this difficult time. We will all miss Ed's warmth and kindness. God Bless you all, and ED we will see you again someday.

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“ Patty and Family: My thoughts and prayers are with you.

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“ DEAR VAL, DENNIS AND FAMILY: OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU. TAKE CARE,

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“ Dear Pat and family, Ed will always be part of our memories of special people at Grace church...he was a truly faithful person in his actions and I learned a lot from him. May the wonderful memories sustain you all, and of course you are all in our prayers, Lynn and Dave Stark

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“ To Elaine and all of the Grinnell family, My heart and prayers are with you in this difficult time. I remember your father fondly from our years growing up. He was a gracious man whenever I saw him. He will be sorely missed by many. Love, Michele and family

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“ Uncle Ed is the happiest most welcoming person I have ever met. There has never been a time that he didn't seem overjoyed to see us! He is a very special person that I will miss dearly!

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“ Daddy, "Daddies don't just love there children every now and then a daddy always loves his children forever and ever Amen!!!" I love you so much and thank you for giving us such a great family and all the values you instilled in your family! You will be deeply missed and remembered every day with all the happy memories we were blessed to make!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Till I see you again be happy and watch over all of us. I love you!

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“ Goodbye to a cousin though distant in relationship will be held in close memory. Works of kindness will be done in his memory and may he rest in peace. Sincere sympathies to the family, especially Pat.

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“ We are saddened by the loss of your husband, father and grandfather. Know that you are all in our prayers. Time and memories will help you heal the pain of your loss.

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“ Tully lost a great husband, father, friend, neighbor, dedicated fireman. Who had deep love for his family and friends. We know however that Ed, Stan Cottrell and Mom Kanar are sitting at the coffee table in heaven. God Bless you all our thoughts and prayers are with you and your families at this time.

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“ Remembering your great spirit, heart, wit, smile and generosity a?" you, and your loving, giving family are in our prayers.

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the wilson family. We are so sorry for your loss. We will be thinking about you today and saturday, we are sorry that we are unable to attend the calling hours.

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“ So very sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

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“ Mrs. Grinnell and Family, We've spent many hours together in a tiny room, his passion in life was his family! Each and everyone of you had a special place in his heart and he let everybody know that! It has not only been a pleasure taking care of your father but a true honor! He was and is a true American Hero!

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“ Pat & Family, our thoughts and prayers are with you. Ed will be greatly missed by all. Mick & Cookie

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“ I enjoyed many happy times with Ed (and Pat) in Florida when they vacationed in Largo during the winters. I lived in Clearwater at the time and my parents, Bob & Arlene, along with Marilyn & Bob Brown, would party like ""rock stars"" at Eldorado Village. Ed was a very special man who will be greatly missed. I hope my Dad greeted him at the pearly gates with a cold beer!!

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“ Pat and family (especially my lacrosse girls, Val and Terry), I was so sorry to hear of Ed's passing. He was such a wonderful man! I have fond memories of him at church, at Vestry meetings, and giving me garlic bulbs to sell at the BIG Sale! He was a man who cared deeply for his family. May your memories always bring a smile to your faces! Love, Janet

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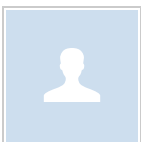
“ The loss of Ed and his dedication to the Elfun service projects will be remembered by many Elfuns and community recipients. Every time I see a wild turkey, I will think of Ed and his turkey lunches at many of our service projects.

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“ Pat, Ted, Elaine, Val, Sue, Lisa and Terry - I'm so sorry to hear of Ed's passing. He was a great individual and gave so much to the community. My deepest sympathies to you all - Kim

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“ Patty and family, I am so sorry for your loss, when I think of Ed, I think of that infectious smile. He was a great guy! I know you will miss him so much. When it gets tough, just think about him finally being out of pain, and smiling up in heaven!

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“ *Rest in Peace Ed. We will always remember your smiling presence at Grace church.*

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“ *To The Entire Grinnell Family, There are no words to convey how sorry I am for your loss. Although we grow up and go about our lives, there are certain people who always hold a place in your heart and memories Mr. Grinnell is one of them.. As the father of one of my best friends in the world, Mr. Grinnell always had a strong & positive influence on me. I have so many memories of being with your family...His handsome and ever-smiling face will always be the picture in my mind. Mr. & Mrs. Grinnell are impeccable role models for anyone....raising a beautiful family. Anyone who knows them should consider themselves lucky and blessed. You are all in my thoughts and prayers...I'm sure my Dad was there to shake his hand when he arrived. Love you all,Mare*

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“ *So many wonderful memories of our good times with Pat and Ed, the camping trips, our dancing on Fri. and Sat. nites, the card games. Just a wonderful friendship that has lasted for almost 50 years. You will always be in our thoughts old friend.*

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“ *The Officers and Members of the Mattydale Fire Department join in extending Heartfelt Sympathy to you and your family at this Time of Sorrow.*

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“ We'll miss Ed's guidance and insight at the Fire Dept.- we all benefited from his many contributions.God be with him

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“ Dear Pat & Family - Ed was such a sweetheart. He was the highlight of my day whenever he came into Tully Bldg with a big hug and smooch!! He will be missed by many - please let us know if we can do anything. Love ya Pat!!! Steve & Lisa

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“ May Ed's great smile and humor brighten heaven.

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“ Ed and Pat are the most gracious frinds we have ever had, along with their children.Many many good times with them,and will never be forgotten. Ed will be dearly missed,Auf wiedersehen

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“ Mr. Grinnell had such a kind heart! I have memories of him when I was young at church and I had the great pleasure of being with him and his family on Christmas day having the wonderful pancakes he made. I also has the priveledge of going camping at the Adirondacks with him and his family. He was always smiling and telling jokes. He was a hard worker and after my grandfather passed I thought of him as someone just as close. Him and his wife were always good to my parents as well when they first entered the grace episcopal church. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family!

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“ My sincerest condolences go out to the Grinnell family and the memory of Mr. Grinnell whom I always enjoyed interacting with as well his wonderful wife Patty. What a privilege to have known Mr. Grinnell. His family must have always been so proud of him.

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“ My prayers go out to the family

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“ I will miss Ed's smile. He was a gentleman and all around nice person who did a lot for his church and the Loaves and Fishes program. May he rest in peace.

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“ *Hi Pat and Family, I was so sorry to hear of Ed's passing. Know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers.* ”

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