



## Edward Anthony "Eddie" Mernin, Jr.

February 16, 1956 - January 22, 2026

Edward Anthony "Eddie" Mernin, 69 passed away on Thursday, January 22, 2026 after a long battle with cancer.

Eddie was born on February 16, 1956, in St. Louis, Missouri, and spent most of his adult life in New Orleans, Louisiana. That's where he and his wife of 38 years, the absolute love of his life, Donna raised their children, Patrick and Erica (Weston). Eddie loved his family more than anything. He held on long enough to meet his grandson, Kai Anthony, named after him, and that moment meant everything to him—and to us. His dog, Drake, lost his best buddy. He is also survived by his sisters, Patricia Chaplain, Maureen Riccio and countless cousins, nieces, nephews and friends whose lives are quieter now without him.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Patricia Donovan Mernin who we know he ran straight to, his father Dr. Edward A. Mernin, his sisters Kathleen Brite, Julia Martin, Christine Bogart, and his brother and best friend, Stephen Mernin.

Eddie was funny without effort. He was quick, witty, kind, and loyal. No matter what was going on, he could make you laugh, usually when you needed it most. Being around him felt easy. Being without him does not. He loved the New Orleans Saints—though Sundays often involved a lot of yelling—and he loved baseball. He played baseball for the Aces in Connecticut with some of his closest friends whom he still talked to regularly. He stayed loyal to the Yankees his whole life. Our family will feel this loss forever. Eddie's absence is

deep and permanent, but so is the love he gave us, the laughter he left behind, and the stories we'll keep telling.

Donations may be made in Eddie's memory to the Tunnel to Towers Foundation. This cause meant a great deal to him, especially because his son-in-law serves on active duty in the United States Air Force, and Eddie held deep respect and gratitude for those who serve and sacrifice for others. Ending this only feels right by saying what he always told his kids before he hung up the phone. "I love you all the way and go help someone who needs it today."

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# Tribute Wall

SS

“ Donna and family, so sorry to hear of your husband/father/grandfather's passing. Remember that he will always be with you. Sharon Signorelli

Sharon Signorelli - January 27 at 10:47 PM

JL

“ I met Eddie through his wife Donna at school where she worked in the office and I taught. Eddie heard about my kids reading the Magic Tree House series and my wanting to build a real one. I was teaching Erica at that time. My wonderful principal, Milton Skorlich, secured the amount of wood we would need and Eddie and his best friend built it. They worked tirelessly outside for several afternoons on the foundation and then moved it indoors. My dream had come true because of this wonderful, sweet man. Many students read and believed for years and years! Thank you Eddie, rest in peace. We all love you!❤️

Joy Levin - January 26 at 09:09 PM

RE

I remember that year as well! My son Joseph loved reading those magic treehouse books! And now his son Joseph is reading them as well! Thank you Eddie! Rest in Peace!

Rhonda Lange Evans - January 26 at 09:57 PM

LB

“ Lilli Bear lit a candle in memory of Edward Anthony "Eddie" Mernin, Jr.



Lilli Bear - January 26 at 07:17 PM

LB

*So sorry for your loss.*

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**Lilli Bear** - January 26 at 07:18 PM

GM

*So sorry for your loss Donna and family and friends. Eddie helped me out a lot during hard times and I will never forget that. He was an awesome person and he will be missed dearly.*

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**Greg Mattson** - February 05 at 11:34 AM