



Edward Lawrence Rodriguez

January 25, 1933 - March 22, 2017

On Wednesday, March 22, 2017 at 11:12 P.M., Edward Lawrence Rodriguez closed his "Code Book" and submitted his life to the Lord for the Final Inspection. Eddie (age 84) completed his life's work in the arms of his beloved wife and surrounded by his four adoring children. 'Eddie' was the husband of Beverly Mae Ranatza Rodriguez; father of Elizabeth Frazier (David), Karen Beter (the late Bruce), Sandra Smith (Kevin) and David Lawrence Rodriguez; son of the late Rose Mary Tarantino Rodriguez and Edward Jesus Rodriguez; brother of Ricardo 'Ric' Rodriguez (Nancy) and the late Rosemary 'Rary' Rodriguez Hitt (Al); and "Poppa" to Samuel, Nathan and John Frazier, Brett and Christina Beter, and Alyssa, Brandon and Caitlyn Smith. He was also survived by many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Eddie grew up in a huge Italian family where family and faith were of paramount importance. The focus of Eddie's life was to serve his family, love the Lord and be true to his Catholic faith. Eddie was a gentleman and humble servant of God. His selfless love and prayerful, unwavering devotion was respected by all.

Eddie lived his life to serve. He was awarded the Order of St. Louis Medal by the Archdiocese of New Orleans in recognition of a lifetime of service to the local Catholic Church. Eddie was an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion and a committed late-night adorer for the Adoration Chapel at

Our Lady of Divine Providence Church. Eddie had a profound desire to help teens - especially those unable to attain a Catholic education. He dedicated his Sunday nights for many years (well into his 80s) by serving as a founding and core team member of the OLDP Life Teen Group, a youth retreat moderator, an Abbey Youth Day leader, and a School of Religion instructor.

Practicing Architecture since 1955, Eddie was renowned as "The Code Expert." His areas of specialty were design, construction documents and code research. Eddie was the Project Architect for the Naval Support Activity Facility of Louisiana in Algiers, which won a National Design Award. He served as Project Architect for numerous banks, schools, office buildings and churches throughout the South. Eddie began his career with August Perez and Assoc. in 1955 and joined Underwood Verges and Assoc. in 1965, becoming a Partner shortly thereafter. The firm evolved from Ernest E. Verges and Assoc., to Morton Verges Architects to VergesRome Architects during the 52 years that Eddie was employed there. Eddie also served the City of Kenner in the Planning Department as the Consultant Planning Director for several years.

Eddie had a peaceful and creative spirit that was nurtured by art classes at the New Orleans Academy of Fine Arts. He enjoyed traveling with his bride of 59 years and delighted at the marvels seen throughout Europe and the U.S. Blues music, Jazz Fest, the French Quarter, creole food, and a cannoli at Brocato's brought a smile to his sweet face!

Eddie attended St Aloysius High School in New Orleans and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Architectural Engineering from Louisiana State University in May 1955. He was a former President of the LSU Alumni Association, Jefferson Parish Chapter, and a past Vice-President of the American Institute of Architects, New Orleans Chapter.

No more "Humbug" Dad ... the Ultimate Fire Marshal has granted His Eternal Approval: "Well done good and faithful servant." Rest in peace; your love will remain in all of our hearts forever.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the Funeral Mass at Our Lady of Divine Providence Catholic Church, 8617 W. Metairie Ave., Metairie on Monday, March 27, 2017 at 12:00 P.M. Visitation at the church from 10:00 A.M. until the time of Mass. Interment in Lake Lawn Park Cemetery. Arrangements by L. A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home. To view or sign the online guest book, please visit www.muhleisen.com

Cemetery Details

Lake Lawn Park Cemetery

5100 Ponchartrain Blvd.
New Orleans, LA 70124

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 27. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Our Lady of Divine Providence Catholic Church
8617 West Metairie Avenue
Metairie, LA 70003

Funeral Mass

MAR 27. 12:00 PM (CT)

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8617 West Metairie Avenue
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Tribute Wall



“ *Edward Lawrence Rodriguez*

October 15, 2023 at 09:39 PM



“ *Beverly, My heart goes out to you. May God's peace and love strengthen you.*

*Sincerely,
Audrey Louque*

Audrey Louque - April 01, 2017 at 04:26 PM



“ *Dear Beverly and Family,*

We send our very deepest sympathy to all of you at this most sorrowful time. May your memories bring you comfort and may time bring you the peace of Christ. God bless you!

Dave and Carolyn Schof

David and Carolyn Schof - March 30, 2017 at 05:22 PM



“ *David, I am sorry for your loss, I would have been there today, however I had to travel with my job. I remember your Dad from the days he was working with my Mom at Kenner City Hall. He was always the kindest man and always had I smile on his face.*

Thinking of you and your family.

Paul Pizzuto

Paul Pizzuto - March 27, 2017 at 04:13 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Edward Lawrence Rodriguez.*



March 26, 2017 at 05:12 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Edward Lawrence Rodriguez.*



March 26, 2017 at 02:06 PM

DV

“ Beverly,

Undecided as to whether we are sad or happy about Eddie's passing. Saddened for you and the children but happy for Eddie, no more pain, no more suffering, nothing but peace and happiness. Eddie was a real catholic gentleman, always smiling and always wanting to do something for someone. Condolences to you and the kids.

Sorry we will not be able to attend the services. Yvette had a fall about four weeks ago and I had surgery week before last and we are both still trying to get right. Please know, however, that Eddie, yourself and the children are in our thoughts and prayers.

God Bless.

"Dutch" & Yvette Villarrubia

D. J. Villarrubia - March 26, 2017 at 11:28 AM

GD

“ Gloria and Brett, JJ and Suzanne, Mariangel,
David purchased the Glorious Memories Garland
for the family of Edward Lawrence Rodriguez.



Gloria and Brett, JJ and Suzanne, Mariangel, David - March 25, 2017 at 11:04 PM

MR

“ Dear Beverly,

Wanted to let you know that you and your children are in my thoughts and prayers. I feel so blessed that Eddie was my cousin. Even though we did not get to see each other often, I can not think of a time that Eddie was not happy, sweet and thoughtful. There was no doubt that you were his pride and joy and that he adored his children.

My brother David and I were so happy that we were able to have such a great visit at your home a few months ago. We shared fun memories and Eddie was in such good spirits. We got to see his extensive art work. I proudly have the painting that he let me choose in the living room and am reminded everyday of the wonderful man that was part of our family.

I can say without a doubt that he is in heaven watching down and smiling after realizing how many of us he touched with his loving ways. And Beverly, please don't forget the saying that " behind every great man is a great woman " because as we speak of how wonderful Eddie was you have always been the great woman by his side.

Sincerely,

*Mariangel
Rodriguez*

Mariangel Rodriguez - March 25, 2017 at 10:45 PM

DH

Deepest sympathy to Mrs. Beverly and children

Desi Roth Harrison and Fred Roth Family

desi roth harrison - March 26, 2017 at 12:52 PM

AL

So sorry for your loss. Ed was a great joy and a pleasure to work with during our years with the AIA Chapter of New Orleans.
Bill and Amanda Langkopp

Amanda Langkopp - March 27, 2017 at 11:46 AM