



Edward Ettin

February 2, 1936 - July 9, 2022

ETTIN, Edward C., age 86, passed away July 9 2022, beloved husband of Patricia H. Ettin, devoted father of Scott A. (Emily) Ettin of Manhattan, NY, Dr. Douglas S. (Tricia) Ettin of Louisville, KY, dear brother of Shirley Dreyer & the late Beatrice Schaen, brother in law of Robert Dreyer & the late Earl Schaen & Aaron Brown, loving grandfather of Isabella & Sophia Letson-Ettin. Private Memorial services will be held by the family, Sunday, July 17 at 1:00 PM at Weil Kahn Funeral Home, 8350 Cornell Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45249. Masks are required. Friends are welcome to livestream the service at https://webcast.funeralvue.com/events/embed_viewer/76005. Memorial Contributions to the American Heart Association or charity of your choice would be appreciated.

Tribute Wall



“ Weil Kahn Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Edward Ettin



Weil Kahn Funeral Home - July 12, 2022 at 09:22 AM

BM

Ed was a good man--in so many ways--a mensch whose counsel I sought, welcomed and appreciated. He was a humorist and just a decent human being.

Bill Maloni - July 16, 2022 at 02:11 PM

LV

I will always remember his wonderful laugh. He was so kind, told great jokes and I will always have wonderful memories of Ed.

Lynn Volpe

Lynn Volpe - July 16, 2022 at 07:27 PM

CV

To use an old-fashioned term, Ed Ettin was a gentleman. Not only because of his impeccable manners, but because of his kindness and gentility. He was a highly intelligent man who valued the opinions of others, who offered to buy bread for a neighbor when going to his favorite bakery, to invite a neighbor to join him and Pat at a movie. Ed and Pat were my neighbors. Pat still is my neighbor, and I am lucky she is. Socializing has been curtailed by Covid, but it was and is a pleasure to know that the Ettin residence is just down the hall.

Chessie Vigran - July 17, 2022 at 01:58 PM

RA

Ed was a great kidder. One day he came into our outer offices at the Fed, where a new young secretary was talking about the weekend trip she and her sister were taking to West Virginia. Ed asked if their passports were current. She said that you didn't need a passport to go to West Virginia. In his most authoritative voice Ed said, "YES YOU DO!" He never cracked a smile. Well, if the Chief of the Banking Section says so They were making phone calls and checking with everyone for the rest of the

Roy Ashley - July 19, 2022 at 08:28 AM

TL

I remember him as one of the effective instructors at University of Maryland. I attended after finishing an enlistment in the Air Force. The sound basis in economics and insight into national and global market behavior served me well in my career at Price Waterhouse and in an International Agricultural Business. I am sure there are many like me who benefited from his knowledge, wisdom and humorous insight. Along with his many students and colleagues, he has a large positive legacy of which you can be very proud.

Timothy J Lee - January 29, 2024 at 01:46 PM

MK

“ If I had to name the people who had the greatest and most positive influence on my life, Ed Ettin would definitely be in the top 10. He was my mentor at the Fed, but more importantly, shortly after I joined the Board staff in 1978 Ed and I began to become friends and our friendship only deepened over time. We worked on more projects than I can remember. Some of my favorite memories are sitting with Ed in a conference room, often for hours, debating policy recommendations to the Board, writing memos to the Board, deciding on how best to implement policy, and writing testimony and speeches for governors. Yes, it was hard work, but it was (almost) always fun. Through it all Ed’s unflinching high standards, disarming sense of humor, dedication to the institution we both loved, respect for his colleagues, and profound humanity were an inspiration to me and many others. The world is a better place because Ed was here. It was a great honor and privilege to work with Ed and be his friend, and I will always treasure my memories of the terrific times we had together.

Myron L Kwast

Myron Kwast - July 20, 2022 at 03:05 PM

RB

“ I had the privilege of working with Ed in the 1980s when I was in the Fed Legal Division, and also thereafter getting together with him in D.C. (usually for lunch) periodically. He was one of my favorite clients; whip smart, kind, patient and generous to his colleagues. I learned much from him. זיכרונו לברכה. May his memory be a blessing--Robert Ballen

Robert Ballen - July 17, 2022 at 02:04 PM

AN

“ Dear Patricia, Please accept my sincere condolences on the death of Ed. His and your friendship I keep deeply in my memory. I would like to convey my best words to the whole of your family.
Jedrzej – “Andy” from Poland

Andy - July 17, 2022 at 08:02 AM



“ What a wonderful picture. I will miss Ed’s great sense of humor and all the e-mails!! May his memory always be for a blessing.

Joanne Essig - July 16, 2022 at 09:22 PM

SF

“ I had the privilege to work with Ed at the Fed for years, and he was always upbeat, sharp and encouraging. He and Pat were charming hosts, and it was a pleasure to know him. My heart goes out to all his friends and family. May his memory be a blessing.

Scott Fabbri - July 16, 2022 at 02:36 PM

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Scott A Etti - July 16, 2022 at 02:14 PM

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Scott A Ettin - July 16, 2022 at 01:41 PM

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Doug Ettin - July 16, 2022 at 01:24 PM

JB

“ *Ed was one of the kindest and most thoughtful of my cherished friends. He was a dear and trusted friend for many years of my late beloved husband. And Pat was the apple of his eye. He will always live in our hearts. May he Rest In Peace and join the many friends who predeceased him. I love you and Pat.*

judy Barron - July 12, 2022 at 06:49 PM

RB

“ *Uncle Eddie was simply the best. He was so fully engaged with the world, so insightful and intelligent, but also so much fun. He could discuss the intricacies of politics, and then laugh uproariously at a joke about flatulence. Oh that laugh- his whole body would shake with joy.*

He was also the most gracious host- whether I was staying in Rockville as a teenage over the summer, visiting in Dupont, or staying over at the Regency, he always welcomed us with a big hug, great talk, and of course a full liquor cabinet! (maybe no liquor cabinet when I was 16!)

Hallie, Sela and Nora loved him dearly, and just loved being with him on their various visits. They always would talk about how well red, interesting and joyful he was.

It is hard to imagine a world without Uncle Eddie. He loved and was well loved. He will be in our hearts forever.

Rob, Judy, Hallie, Sela and Nora

Robert Brown - July 12, 2022 at 02:10 PM

SE

“ *13 files added to the album Ed Ettin*



Scott A Ettin - July 11, 2022 at 02:36 PM

AB

We were friends since the 4th grade. He helped me get thru both high school & college. I truly will miss him. I no longer have ANY former classmtes that I was friendly with.

Arnold

Arnold Blitzer - July 12, 2022 at 04:48 PM

SB

Ed was a dear friend of mine through high school, college and beyond. I admired his intelligence and his sense of humor and although we didn't see each other often we never lost touch. Wishing Pat and their family our deepest sympathy. Ed was a special guy. Stan and Judy Bluestone

Stan Bluestone - July 14, 2022 at 01:52 PM

SC

I was so sad to hear of Ed's passing. He was an icon of the Federal Reserve Board when I met him in the late 70s, and he was undoubtedly one of the most demanding bosses I have experienced. But Ed worked so hard and loved to sit down, roll up his sleeves and jointly write long technical reports.

I've never had so much excitement and fun in a work environment since. Ed was a mentor and dear friend. My love to Pat, Scott and Doug. He spoke of you all often.

*Sincerely,
Sherry Sussman Cooper*

Sherry Cooper - July 16, 2022 at 03:43 PM

HS

So very sad to learn of Ed's passing. I was privileged to meet Ed through the Pearlcaster organization, He was such a kind and distinguished man of great intelligence and wit. May God comfort you among the other mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

Harry Sudman - July 17, 2022 at 09:21 AM

RA

I was fortunate to work quite closely with Ed at the Fed in the early 1970s in efforts to get more accurate banking data. Ed appreciated our efforts, and always had a friendly word or nod or joke. When I saw him at a retirement a few years ago, we exchanged a hug!

Roy Ashley - July 18, 2022 at 09:38 PM

JF

I have fond memories of Ed, his kindness and deadpan humor most of all. Three occasions stand out.

Before my first briefing at the Board, he came over just as I sat down and said, "Don't worry. Just your whole career depends on how you do."

When I was contemplating leaving the Fed for Wall Street, I of course solicited Ed's sage advice, which he graciously proffered, helping me weigh the pros and cons. After much deliberation, I decided to leave the institution we both loved, and Ed offered this warning: "Be careful out there, Josh. They're not like us."

Finally, after the party when I was leaving the Board, which my wife and then-one-year-old daughter attended, Ed came up to me and said, "That's a beautiful babe you have there. And your daughter is cute too." We both laughed, and he said, "Oh, I shouldn't have said that." Yes, you should have Ed, it was funny.

What a warm gentleman. He will not be forgotten.

Joshua Feinman

Joshua Feinman - July 28, 2022 at 04:32 PM

MW

My heart just sank when I saw this. Ed was an icon at the Board. I cannot think of many, if any, that I looked up to with more respect. He was brilliant and kind, and his advice was always "spot on" and delivered with candor and honesty. And he always greeted me with a big grin and made me laugh. I have retold countless times his advice to me when learning I was traveling to Basel, Switzerland for the first time. He told me to fly to Zurich and take the train - all good advice, and then asked me where I was staying. The Hilton, I replied. Then Ed said something along the lines of "Well don't do what I did. First time I went there, I was feeling pretty important representing the Fed. I walked out of the train station, hailed a cab, put my luggage in the back, and said 'take me to the Hilton.' The driver went about 50 feet and stopped and retrieved my bag. I gave him a BIG tip!" The story still makes me laugh, and I still cannot think of Ed without a smile coming to my face.

Molly Wassom

Molly S Wassom - August 28, 2022 at 04:00 PM

JH

Like Molly, I was so sad to see this notice, but I was not surprised after my last email to Ed went unanswered. What an impressive career he had at the Fed and that he pursued with high competence, wit, and charm. My first substantive interaction with him was probably in the late 1970s to draft testimony on some issue. Ed virtually dictated it while I took rapid notes. In the decades to follow, we worked together on many speeches and testimonies for the Chairman and other Board Members. I always enjoyed and appreciated our collaborations; he was fun and inspirational.

Ed had many impressive titles and roles throughout his career, more influence and authority than whatever substantial title he held, and he always brought an informed, confident viewpoint to the table. He could command resources Systemwide. During his last years at the Fed, Ed said he viewed his role as keeping Research involved in bank supervision, a role not always appreciated by others in my division (Banking Supervision and Regulation). However, his contributions and those of his colleagues to the supervisory process were important, perhaps most so regarding the design of risk measurement techniques in banking and the adoption of an entirely new method for calculating capital standards for internationally active banks.

Others have cited quips portraying Ed's sense of humor. Here's a favorite of mine: During a board meeting, Chairman Volcker asked Ed a question. Ed paused, then asked the Chairman if he wanted the short answer or the long answer, to which the Chairman replied in his deep, gravelly voice, "Give me the short one." Ed's response: "I don't know."

In recent years, I told Ed in an email that I had long viewed him as a role model and in some respects as a mentor. The latter surprised him, as he had not considered himself as that. We all likely fail to appreciate the influence we have on others that can be more important to them than we might suspect. Knowing Ed and having the opportunity to work, laugh, lunch, and debate with him has enriched my life, and it made my career at the Board more interesting and intellectually rewarding. He was, indeed, a most memorable man. God Bless.

Jim Houpt

Jim Houpt - February 09, 2023 at 11:27 AM