



Edward "Ed" Donald Schmitt

October 23, 1968 - August 15, 2025

It is with a heavy heart, we announce the passing of Edward Donald Schmitt on August 15th, 2025 at Legacy Salmon Creek Medical Center in Vancouver, WA. He was surrounded by his loving family until the end of his battle with colon/abdominal cancer. Ed fought valiantly, with grace and dignity until the end.

Born in Portland, OR to Donald and Rosemarie Schmitt, Ed was the youngest of seven children. Ed is survived by Wife Cara, Son Andrew and Daughter Katy, Brothers Matt (Julie), Mark (Stacey), Greg (Jan), Pat (Maria), Fred (Karen), and Sister Beth, and many nieces and nephews.

Graduating from Centennial High School where Ed met his future wife Cara, he went on to spend some time at the University of Oregon where he enjoyed his lifelong passion for politics in the political science program. Ed left college to work with the newly minted cellular phone industry with McCaw Cellular One communications (later to become AT&T Wireless). Advancing to national accessory product management, he made trips to China and Europe to oversee production of new items that would soon be sold in the AT&T stores. Never one to quit or give up on his dreams, Ed graduated from Portland State with a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science in 2008. After moving to Vancouver in 2009, Ed worked for the Clark County Sheriff's Department, Vancouver Police Department and lastly for the Clark County Clerk's office in

records and accounting positions.

In 1994 Ed married Cara in Portland, Oregon and settled in their first home in Gresham near family. Children followed, as did Ed's primary role in life, as he was fortunate to be at home with them for a large portion of their childhood. His greatest joy in life was being a father to his son and daughter. He took great pleasure in encouraging them to learn new activities and experience all life has to offer. He introduced them to different cultural pursuits and ethnic foods, helped them with their homework and just enjoyed spending his time with them. He was very proud of their desire to pursue higher education, and his support was steadfast when both Andrew and Katy achieved Master's Degrees. Ed's most recent family trip was to Bozeman, Montana to celebrate Katy obtaining her Master's Degree in Economics.

Always seeking knowledge, Ed enjoyed reading, staying up with current news events, and the ever-changing political landscape of our world. When not playing with the newest members of the family, cats Sunny and Willow, a favorite pastime for Ed was to watch the birds, bees and squirrels visit his manicured backyard.

Gone too soon from our lives, we will miss his positive encouragement, wit and wisdom. He will leave a big hole in the hearts of all who loved him.

In lieu of flowers, live outdoor plants or garden décor would be appreciated. Donations in his honor can be made to Friends of Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Memorial Gardens Cemetery & Funeral Chapel

1101 NE 112th Ave.
Vancouver, WA 98684-4950
<http://www.evergreenmemorialgardens.com>

Previous Events

Chapel Service

AUG 25. 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (PT)

Evergreen Memorial Gardens Cemetery & Funeral Chapel
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Graveside

AUG 25. 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM (PT)

Evergreen Memorial Gardens Cemetery & Funeral Chapel
1101 NE 112th Ave.
Vancouver, WA 98684-4950
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Garden of Hope (Feature)

Hospitality

AUG **25**. 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM (PT)

Evergreen Memorial Gardens
1101 N.E. 112th Avenue Vancouver, WA US 98684
Vancouver, WA 98684

Light refreshments & snacks.

Tribute Wall

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“ We think fondly on the times at U of O that we shared with Ed. He was always up for a creative activity or shenanigan. From ghost bike riding, hiking Spencer's butte to pulling dorm room pranks, Ed was at the center of community. He had a way of bringing people together. Our thoughts are with you Cara and your children.

Alysoun and Nathan Lowe - August 26, 2025 at 01:06 AM

KC

“ Ed was the first person I met on my first day at CellOne way back in 1991. He had been asked to show me around, teach me what I needed to know. That day started a 35-year friendship that saw marriage and children and work and big life decisions for both of us. Ed was constant, loyal, and true. I admired his deep and steadfast love for his family, his ability to bridge the gap with others who may have different points of view, and his limitless imagination of what was possible.

What I will miss most is the way Ed always made space for laughter, even in the most serious of moments. He carried so much knowledge without any pretension, and generosity without hesitation. He showed up whenever it mattered.

Ed leaves behind not only tons of memories, but also a legacy of love, friendship, and integrity.

Kim Charlton - August 25, 2025 at 03:36 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Edward "Ed" Donald Schmitt.

August 24, 2025 at 11:54 AM

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“ Tom A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward "Ed" Donald Schmitt.

Tom A. - August 24, 2025 at 11:39 AM

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“ I had the privilege of working with Ed at AT&T Wireless in the early 2000s in a product development role. From the beginning, I was struck by his keen insights and creativity, especially in how he suggested communications strategies for both our nationwide sales teams and ultimately to end customers. Ed's sense of humor and thoughtful nature made every interaction memorable, and I always appreciated the kindness he extended to me, even as our careers took us in different directions.

Over the years, we stayed in touch by phone and occasionally in person, and Ed would always share, with genuine joy, stories about his family and all that was happening in his life. I had a nice visit with Ed and Cara at their home last summer during a vacation with my wife — a reminder of the warmth and generosity that defined him. I feel truly fortunate to have known him. Tom Nelson

Tom Nelson - August 22, 2025 at 08:48 PM

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“ Andrew's T-Mobile Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Edward "Ed" Donald Schmitt.



Andrew's T-Mobile Family - August 22, 2025 at 04:11 PM

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“ Ed was my supervisor at the police department. Although he was there for only a short time, his impact on me was huge. We were so sad to see him leave the position, and I would have been sadder still if I had known it was the last time I would ever see him. I recently became a supervisor myself, and I was sitting in Ed's old office when I received the news of his passing. It was a rough blow. I will remember his patience, thoughtfulness, and intelligence.

Stephanie Crane - August 21, 2025 at 11:08 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Edward "Ed" Donald Schmitt.



August 21, 2025 at 03:01 PM



“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Edward "Ed" Donald Schmitt.



August 20, 2025 at 09:37 PM



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