



Edward Charles Kirchgessner

March 6, 1939 - January 5, 2010

Edward Charles Kirchgessner passed away on January 5, 2010 surrounded by his loving family, he was 70. Ed was born on March 6, 1939 in Peoria, IL to Charles and Helen (Gilles) Kirchgessner. He graduated from St. Ambrose College in Iowa in 1962 and later earned his CMA. He served in the USMC from 1962 through 1968 and later went on to work as a controller for a variety of tool manufacturers including Easco Hand Tools in Springfield, MA and Danaher Tool Group in Gastonia, NC. In 1973 he moved to Hillsboro, OR. where he eventually met and married the love of his life, Christine. They spent 25 happy years together. Ed loved the outdoors and spending time with his family, especially his 5 grandchildren who loved him dearly. Ed and Christine retired to Vancouver, WA where they have spent the last 8 years. Ed is survived by his wife Christine and their children, Mark Kirchgessner, Lisa Kirchgessner of Seattle, WA, Maria Petruzelli de Sanchez of Vancouver, WA, Jennie Newman of Tualatin, OR, Andrea Sample of Hickory, NC, his grandchildren Will, Emma, Mia, Natalie and Maxwell, his sister Elinor Ciszewski of Dallas, TX, and his brother Gerry Kirchgessner of Peoria, IL. Visitation will be held at Evergreen Memorial Gardens in Vancouver, WA on January 7th from noon to 9PM. To send condolences or to sign the online guestbook visit www.evergreenmemorialgardens.com. Mass and services will be held at St. Patrick's Catholic Church 1635 NW 19th Ave Portland, OR on January 8th at 10:45 He will be laid to rest at Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Portland, OR. Remembrances in his name may be made to Ray Hickey

Hospice House in Vancouver, WA or to the American Heart Association.

Tribute Wall



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Evergreen Memorial Gardens - July 03, 2025 at 06:50 PM

JB

“ Ed was always a pleasure to work with. He was intelligent, soft-spoken and kind. He was the first client I had in my career as a recruiter and became one of my all time favorite people in the business world. I am sorry to hear that he is gone.

Jan Budington - October 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ Chris I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Kerry Kovarik sent me a note and I was saddened. I thought the world of Ed. He was a great man who was always very good to me and to others! I felt lucky to have worked with him in Gastonia and to have called him my friend. I hope you and your family are ok and please know you are in my prayers. God Bless. John Townsley

JohnTownsley - July 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ To Ed's family: The "whole" Gilles family always had good times together. The yearly family reunion is still a special time and lots of fun. So sorry Ed was called at the young age of 70. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Darlene (Nauman) Mekley and husband Gene - January 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Lisa & Mark: I cannot convey to you how deeply sorry I am to hear of your loss and I can only imagine the heartache you must be feeling. Please know the love of your friends is always there to support you as you make your way through the days ahead.

Julie Hornick - January 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ Remembering you in our thoughts and prayers.....Cousin Mary Ellen and husband Ken

Mary Ellen (Gilles) German - January 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CK

“ Lisa, I am very sorry for your loss. You always spoke very highly of your father. From all of the glowing tributes I have read about him, he must have been a very special man, deepest regards, Chris.

Chris Kemper - January 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ My deepest synpathies Chris to you and your family, Ed was so special. He always had that sparkle in his eye and that smile. What touched me so much about Ed was on his worse work days when you knew he wasn't feeling his best he always made a point of trying to make the other person smile when they were having a bad day. He always made time to leave work to be at a funeral of an employee that he worked with or knew in the plant like me when I had a sister and brother pass away within months of each other. He was a kind man that is at peace now and not in pain. You can know that many people thought the best of Ed.

Charlene Roberts - January 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CI

“ Dear Chris and Family-Ed and his family visited our family farm when growing up. My older brothers were about the same age and they always had a blast. Ed and Gerry would always lead cousins of a great rendition of the song "beans, beans, the musical fruit". I will keep all of you in my prayers today and in the coming days. My heart felt condolences to all of you. Cousin Elaine

Cousin Elaine Isaacson - January 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Chris we are so sorry for your loss. I'm leaving my Christmas wreath up in Ed's memory until May. He was a good man and will be deeply missed by all who knew him. John & Joanne Fournier

Joanne Fournier - January 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ Ed was a special person and a good friend. Even through all of his problems, there was always that smile. We are praying for all of you.

Gayle Mirande - January 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ Ed and I have been good friends since we were 5yrs old and even though we didn't see each other often I will miss him. Our sympathies To Chris and his family. Tom and Mary beth

Tom & Mary Beth Morrissey - January 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RE

“ To Cris and Family, Ed and I go way back to St. Bernards grade school and Spalding Inst.high school in Peoria, Ill. He was such a great guy and good friend. With such an easy going personality he was liked by everyone. He will be greatly missed. We will keep you and your family in our thoughts and prayers. God Bless Bob & Terrie Ebel

Robert L. Ebel - January 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ To Chris and family: Jack and I send our sympathies for your loss. Ed was a lovely person and I enjoyed working with him so much. My family enjoyed all the wonderful times we had together in OR/WA when I came out there to visit. Peace and blessings to all. Love, Sharon Mabe

Sharon Mabe - January 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ To Chris and Family, My deepest sympathies go out to you and your family. Ed was a wonderful person and I enjoyed my time with him at Danaher. He was a great boss and I always appreciated both you and Ed for your thoughtfulness when he was here. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. May God look over you and your family! I will truly miss Ed. Barbara Jean Morell

Barbara Jean Morell - January 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ So sorry to hear about cousin Ed. The Gensler family has many,many fond memories of shared times with the whole Kirchgessner family. We'll keep everyone in our thoughts and prayers.

Julie (Gensler) McIntyre - January 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ My deepest sympathies and prayers for the loss of Ed. He was one great guy and there are many fond memories and of his time here at Danaher and of the things that he and Chris did while here for his Danaher dept. They meant so much. May the Lord be with you during this time-Sincerely, Joni

Joni Joyner - January 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ May the thoughts and prayers of family and friends help to ease your sorrow. You have our deepest sympathy. Love & prayers, Paul & Ann Horst

Paul & Ann Horst - January 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Chris & family, Being able to visit with you & Ed in your various locations in the country will always be remembered by Gayle & me. We enjoyed every minute of those trips. Words can't explain how much I will miss Ed (Snerd!) I will always consider him one of my best friends. Thanks again for everything you shared with us. We'll talk to you soon. Mike

Mike Mirande - January 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Ed will be missed and Ed will be remembered for his kindness, his compassion, his understanding, his support, and his unconditional love. We have our memories from his "monster cookies" to our visit at the "kirchgessner Bed and Breakfast". To Chris and Ed's family our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Joyce Lutz - January 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ *Our deepest sympathy to Chris and family. May the Lord give you the strength to deal with the sadness you all are experiencing at this time. I will never forget Ed and his big sister.*

Gene & Joe Elena Heinz - January 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ *Chris & Family, Keeping all of you in thoughts and prayers. Ed was a few years younger, but we saw each other often while growing up with our Gilles cousins.*

Barbara Clary - January 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM