



## Gerald Lee Edwards

March 14, 1936 - September 4, 2023

Gerald (Gerry) Lee Edwards was born March 14, 1936, in Battle Ground, WA. He died on September 4, 2023 at his home in Vancouver, WA, surrounded by family. Gerry grew up in Battle Ground, WA and attended Battle Ground High School. Following graduation, he served in the US Coast Guard Active Reserves for 8 years; attended college; and began working for Washington State Department of Transportation as a Civil Engineer. He retired from WSDOT after more than 30 years, finishing his career in the position of Southwest Region Construction Engineer. One of his most rewarding projects he managed was the rebuilding of SR 504/Spirit Lake Memorial Highway leading up to Mt. St. Helens. Following retirement, Gerry worked at Kiewit Company traveling all over for various projects until retiring permanently a few years later.

Gerry had a great sense of humor and loved his family deeply. He was very generous, rarely saying no to helping someone. Gerry loved water sports, traveling, movies, Nascar, football, theater, building and remodeling his homes, going on drives up to the mountains, and walking the many dogs he had over the years. But his favorite place was his garage, where he spent much of his spare time fixing and rebuilding cars and working on projects. Gerry is survived by his wife of 35 years, Faye Jenkins-Edwards; four daughters, Lisa Markegard (Rod), Geri Sue Edwards, Christine Edwards, and Stacie Jenkins Townsend (Teddy); seven grandchildren, Rilea Brossard-Markegard (Casey), Geoff Wallace (Kate Summerhill), Molly Wallace Jenkins

(Mikey), Keith Markegard (Ashley), Madeleine Townsend, Benjamin Townsend, and Sophia Townsend; five great-grandchildren, including Aubri Markegard, Chiles Brossard-Markegard, Grayson Markegard, Ranger Brossard-Markegard, and Kooper Markegard.

He was preceded in death by his parents Ninion and Hedwig (Swiergula) Edwards, his sister Dorothy Sakrison, his brother James Edwards, his son-in-law Rod Markegard, and his best friend and cousin Bill Edwards.

There will be a Celebration of Life on September 30th at 2pm at the Red Cross Building at Fort Vancouver Historic Reserve at 605 Barnes Road, Vancouver, WA, 98660. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his honor to Humane Society of Southwest Washington at [www.southwesthumane.org](http://www.southwesthumane.org).

# Tribute Wall



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Evergreen Memorial Gardens - July 03, 2025 at 04:37 PM

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“ Sending you love and prayers. -Karla, Chante, Michael, Sammy, Amanda Edwards, Janet Murray and those who aren't with us, Bill and Blake Edwards.

Karla Edwards and Family Janet Murray - September 28, 2023 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ I was a young engineer for WSDOT in the 80's, and Gerry was a high level manager at the time. I was impressed by how he showed that he cared about everyone at every level. He would come out to the job sites and give some pointers or advice; he would say hi and talk to me in the hallway; and he attended all of the employee promotional celebrations. Those small efforts meant a lot to a young, upcoming employee, and I strived to do the same things throughout my management career. Thank you Gerry.

*Rick Keniston*

Rick Keniston - September 15, 2023 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ Just a man and his pupper.

Molly Jenkins - September 14, 2023 at 12:00 AM

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“ Thank you for sharing your love of the outdoors, cars and dogs because I now carry those same interests. Thank you for loving Mikey like your own from the moment you met him. I'm going to miss the summers when you'd interrupt Grandma's and I Sunday Fun Days. I'm sure you're up in Heaven, with a hand full of leashes - Moses, Jake, Sadie, Lady, Luke, and Olive are giving you a run for your money, I'm sure. We love you.

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**Molly** - September 14, 2023 at 12:00 AM

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**Anonymous** - September 14, 2023 at 12:00 AM

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“ We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Evergreen Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Funeral Chapel and Crematory

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**A Memorial Tree was planted for Gerald Lee Edwards** - September 07, 2023 at 12:00 AM