



Edward L. Bruinsma

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Edward L. Bruinsma, age 72, of St. Clair County area went to be with the Lord surrounded by his family on September 5, 2025. He was born in the Netherlands on November 7, 1952 to the late William and Susan Bruinsma.

Ed grew up in Holland, MI area where he graduated from Holland Christian High School, class of 1970. He went on to Wayne State University where he received his Bachelor's Degree in mortuary science. Following mortuary school, Ed earned his Master's degree from Concordia University, Ann Arbor.

He married Kelly Ann Marcotte on August 20, 1983 at Hosanna-Tabor Church, Redford, MI. Kelly preceded him in death on December 15, 2005. Ed worked diligently as a Funeral Director for over 40 years. He took great pride in caring for families during difficult times.

His compassion and generosity coupled with his ability to socialize and empathize with families, often left families feeling very comforted when he was assisting them. Ed began his apprenticeship at Ford Funeral Home, Center Line. He went on to work for Kaufman Chapel, Southfield for several years.

Ed spent the bulk of his career at Kaul Funeral Home, St. Clair Shores. He then went up north to work for Bannon Funeral Home, Alpena as well as Sisson Funeral Home, Gladwin. Ed decided to come back home to be closer to his children and grandchildren.

The last few years of his career he worked for Bagnasco Calcatara, St. Clair Shores and Pollock Randall Funeral Home, Port Huron. As well as assisting numerous other funeral homes when he was "off" for work. Ed served families all over the state, treating each family like they were his own.

Ed was an active member at all the churches he attended. He met and volunteered with numerous people who later became friends. Ed served on the board at St. John Lutheran Church, Fraser.



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Immanuel Lutheran Church, St. Clair. Lastly, serving on the council as a dedicated member at Faith Lutheran Church, Port Huron.

Ed lived a dedicated life. He was a selfless individual; who always put others needs before his own. Aside from his career, he and Kelly fostered numerous children throughout the years. His devotion to those in his life is unmatched.

Ed's sense of humor; stories, jokes, and one-liners will be missed by all who knew him. Ed is survived by his children Kevin (Heather) Bruinsma, Kathy (Andrew) Kryzaniwskyj, Robert Bruinsma, Kory Bruinsma, Karin (William) Sasser, Kristi-Allyn Bruinsma, Randall Bruinsma, Christopher Bruinsma, James Bruinsma, Jenna Bruinsma, Karissa Bruinsma; loving Paké to, Lillian, Zackery, Aiden, Dominik, Riley, Rhomiromar, Ella, Ezra, Karianna, Ezekiel, Sapphira, Quinn, Selena, Sawyer, Hadley, Isabella, Braylon, Zayn, Kyra, Bosten, Jorja; 1 great granddaughter on the way; siblings, Annette (Bill) Byl, Dirk (Pam) Bruinsma, Ann (Tom) Orange, Tina (Jim) Bratt, Sid (Trudy) Bruinsma, Henry (Margaret) Bruinsma, Audry (John) Rose, as well as several nieces, nephews, family members and friends.

Ed is preceded in death by his brother, Wiebren Bruinsma; and granddaughter, Grace Sasser. A funeral service will take place on Wednesday, September 10th at 11:00 a.m. at Faith Lutheran Church, Port Huron. Visiting hours will be on Tuesday, September 9th from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Young Colonial Chapel Funeral Home, China Twp.

As well as from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Faith Lutheran Church on Wednesday prior to service. Interment at St. Mary's Cemetery, St. Clair. Memorials are suggested to Blue Water Hospice or Faith Lutheran Church. To leave a message of comfort visit www.youngcolonial.com



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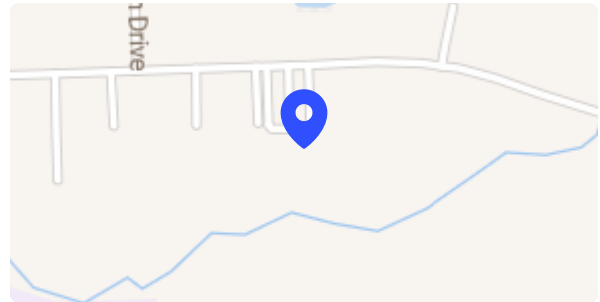
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Visitation

Tuesday, September 9, 2025

2:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET

Young Colonial Chapel Funeral Home
4061 Saint Clair Hwy, East China MI

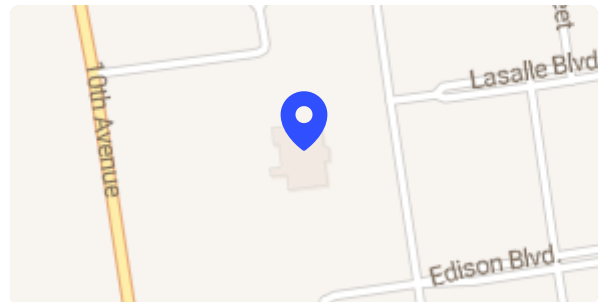


Visitation

Wednesday, September 10, 2025

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET

Faith Lutheran Church
3455 Stone St., Port Huron MI 48060

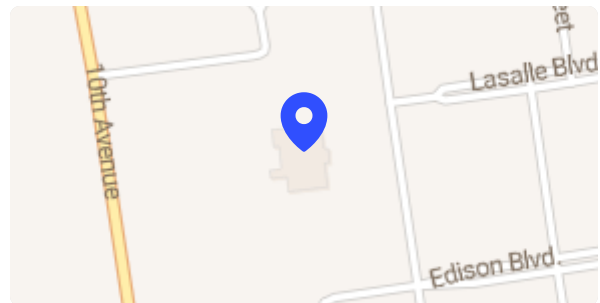


Funeral Service

Wednesday, September 10, 2025

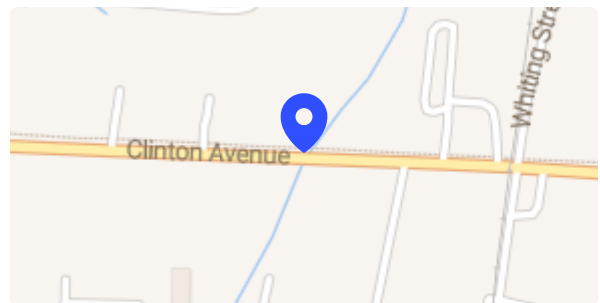
11:00 AM - 11:50 AM ET

Faith Lutheran Church
3455 Stone St., Port Huron MI 48060



Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery
Clinton Ave., St. Clair MI





Tribute Wall

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Eelke Turkstra posted:

Beste famylje, kondoleare mei Ed (Eelke) syn ferstjerren. Ik haw him foar it lêst sjoen yn 1957. Doe woe hy my opfrette ik haw mar oannommen dat hy my graach mocht (I suppose he liked me). Eelke Turkstra fan Riens en Neel

September 11 at 11:46 AM



Brian Carl Moler lit a candle in honor of Edward.



September 10 at 7:38 AM



Brian Carl Moler posted:

Sor Sorry to Hear about Ed's Passing, Unfortunately I just found out about his passing, A Day to late. Rest in Peace Ed, He was a great guy, fun to work with. I worked with him at Bagnasco & Calcaterra Funeral Home. He cherished his children and Grandchildren. Your at Home now with Your Wife you always spoke so dearly about.

September 10 at 7:37 AM



James Bruinsma September 10 at 7:25 PM

Thank you for reaching out and the kind words



Karin September 10 at 2:33 PM

So sweet to hear these kind words. Thank you and im sorry you found out too late 🥺



Susan Sytsma Bratt lit a candle in honor of Edward.

Sending love and prayers to you all. Bruinsma cousins, you cared for Uncle Ed with the same tenderness, compassion, and love that he gave to all of you.



September 10 at 4:18 AM



Samantha Hansen lit a candle in honor of Edward.

Mercy, Sapphira, Ezekiel, and Malachi Bruinsma



September 10 at 4:16 AM



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Uncle John, Candace, Jake, Josh & Families planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Edward.

September 9 at 8:22 AM



Uncle John, Candace, Jake, Josh & Families sent a Large Basket Garden to the Bruinsma family.

September 9 at 8:22 AM



Debbie lit a candle in honor of Edward.

September 9 at 7:33 AM



Total Life Changes sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Bruinsma family.

September 9 at 7:10 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful Heart Bouquet to the Bruinsma family.

September 9 at 6:35 AM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Edward.

September 9 at 6:35 AM





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Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Edward.



September 9 at 3:56 AM



Anonymous sent a Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet to the Bruinsma family.



September 9 at 3:56 AM



Kelli Liske posted:

I worked with Ed at Bannan Funeral Home and he was one of the most kind considerate people I have ever known or worked with. Go in peace my friend. Kelli Liske

September 9 at 3:23 AM



Craig Kleinheksel posted:

I've known Ed since his high school days in Holland. He always had a story to tell that would make you smile! He was one of a kind and will be forever missed. Craig KleinhekselDykstra Funeral Homes

September 8 at 3:13 PM



Karin September 9 at 5:11 PM

Oh I have heard your name many times throughout the years!!! Thank you for your kind words 🍷 and being a friend to our dad.



Your Faith Sunday School Family planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Edward.



September 8 at 2:46 PM



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Your Faith Sunday School Family sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Bruinsma family.



September 8 at 2:46 PM



Duane Romanski posted:

I worked with Eddie and he became one of my good friends. He had a passion for funeral service and was one of the hardest working people in funeral service. We always had interesting conversations discussing the changes and trends in funeral service. He had a great sense of humor and always had a joke. No matter the situation, he always kept a positive attitude. His family and friends were very important to him. You will be missed. -Your friend Duane Romanski.

September 8 at 11:48 AM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Edward.



September 8 at 10:16 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Bruinsma family.



September 8 at 10:16 AM



Carol Carpenter-Clemons posted:

Please accept our heartfelt condolences for your family's loss. Hold tight to the memories for comfort and lean on your friends and your extended family for strength. Our hearts go out to your family. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers. Sincerely, L. Scott Baxter and Staff

September 8 at 8:34 AM



Anonymous sent a Sweet Sincerity to the Bruinsma family.



September 7 at 7:43 AM



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Doug Nie` posted:

I have known Ed from the time he was in mortuary school. Every time we met, it was like we had never been apart. What a considerate gentleman.

September 7 at 7:38 AM



Kristen Orme posted:

I had the pleasure of working with Eddie at Kaul for a number of years. He had a heart of gold. His love for his wife was unwavering. He was proud of all of his children and bragged about them often. He was genuinely a very good person.

September 6 at 6:04 PM



Audrey Rose lit a candle in honor of Edward.

Dear Family, We will miss your Dad(our brother) so much. His heart was full of love for others. John and I have so many shared memories of time spent with Ed and the family and I have many memories of growing up with Ed. You have sone a wonderful job of loving and helping your Dad. He was so thankful. Know that you will be in our prayers. May God bless each of you. Treasure your memories of time spent with your Dad and know that he is now in perfect peace with God. You will see him again!! Love, Aunt Audrey and Uncle John



September 6 at 4:14 PM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Edward.



September 6 at 1:23 PM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Bruinsma family.



September 6 at 1:23 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Edward by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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