



Edward Emil Proska Jr.

March 18, 1950 - March 9, 2026

Edward Emil Proska Jr., 75, passed away in Caledonia on Monday, March 9, 2026, surrounded by his loving family after a courageous battle of more than two and a half years with Mantle Cell Lymphoma.

Ed was born on March 18, 1950, in Racine to the late Edward E. Sr. and Evalyn E. (née Groenke) Proska. He grew up in Racine and built a life centered around family, hard work, and the simple joys that brought him happiness.

Ed was known as someone who could fix just about anything that broke around the house. Whether it was a repair project or lending a helping hand, he was always ready with the tools and know-how to get the job done. In his free time, he enjoyed hunting, fishing, and riding his ATV—pastimes that allowed him to spend time outdoors doing what he loved.

Ed earned an associate's degree in photography from MATC, where he developed a lifelong appreciation for the art of photography. Over the years, he photographed many weddings, capturing meaningful moments for countless couples and families. He also generously volunteered his time with Woof Gang Rescue in Racine, where he photographed dogs alongside the Easter Bunny to help promote adoptions and bring attention to animals in need of loving homes.

Throughout his career, Ed was known for his strong work ethic and dedication. He began his career with Bosch-Rexroth Corporation for more than 30 years before concluding his career as a CNC operator for 15 years with Senior Automotive, formerly known as General Automotive. He eventually retired in 2016, embracing a well-earned and happy retirement.

Above all, Ed was a loving and devoted husband and father. He shared more than 54 wonderful years of marriage with his beloved wife, Patricia (née Wendorf) Proska.

Ed will be deeply missed by his wife, Patricia; his children, April (Ray) Wiggins, Mary (Rich) Johnson, Susan (Jeff Brunner) Blaski, and Laura (Soni Singh) Proska-Singh; and his cherished grandchildren, Alexander (Beck), Zachary and JoHannah Wiggins, Austin, Wyatt, and Bella Blaski, Devin and Micah Singh, and Ryan Johnson.

He is further survived by his sister, Nancy (Shane) Hill; his brother, Marvin Proska; his nieces, Tiffany (Marcel) Franz and Cynthia (Mark) Kautzmann; his nephew, Jeremy Leslie; his great-nephew, Finnegan Franz; along with many other cousins, relatives, and dear friends.

Edward was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Darlene Leslie; his nephew, Shane A. Hill; and his niece, Renee Mysliwy.

A celebration of Ed's life will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2065 Geneva Street, on Friday evening, March 13, 2026, with a visitation beginning at 4:30 p.m. until a ceremony at 5:30 p.m.

The family kindly suggests memorials in honor of Ed to Trinity Lutheran Church and School, 2065 Geneva St, Racine, WI 53402 or to Woof Gang

Rescue, 1906 Melvin Ave, Racine, WI 53404 or <https://www.woofgangrescue.com/donate>.

Ed will be remembered for his quiet strength, his willingness to help others, and the deep love he had for his family. His presence will be greatly missed, but the memories he created with those who knew and loved him will be cherished forever.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 13. 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM (CT)

Trinity Lutheran Church
2065 Geneva St.
Racine, WI 53402

Funeral Service

MAR 13. 5:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ One of my favorite memories of my dad is when it snowed a lot and after he was done snow blowing the driveway, he made a huge snow pile in the side yard for us kids to play on. We made tunnels and climbed on it and slid down on it.

April Wiggins - March 13 at 02:11 PM

SC

“ Sarah, Alyssa & Courtney purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Edward Emil Proska Jr..



Sarah, Alyssa & Courtney - March 11 at 06:16 PM

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“ Sarah, Alyssa & Courtney planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward Emil Proska Jr..

Sarah, Alyssa & Courtney - March 11 at 06:16 PM

MG

“ Marilyn G. purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Edward Emil Proska Jr..



Marilyn G. - March 11 at 12:33 AM

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“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Edward Emil Proska Jr..



March 10 at 08:03 PM