



## Mr. Gregory Edwin Downer

May 4, 1948 - May 10, 2020

Mr. Gregory Edwin Downer of Grand Rapids passed away peacefully with family at his side on Sunday, May 10, 2020 after a short, but courageous battle with cancer. He was preceded in death by his parents, Edwin and June and an infant brother. He will be deeply missed by his loving and devoted wife of 52 years, Patricia; his daughter Denise (Robb); his sons: Greg (Sara), Jon and Matthew; his grandchildren Kailee (Miguel), Chelsea (Nate), Kelsey (Seth), Katie (Logan), Jarrod, Abbey, Jaykob and Meah; and his great-grandchildren Maddy, Antonio, Alivia and Kendyll; his sister Cindy (Dean); brothers Tom (Cindy) and Dan (Pat), family friend Connor and countless other friends and family members.

Greg will be fondly remembered for his irreverent and sometimes inappropriate sense of humor. He is likely preparing to forward tasteless internet jokes from heaven (check your spam folder, but don't open these from work), or trying to determine how best to "enhance" the lives of telemarketers and city commissioners from beyond the grave. Hearty belly-laughs were easily elicited from Greg, which would encourage him to return the favor until mutual tears of laughter were free-flowing.

Greg always enjoyed a good camping trip to the Upper Peninsula. He especially loved crossing the Mackinac Bridge and visiting the Soo Locks. No camping trip would be complete without a cooler full of Coke, meat sticks from Sobie's Market and an assortment of "rags" like the National Enquirer to catch up on the happenings of the Royals and alien abductions.

A private burial is planned for May 15th with a memorial service to occur later in the year. Memorial contributions can be made to Faith Hospice.

# Comments

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“ To all of Greg's family and friends, you have my heartfelt condolences. I worked with Greg only a short while, several years ago at Whirlpool. He was always pleasant and accommodating when I had the opportunity to interface with him. May he not only look down on all of you with love and admiration, but may he occasionally be that Oriole at the feeder.

Kevin Borgerding - May 19, 2020 at 04:38 PM

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“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mr. Gregory Edwin Downer.



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“ To my big brother with all my heart, you know I love you and will miss you terribly! I remember your goof ball personality, your off the wall conversation with telemarketers and your love for camping, golfing and coke. I took this picture just to show Jill and Nicky. They knew you were sick and I wanted to show them how good you looked. Little did I know this would be the last healthy picture of you. This was taken just 3 weeks before you passed. We wished we could have been with you but because of the Covid Virus we couldn't enter the hospital.

The day before you passed I talked with you, in person, at your house and told you to behave when you get to heaven.

I also asked you to give me a sign so I will know its you. Today, Tuesday May 12th. 2020, an Oriole landed on my hummingbird feeder and took a sip. Sorry it wasn't coke, but it was sweet nectar. In the 30 years we have lived in our house we have never, ever seen an Oriole in our neighborhood. Was this you? I sure hope so!

We prayed and Prayed you didn't have to go  
We got our answer, and the answer was ,no!

Cindy Malm - May 13, 2020 at 06:12 PM