



## Edward A Jakush Jr

December 21, 1945 - July 4, 2015

Edward A. Jakush Jr., age 69, died July 4, 2015 at his home, surrounded by his family and friends. Husband of Sharon, father of Adam (Ina) and Tasha; grandfather of Jonathan; brother of Richard, David (Glenna), Judy (Frank Shuftan) and Laura (Joe) Angyus. Brother-in-law to Patricia Patterson, Jo Anne (Randy) Zielinski, William Muth, and Thomas (Jill) Muth. Preceded in death by his parents, Edward Sr. and Jean. Raised in Hammond, IN, Ed is a 1963 graduate of St. Ignatius College Prep and 1967 graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology with a BS in chemical engineering. A raconteur and renaissance man of science, technology, history and the arcane, Ed started out in production management, moving to corporate sales and later becoming an entrepreneur in technology development and marketing applications. He loved to share his cooking and wine with friends and family, discuss politics and provide historical insights from ancient Greece. He introduced rugby, coral reefs, world cuisine, international rubber production and the odd and wonderful into many a conversation. He cherished his family and friends and they him. Memorials may be made to the MIT Laboratory in Metakaryotic Biology in Honor of Edward A. Jakush Jr., MIT '67; MIT Annual Fund, Office of Records, 600 Memorial Drive, W98-200; Cambridge, MA 02139-4822 or online <https://giving.mit.edu>; or to Northwestern Memorial Foundation in support of research for Ultraviolet Blood Therapy, via <http://foundation.nmh.org/edwardjakush>; 312-926-2033; mail to NWF, Galter Pavilion, 251 E. Huron St., Suite 3-200, Chicago IL 60611;

checks payable to Northwestern Memorial Foundation (Edward Jakush in memo line). Celebration of life scheduled July 18. For details, email [eajcelebration@gmail.com](mailto:eajcelebration@gmail.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Edward A Jakush Jr*

October 08, 2023 at 11:31 AM



“ *I'll miss Eddie's colorful digressions on ... nearly everything and anything... So sorry for your loss...*

**Brian Foote** - July 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Bernice and I knew Ed as fellow members of the Levy Entrepreneurs Group. We appreciated his curiosity, research, and insights into natural processes and the link to business opportunities. We valued and enjoyed Ed's humor and kindness and especially his interest in our business and his valuable insights he shared. A true gentleman and scholar. Our deepest sympathy to his wife, family and friends. He will be missed.*

**Jeff Roseberry & Bernice Valantinas** - July 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Ed's brother David and I have been friends since 5th grade and during that time I got to know Ed very well. I loved our conversations and his insights into all topics. My deepest sympathy to his family and the entire Jakush Family.*

**JOE VISNYAK** - July 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Sharon, Judy and Family, I am so sorry for your loss and will keep you in my thoughts and prayers. Betsy*

**Betsy Getreu** - July 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Ed was extremely generous about sharing his unique and rare insights to natural and physical scientific research. I will miss our long phone calls. He was a valuable colleague in assisting reviewing new technologies and opportunities.

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**john baker** - July 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ Dear Sharon, Judy and Family, My heartfelt sympathy to you during this difficult time. I am so sorry for your loss of Ed. Sabrina

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**Sabrina King** - July 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GJ

“ Dear Sharon and Family, My sympathy to you and your family. I only had the privilege of knowing Ed the last 3 years, yet it was obvious he had a good heart and cared for his family and friends. He never grumbled, instead had a very positive attitude. Glad to have met him - and I surely will miss him.

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**Gary Jones** - July 15, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NF

“ I was so sorry to receive Tom's email about Ed. I was glad I made that "50" reunion with my Mom, and got to see so many of my old classmates. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad time.

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**Nancy Goldner Fitzpatrick** - July 15, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ Dear Sharon, Judy and Family, I am so sorry to hear of your loss of such a cherished family member. Please know that I am keeping you in my thoughts and prayers. With deepest sympathy, Carol Balabanow

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**Carol Balabanow** - July 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ I will miss our commute phone calls. It was the only time we had an uninterrupted hour to chat once a month. Almost like clockwork on Friday afternoons I would get a call from Ed and talk about the rubber industry, Gardens, and especially his Basil plants that were rumored to be as big as trees. He was a good friend and business associate for many years. Cant remember when or why we first met, but I'm glad we did.

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**David Futa** - July 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM