



## Edward Grady Owens

December 31, 2023

Edward Grady Owens, 67 of Lancaster entered into eternal rest surrounded by his family on Sunday, December 31, 2023, after a short but hard-fought battle with Lymphoma. Born in West Chester, PA, he was the loving son of the late William Alton and Ann Marie Owens. He was the devoted husband of Darlene Owens (Miller).

After graduating high school, he enlisted in the United States Navy where he worked on aircraft engines. Upon honorable discharge from the Navy, he began his life-long career as a long-distance truck driver. During his travels, he visited 48 states making many friends across the country. He enjoyed driving in the Make-a-Wish convoy with a wish kid on board.

Ed was a family man above all else. He loved being a dad to his four children and being “Poppy” to his eight grandkids. He enjoyed spending summers vacationing at the beach with his family and deep-sea fishing. He was an avid Phillies and Eagles fan, making sure to tune in during his travels. He was a hardworking man both on the road and off, always fixing things around everyone’s houses. His downtime was spent watching the weather channel with his eyes closed and his “puppers” Reeces by his side.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his brother, David Andrew Owens, and his fur baby. In addition to his wife, he will be lovingly

missed by his daughters; Kelly Penman (Alex) of Media, PA, Robin Owens (Scott Wright) of Claymont, DE, Erica Hilken (Adam) of Lancaster, PA: his son Jayson Hartman (Joeylynn) of Lancaster, PA: his grandchildren Walker and Jaiser Wright, Kelsie, Abby and Alex Hilken, Laithan, Paxtyn and Emersyn Hartman: and his favorite niece, Janelle Troup.

A Celebration of Life will take place at The Groffs Family Funeral Home, 528 W. Orange Street, Lancaster, PA on Friday, January 5, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. A viewing will be held from 1:00 p.m. until the time of service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made in Edward's name to a Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of your choice.

# Previous Events

## Viewing

JAN 5. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc  
528 W Orange St.  
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## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall

LS

“ Love, Janet Sage planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward Grady Owens.

Love, Janet Sage - January 05, 2024 at 08:30 AM

LS

“ Love, Janet Sage purchased the Garden Accent - "When someone you love..." for the family of Edward Grady Owens.



Love, Janet Sage - January 05, 2024 at 08:30 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Edward Grady Owens.



January 04, 2024 at 07:57 PM

PT

“ Patti T. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward Grady Owens.

Patti T. - January 04, 2024 at 07:57 PM

SW

“ I was a childhood friend of Grady's. We met through our mothers. Ann and my mother were very good friends. My favorite memory was when I stayed over for Christmas one year. It was my first Christmas experience. Grady and I stayed up all night talking, excited about Christmas day. It was a wonderful experience that I never forgot. Over the years we have gone our separate ways, only to meet up at funerals or memorial services for our families. I'll never forget our times together as children.

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**Sam Wiener** - January 04, 2024 at 11:11 AM

SL

Sorry to see this post. My husband Craig Lindsay was a good friend. Grady was in our wedding. Craig passed away 2018, Grady would come to visit him before Craig's passing. Six yrs gone for Craig and 6 months for Grady. So very sorry Pray the family is well.  
Prayers for all.  
Shirley Lindsay

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**Shirley Lindsay** - July 27, 2024 at 03:34 PM

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“ -The Admiral Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward Grady Owens.

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**-The Admiral Family** - January 04, 2024 at 09:14 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Edward Grady Owens.



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January 04, 2024 at 09:14 AM

JC

“ Grady was in our circle of high school friends. Kind and funny, he was well liked by everyone. I will never forget you, Grady. My sincere condolences for the family. He will always be with you in your heart. Wishing you peace and strength and comfort during this difficult time.

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**Jeanmarie Cryan** - January 03, 2024 at 08:24 PM

BS

“ Darlene - As I mentioned during our conversation yesterday, I am very sorry for your loss and I will remember Ed and your family in my prayers. Ed was a unique individual. I do not know if I have met a more professional truck driver in my career. Wes Dyer, Admiral Merchants Driver recruiter, was able to convince Ed to join Admiral Merchants. Wes thought that was one of the singular accomplishments of his long career in recruiting. One of the few regrets in my life is that I was not able to work with Ed longer. Ed was a true professional and every shipper whose freight he hauled knew they were in good hands. Ed was proud of what he did and understood the important role and his fellow professional truck drivers played in our country's economic wellbeing. That pride was displayed during every minute he was on duty. Ed would occasionally call me up, usually just to pass the time, but occasionally he had specific instructions on how I should run Admiral Merchants. And more often than not, he was correct. I learned a lot from talking with him. Everyone at Admiral knew we had a treasure in Ed. He positively affected the lives of everyone here who had contact with him. Please let us know if we can be of any help in the future. Thanks to you and your family for sharing Ed with us. Brian Short, President Admiral Merchants Motor Freight, Inc., Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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**Brian P Short** - January 03, 2024 at 03:18 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Edward Grady Owens.



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January 03, 2024 at 09:14 AM



“ *Serene Retreat* was purchased for the family of Edward Grady Owens.



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January 02, 2024 at 04:49 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Edward Grady Owens.



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January 02, 2024 at 01:49 PM