



Dr. Edward R. Garrity, Sr.

January 23, 1924 - August 21, 2017

Dr. Edward R. Garrity, Sr., M.D., age 93, of Aurora, Illinois, and of Niceville, Florida, and originally from Chicago, died peacefully in Aurora, on August 21, 2017, after a long and full life of many blessings. The timing of his departure from this life was impeccable, as he died on his sixty-ninth Wedding Anniversary, during the eclipse of the sun, at 12:34 pm, reminding his family that he was born on 1-2-3-4, that is, January 23, 1924.

Doctor Ed is survived by the love of his life, his wife of 69 years, Patricia Marie (Purcell) Garrity, and by many relatives and neighbors and friends of his family, notably by his sister, Margaret Mary McNamara, and by many nieces and nephews and their families, and especially the members of his immediate family: daughters Janann (Tracy) Licklider of Cambridge, Massachusetts; Maryl (Lawrence) Hankes of Big Rock, Illinois; Patricia Marcella Garrity of Chicago; niece Patricia Purcell of Aurora; sons Dr. Edward R. (Linda Keipert) Garrity, Jr., M.D., of Lagrange, Illinois; Fr. Robert Garrity, JCL, SThD, of Ave Maria, Florida; and Thomas J. (Colleen Magoon) Garrity, of Laconia, New Hampshire; grandchildren Zachary and Francisco Licklider, Bridget Hankes (Isa) Ixpata, Brian (Eileen McEnroe) Hankes, Jonathan (Katsiaryna Radziuk) Garrity, Colin Garrity, Joseph Garrity, Nathaniel Garrity, Trevor Garrity, Hannah Garrity, and Ryan Garrity; and great-grandchildren Kaitlyn and Nora Hankes, and Grace and Joseph Ixpata.

Dr. Garrity was preceded in death by his parents, by his brother Jack, and by his sister Marcella Moran.

Doctor Ed was born on January 23, 1924 in Chicago, the third child of John and Margaret (Kilroy) Garrity, of Drunnagh, Kilmeeena, Westport, County Mayo, Ireland. Dr. Ed attended St. Timothy School in Chicago, Loyola Academy, Loyola University, and Loyola Medical School (class of 1947). He served his country proudly in the United States Army during the Korean War in the 176th Medical Unit and in the Korean Service Corps.

The reality which gave the greatest meaning and joy to Dr. Ed was giving loving service to others. This service-orientation he lived out on a daily basis, notably through family dedication and medical practice and volunteer activities, by which he expressed his faith in Jesus Christ Who “came to serve rather than to be served.” Dr. Ed was grateful to have brought healing to many through his medical practice of 32 years in and around Aurora (and also in Geneva, St. Charles, Naperville, Wheaton, and elsewhere), and as the first urologist in several communities far-west of Chicago such as Sandwich and DeKalb. He was happy to have served as President of the Chicago Urological Society, President of the Illinois Urological Society, President of the Medical Staff at both St. Joseph Hospital and Mercy Center in Aurora, the Aurora Country Club, and the 460 W. Downer Condominium Association. He loved to make life better for others, and nothing gave him more joy than to know that he had helped someone to be healthy or to feel better or to be happier. Dr. Ed made house-calls, gave free medical care to the poor, and drove patients to the hospital when needed.

Dr. Ed was particularly thankful for his family and friends, and to have had the friendship of many priests and religious, especially from his Affiliation with Marmion Abbey in Aurora (including Abbots Gerald, Mark, David, Vincent, and John, along with Father Bede and others). Through Marmion he gave, with his wife Pat, 31 years of medical care each winter to the poor in Guatemala at Colegio San Jose, along with 25 years of volunteering to provide Christmas trees for families to support Marmion Abbey and Academy in Aurora.

With a great sense of humor, together with the deep affection of his family and friends, and a love for people and life and fishing and golf (several times he

shot his age after turning 80), Dr. Edward Garrity, Sr., was blessed to have lived a full life which left this world a better place. May his generous service be like a small pebble tossed into a still pond, sending positive ripples out toward all shores. His family express their gratitude for all who have sent their condolences and have known and loved Dr. Ed, and they hope they can imitate his fine legacy of service in some small ways.

Funeral services will be Friday, August 25, 2017 at 11:30AM from THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY to Holy Angels Church at 12:00 noon. Interment will follow at St. Patrick Cemetery in Bristol, IL. Visitation will be at THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY, 220 N. Lake Street, Aurora on Thursday, August 24, from 4:00PM to 7:00PM with a liturgical wake service at 6:30PM.

Contributions can be made to Marmion Abbey, Holy Angels School, Rosary High School, the Dominican Literacy Center, all in Aurora, IL; or to Belknap House Cold-Weather Shelter for Families in Laconia, NH; Cristo Rey Jesuit High School in Chicago, IL; or to Ave Maria University in Ave Maria, FL.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **24**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Daleiden Mortuary
220 N. Lake Street
Aurora, IL 60506
(630) 631-5500
daleidenmortuary@gmail.com
<https://www.daleidenmortuary.com>

Funeral Mass

AUG **25**. 12:00 PM (CT)

Holy Angels Church
120 South Lancaster Avenue
Aurora, IL 60506

Burial

AUG **25** (CT)

St. Patrick Cemetery
Bristol, IL

Tribute Wall

KS

“ Just came across this, Ed Garrity, Groomsman at John Kelly and Helen Patterson wedding, St Edmund Church, March 17 1945, St Patrick's Day

God bless
Kathy (Kelly) Sinnott



Kathy Sinnott - July 11, 2020 at 02:57 PM



“ Dear Garritys - I have so many fond memories of the hours and hours spent with Maryl at your home on Garfield when I lived down the block. It was always bustling with activity and energy and loving camaraderie. Later, Dr. Garrity was always willing to stop and speak to me when I would see him while I worked at St. Joe's as a Nurse Aid while in college. More recently, I enjoyed seeing him when attending Mass at McAuley Manner when visiting my father there. He was truly an example of "a life well lived." My condolences to all of you. Enjoy your well earned eternal rest, Dr. Garrity.
Terri Hepp Alfredson

Terri Alfredson - August 29, 2017 at 12:20 PM

JW

“ Dear Meryl and all the Garrity family- My heart and prayers go out to you and your family as you mourn the loss of your dad and celebrate his life on earth. I recall many wonderful times at the Garrity home during our years at Rosary and your mom and dad as a special part of that. God bless you all during this difficult time.
Jane Duffy Wolf (Rosary '68)

Jane Wolf - August 28, 2017 at 05:22 AM



“ Dear Meryl, I am so sorry to hear about your Dad. You have my heartfelt sympathy. Mary Beth Nedrow

Beth Nedrow - August 27, 2017 at 09:52 PM

BS

“ To Pat & Family, Robin and I would like to express our deepest condolences on Ed's passing. He was one of the kindest men we ever had the pleasure of meeting. Please know that you and your family are in our prayers.

Bill Robin Schalz - August 25, 2017 at 12:38 PM

SA

“ May God Bless and give mercy to this gentle, loving man. You are all in my prayers as you give him back to his Maker. As one of the early Rosary friends he and Pat with their Rosary girls have frequently been in my thoughts and prayers. May this occasion be one of gratefulness as you "revisit" his life among you. With love and Prayers,

Sister Mary Alberta - August 25, 2017 at 11:51 AM

DK

“ TO PAT & FAMILY--My deepest condolences to you and your wonderful family. May the dear Lord keep him in his keeping. God bless all. Dorothy Kmoch(St. Anne's Society-Unit 11.

Dorothy Kmoch - August 24, 2017 at 02:26 PM



“ European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Dr. Edward R. Garrity, Sr..



August 24, 2017 at 01:46 PM

KM

“ We didn't know him well but loved what we knew! His legacy of love, caring and humor live on through his children and grandchildren. Blessed be his memory.
Karen and Dan Mohlin

Karen Tusha Mohlin - August 24, 2017 at 12:50 PM

BF

“ Michael and I adored Dr. Garrity. Michael knew him for many years, along with his wife and children . I met him working as an RN at Mercy Center . He had that rare quality of humility, and intellect. His sense of humor was infectious, with a broad Irish smile. that lit the room. He was a wonderful doctor, a better human being,with a family who cherished him. We have wonderful memories Barbara Fox

Barbara Fox. - August 23, 2017 at 09:28 PM

MF

“ We cherish our happy memories and we hold you all so close in our thoughts and prayers. With all our love & sympathy,
Toni & Mary
Winona, Minnesota

Mary Fox - August 23, 2017 at 05:24 PM

MM

“ Sending my love to the entire Garrity clan today in memory of your dad - one of my favorite dad's growing up! I spent many an hour hanging around with Maryl with Dr. and Mrs. Garrity keeping track of all of us in the wings. Dr. Garrity was never one for letting us get away with too much but he was always happy to see us (I think - ha ha). Janann, Maryl, Eddie, Bobbie, Patty and Tommy - you were like my second family and I'm thinking about you all, especially your mom, today. I know you will all miss him terribly, but, I know you all have millions of great memories and stories to share so he will always be with you in spirit. Gosh, 93 - leaving on eclipse day and making it to his 69th wedding anniversary - what a way to go! Mary Meister (Seattle, WA) PS . . . let's hope he doesn't blow it at the pearly gates by telling a bad Irish joke or something!

Mary Meister - August 23, 2017 at 03:53 PM

KC

“ I just got to meet Dr. Garrity in recent years as he and Pat attended Mass at McAuley Manor and Fox Knoll. Such a gentleman and he always had a smile for everyone. Peace be with him and his family.

Kim Carew - August 23, 2017 at 03:15 PM

KM

“ Garrity's,

I want to apologize that I am unable to make the trip in for the wake or funeral. My thoughts and prayers are with you!!

Uncle Ed was one of those once in a lifetime people that you meet. I had the luxury of having him as my uncle. He always had a smile on his face and it was very infectious to those around him and those who knew him. He always had a warm greeting for everyone he saw. Everytime I saw him or answered the phone when he called my mother it was always "Kevin my boy, how are you doing?!" I am very saddened that I will never get to hear those words again from one of the greatest uncles and sweetest people that I have ever had the privilege of encountering in my lifetime.

It is with sadness and tears in my eyes as I type this.....

I Love You All and Uncle Ed will be sorely missed by me and my family.

God Bless You all and know that we know have another hotline to heaven with Uncle Ed, Uncle Jack, and My father (John McNamara) watching over us!

Kevin F. McNamara

Kevin McNamara - August 23, 2017 at 12:06 PM

AF

“ Ave Maria University Family purchased the Laven-
der & White Sympathy Basket for the family of Dr.
Edward R. Garrity, Sr..



Ave Maria University Family - August 22, 2017 at 04:48 PM

LM

“ I had the privilege and honor to be his practice partner from 1972-77. Ed was a true mentor in the science of Urologic Surgery, but more importantly, he was a magnificent role model in the art of medicine. If it were possible to describe him in one word, I would choose authentic--what you saw was what you got! Pretension was not in his vocabulary. He numerous contributions were exceeded only by his humility. "Well, you gotta start somewhere," he would say as he embarked upon another charity or leadership challenge. Ed was a major influence in my life, and for that I am forever grateful. Lynn Hankes, MD

Lynn Hankes, MD - August 22, 2017 at 03:10 PM



“ Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Dr. Edward R. Garrity, Sr..



August 21, 2017 at 07:36 PM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Dr. Edward R. Garrity, Sr..



August 21, 2017 at 07:13 PM