

## Edward Dancek

November 25, 1931 - April 18, 2020

Edward Dancek of Delta Township, formerly of Pennsylvania and West Virginia, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his loving family. Ed was born November 25, 1931 in New Brighton, Pennsylvania to the late Stephen M. and Anna R. (Magera) Dancek. He graduated from New Brighton High School Class of 1949 and proudly served his country in the Army of the United States as a Medic during the Korean War. Ed went on to become a Master Plumber with J. John Betke Plumbing and Heating Company. He was a member of the Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 47 for 68 years. Ed also worked for the Review and Herald Publishing Company in Hagerstown, MD for 15 years. He enjoyed carpentry, woodworking, and meticulously maintaining his yard and landscaping. Growing up in Pennsylvania, Ed had a love-hate relationship with the Pittsburgh Steelers. Ed and Sandy welcomed numerous foster children into their home throughout the years. There was always room for one more at the dining room table. He loved and cherished his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren and they will miss him greatly.

He is survived by his beloved wife of over 61 years, Sandra L. (Betke); sons and daughters-in-law, Edward and Laura Dancek, John and Kelly Dancek; daughters and sons-in-law, Shari and Randy Cole, Melinda and Bill Widdicombe; grandchildren, Jessica Wrightstone and her husband Andy, Christa Kiefer, Emily Elder, Maryah Patterson and her husband Jack, Sarah Elder, Chelsea Dancek, Aubri Dancek, and Lillyanna Widdicombe; great

grandchildren, Brady Jacoby and his wife Liz, Layla Turdovich, Mia Turdovich, Grace Wrightstone, Avery Patterson, and Atreyu Patterson. Ed was preceded in death by his sister, Eleanor May.

A private family graveside service will be held at the Delta Center Cemetery. Memorial contributions in Ed's name may be given to the Lansing Adventist Community Service Center. Arrangements by the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Grand Ledge. Share your memories and condolences online at [www.holihanatkin.com](http://www.holihanatkin.com)

# Cemetery Details

## **Delta Center Cemetery**

7382 W. St. Joseph Highway  
Lansing, MI 48917

# Tribute Wall



“ *Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Webcast in memory of Edward Dancek*



**Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home** - April 22, 2020 at 03:22 PM

BM

*What a blessing it was for me to span the many miles which separate and be with you (standing right behind precious Sandy in spirit holding her heart.) The graveside service was very fitting unto Ed. As I was able to glimpse upon my little sister's silhouette I said to myself, "as long as Melinda is alive, Skeezer will remain so as well, for she surely looks so much like her Daddy. I love this family as my own. As Sandy and Melinda wept, I wept with them. We have lost our "fearless leader" as he sleeps for just a little while. Our hearts yearn for Ed's positive influence and presence. We are deeply grieved and not relieved. We look forward to the Blessed Hope of that Glad Reunion Day when Jesus Comes for His Children. Sleep in Heavenly peace until, dear Friend. ❤️*

**brian mcknight** - April 23, 2020 at 12:24 PM

WB

*Very heartfelt sympathy for you Sandy and your Family and Shirley. I was only at your home once many years ago when I came down with some of the Clark Family. It was a very memorable day. I loved when you played the organ at church, Ed always had a smile on his face. Someday soon we will all rejoice together.. Love to you all*

**Waneta Sue Boore** - May 01, 2020 at 12:22 PM

JW

“ *What a great man and friend love him alot*

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**jeanne weddle** - October 01, 2023 at 12:00 PM

WB

“ *Waneta Sue Boore lit a candle in memory of Edward Dancek*



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**Waneta Sue Boore** - May 01, 2020 at 12:17 PM

DH

“ *So sorry to hear this Sandy. Sending love and hugs to you and your family.*

*Diane Hass*

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**Diane hass** - April 23, 2020 at 11:29 AM

JW

“ Dearest Friend Sandy and (Belated)Eddie, Oh how happy I am that we met that day at SDA Campmeeting 1988 What a great day for me and my sons Johnny and Jason. You then invited us to your home and have never ever gotten rid of us - plus we have added more of your Everett family members over time and then more. I have never saw such big smile on skeezers face as when he saw us really go home then that giggle o my I have never heard a man giggle like Ed. He helped me in so many ways and I just loved him more Yes he will be missed but better yet He will there on that great day when Jesus will come and we don't have too wonder where he will be just look up Sandy, I love you and thank you for sharing Ed with us for while yes (too short) but knnnnow that he was loved by all of Everett especially the Weddle,Clark, Ebersole.and Everett church families.

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**Jeanne Weddle** - April 23, 2020 at 10:46 AM

SC

“ Susan Clark lit a candle in memory of Edward Dancek



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**Susan Clark** - April 22, 2020 at 08:54 PM

DM

“ With prayers for comfort and my deepest condolences. Rest in peace, Uncle Ed. Much love to the Dancek family.  
Dan Moyer

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**Dan Moyer** - April 22, 2020 at 08:10 PM

RP

“ Dear Ed was always do sweet to everyone.  
We first met when our children met at college.  
Our kids eventually married and we have been a united family by marriage.  
You have always been a caring Christian man.  
Although you have beaten me in this earthly journey I'm sure we will meet again when Jesus comes back again.

*Rosina*

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**Rosina Pascual** - April 22, 2020 at 06:16 PM

JL

“ Jeanne L. purchased the Reunion Memorial Framed Art for the family of Edward Dancek.



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**Jeanne L.** - April 22, 2020 at 04:20 PM

JW

“ Oh my beautiful wonderful friend Sandy how sorry I am for your loss and my friend Eddie I knew it was coming but, didn't believe it was going to really happen I am praying for you and the whole family and when we see Ed and Jason no troubles no pain just beautiful smiles and his giggle Oh what a Blessed Wonderful Reunion that will come soon Jesus.

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**Jeanne and Eugene Weddle** - April 22, 2020 at 01:51 PM

NW

“ Mr. Dancek was also so kind and loving. We will see you again.  
Love Nora Zirkian Watts

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**Nora Watts** - April 22, 2020 at 01:40 PM

CC

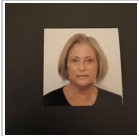
“ *Mr. Dancek will be greatly missed by the Kroger Pharmacy staff. He was always so kind and brought smiles to us all.*

Chris Callaghan - April 21, 2020 at 08:59 PM

LW

*Sandy, I am so sorry for your loss. I know too well what this means to you and your family and all of your friends. My prayers go out to you and I send all my love.*

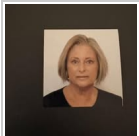
Leahrae Willard - April 23, 2020 at 05:57 PM



“ *1 file added to the album The beautiful Ed Dancek family!!!*



Kelly Leach - April 21, 2020 at 02:46 PM



“ *With only meeting you once....your smile warmed my heart...forever!*

Kelly Leach - April 21, 2020 at 02:43 PM

NH

“ *I will always remember “Grandpap” smiling! In his presence you could always sense strength, kindness, and a sweet spirit. Dancek/Widdicombe family, I am so sorry for your loss! I am so grateful for that beautiful morning when you will see your husband/father/grandfather again! Sleep well Grandpap!*

Nancy Hansen - April 20, 2020 at 07:01 PM



*As a teacher of his three older children, he was kind and supportive. Our paths crossed several times after that and he was always a quiet gentle man. Now he waits for Jesus to return to wake him.*

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**Laura Robinson Ames** - April 22, 2020 at 04:02 PM



*Sandy ~ My heart breaks for you & your family....Ed was such a warm, gentle Christian man who left his mark on the hearts of many people....Thanks for sharing the lovely service with all who could not be there ~ I got chills when he sang "At the Midnight Cry"...We have such a Blessed Hope for when we see Christ coming to take us home...Wish I could give you a big hug right now!!! You both have had such a positive influence on my life & many others...Judy (Norris) Smith*

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**Judy Smith** - April 24, 2020 at 10:34 PM



*Our condolences to Dancek and Widdicombe Family. May our Lord Jesus Christ give comfort and strength for this time of grieving. We will continue to pray pray for your Family.  
Alba/Charles*

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**Alba** - April 29, 2020 at 05:23 PM