



Robert Lawrence Edens

July 10, 1928 - May 3, 2020

Robert Lawrence Edens passed peacefully Sunday morning, May 3, 2020 at his home in Wellington Florida.

Born in Batesburg, South Carolina on July 10, 1928 to Earl Phillip “Bob” Edens and Edna Earl Lee.

Robert graduated from Belle Glade High School in 1947 and in his own words “graduated with just a happy C average”.

Robert married the love of his life, Mary Margaret Maloy on February 3, 1950 in Belle Glade, Florida where they lived until 1996 when they relocated to Wellington, Florida.

Robert served in the United States Marine Corps from 1952 - 1954. After graduation from Boot Camp at Parrish Island South Carolina, he served the remainder of his active duty as an Instructor in the Engineering School Battalion at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. In January 1954 he was released from active duty as a Buck Sergeant. Robert served inactive duty from 1954 to 1960 until he was Honorably discharged.

In December of 1956 Robert started Edens Dragline Service providing drainage solutions to local farmers through ditches and pump station construction, which later became Edens Construction Company Inc. In 1970 the business moved from Belle Glade to South Bay, Florida and in 1971 he became a State Certified General Contractor. Robert was ahead of his time with his utilization of technology and engineering software that enabled him to design Agricultural pump stations throughout South Florida. After 40 years in the construction business he retired and sold his controlling stock to family. Because of his innovative business approach, Robert’s business is still thriving and owned by his grandson (3rd Generation).

Robert was a skilled marksman and enjoyed both practice and competitive trap and bench rest shooting. Through his shooting he developed lasting friendships.

Robert leaves behind three daughters, Brenda Tyson (Benton), Pamela McAllister, Tracy Basore (Steve Royal) and seven grandchildren, Brandie Fernandez (John), Jeremy Crawford (Annie), Jessica Peterson (Darrell), Joshua Crawford (Stephanie), Tobin Basore, Robert Basore (Anzhela) and Zachary Royal. In addition, Robert was very proud to share that he had 10 great grandchildren.

Robert is preceded in death by his parents, his brother Kenneth Edens and in 2012 his bride to Alzheimers.

Robert will be laid to rest beside his wife at South Florida National Cemetery. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Alzheimer's Association in Honor of his wife Mary.

Tribute Wall

BS

“ Robert was one of my dads best friends and hunting partner , he was my biggest hero when I was a kid

Benji Sellers - May 12, 2020 at 01:52 PM

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“ Love all of the Edens. How could you not? I knew Robert best when I worked for Frank Teets at South Bay Growers. We had a lot of interactions with Robert and Edens Construction. Robert was one of those rare gems that you rarely have a chance to meet. What a gentleman!!! He and Mary raised beautiful children, with beautiful hearts..... inherited by beautiful parents. It was always such a joy to be around Robert. Robert, you will be missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing you.

Rhonda Carter - May 07, 2020 at 01:17 PM

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Benji Sellers - May 12, 2020 at 01:48 PM

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“ I met Mr. Edens in November 1984. I went for a job interview and he hired me. My first day of work was riding around with him to all the active job sites that were going at Edens Construction. The last place we visited was his home where I met Mrs. Edens. That was the start of my journey for 14 years. No one could have asked for a better place to work and be surrounded by so many wonderful people. My memories are wonderful. I felt as if I was in the Big Family of Employees . I always admired Mr. Edens (that was the way I always addressed him, old habits are hard to break). His family was his pride. He loved them all so very much. I was always treated like part of The Family and will never forget him and Mrs. Edens.

Faye Driggers - May 07, 2020 at 08:36 AM

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“ What a great man, with a great life and wonderful family around him. Sending hugs and prayers to Tracy, Zachary, Steve, and the whole family. We are deeply saddened by the news and send our condolences. Praying for God's Grace at this difficult time. 🙏🙏💕💕💕



The De Armas Family - May 07, 2020 at 08:30 AM

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“ *He taught me to shoot after gun safety*

Thomas Dean - May 06, 2020 at 08:17 PM

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“ *I have many wonderful memories of good times in Belle Glade with Robert Edens and his beautiful wife, Mary, at birthday parties, the Elks Club, and community events. Robert was a good friend of my husband, Frank, and he was a wonderful supporter of the local activities. Whether Belle Glade High School, Glades Day School, Black Gold Jubilee, or the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce he was always willing to lend a hand. My fondest memory however, was that Robert and Mary agreed to co-counsel a high school Seniors' travel abroad contingency to England with me and my husband. They were GREAT with young people, and were definitely a team of kindness, friendliness, early morning smiles, and enjoying the outings even when the British meals were not that tasty! I loved them both and feel so blessed our paths crossed!*

Sue Teets

Sue Teets - May 06, 2020 at 02:27 PM

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“ *I have known Robert since I was young child but in the last couple of years I had the pleasure of his visits with me at my job. He was such a joy and oh so funny. Always a gentleman and his main topic of conversation was about his three girls and all his grandchildren. We laughed a lot. I will miss him but I'm so grateful for the memories. Love and Prayers to his beautiful family he leaves behind .*

Debbie Cumpton - May 06, 2020 at 02:03 PM