



Joseph Fleming

August 9, 1943 - September 3, 2011

Myrtle Beach...Joseph Edward "Ed" Fleming, age 68, of South Ocean Blvd. died Saturday, September 3, 2011 at his residence.

Mr. Fleming was born in Conway, a son of the late John Kelly and Mellie Mae Jordan Fleming. He was a member of Jamestown Baptist Church and was a former US Navy Reservist. Mr. Fleming was a former member of the Conway Jaycee's where he was Jaycee of the year in 1962. He was the owner and operator of J. Edwards Restaurant in Myrtle Beach. Mr. Fleming was well known for his generosity to family, friends, church and community.

Surviving are: three brothers, John Fleming of Conway, Harold Fleming of Aynor, and Freddie Fleming of Matthews, NC; and one sister, Vivian Smith of Conway.

Funeral services will be private.

Sign an online guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall

WK

“ *Though Ed passed nearly 15 years ago my family and I cannot forget what a genuine gentleman he was. Always greeted us and offered such hospitality. I know he's missed by many. Our Myrtle Beach vacations were never complete without a trip to J Edwards!*

William Keselowski - March 30 at 02:24 PM

IR

“ *Ed, still missing you!* 😊

irene - February 05, 2023 at 05:13 PM



“ *J Edwards was a great host who made everyone feel like an old friend. He always greeted you with a kind word and handshake when you would walk in the door. You are dearly missed by a lot of people Rest In Peace Brother J Edwards*

Joe Casey - July 12, 2020 at 03:28 PM

SA

It's been 11 years since Ed left this world, and left myrtle beach, people here loved him dearly and still talk about his kindness today. The city of myrtle Beach broke his heart by not standing up to those that wanted to hurt him! You know who you are, and even after all the time that has passed his memory and his fight will always live on!

Sabrina - May 24, 2022 at 03:35 PM

SG

“ *Sharlene Gagnon lit a candle in memory of Joseph Fleming*



Sharlene Gagnon - May 12, 2015 at 03:47 AM

SG

“ *Ed I sure do miss you buddy, friend, wonderful person. How do we forget you?. We don't. Well my daughter just spoke about you. She will be at the beach at he Convention center. Her greatest memories are of you growing up. No one will ever take your place either?? Still standing empty. Never be the same! You are so missed! Well I am sure you an Miss Connie are talking an laughing an cutting up. You are feeding many an she is serving all. Both you are love by me an my family an many that walked through that door. Love you an miss you!*

Sharlene Gagnon

Sharlene Gagnon - May 12, 2015 at 03:45 AM

MI

“ *Miss You Daily!! Irene lit a candle in memory of Joseph Fleming*



Miss you daily!! Irene - March 13, 2013 at 10:50 PM

PS

Irene .. It's Pam O'STEEN & we just heard about Ed.. So sorry !! Love to all !!

Pam O'Steen Simmons - August 11, 2016 at 04:54 PM

IR

“ Ed, I sure do miss you. You always seemed to know when I needed to hear from you. Brilliant minds always thought alike!! I loved you and I know you knew that. Our friendship was like no other!!!

Irene - June 08, 2012 at 04:57 PM

TF

“ I just found out about Ed's passing when we came down for vacation to eat at our favorite restaurant J. Edwards and it was closed. I was so shocked and sad to learn of his passing. He was a wonderful man who always made our vacations here at Myrtle Beach complete. We just couldn't come without eating at J. Edwards. My memories are flooded with my kids playing cards and Ed coming by to join in. He always loved cards and would bring us extra ribs and onion loafs when the kids played cards. Such a wonderful, generous man and there is no way to replace him. Myrtle Beach will never be the same.

*Barry, Kelly, Jordan, and Dylan Long
Greer, SC*

The Barry Long Family - March 31, 2012 at 09:28 AM

PG

“ Ed had the unique gift of making everyone feel special. My parents loved traveling to Myrtle Beach twice a year from New York State but their most favorite time was eating ribs at J. Edwards. We spent their 50th wedding anniversary there with 30 others who also made the trip. Ed was always so kind and good to my parents. His gentle spirit will continue in all the lives that he touched. I have been blessed to have known him.

Patti Gush; Elmira,NY

Patricia Gush - September 21, 2011 at 06:54 AM

MB

“ We first met J. Edwards while eating at his Restaurant in 1988. We were here from Long Beach, CA playing in a golf tournament. We came to MB every year until we moved here in 1998 and always looked forward to seeing J Edwards and eating the delicious Ribs. He treated us like family and made us feel special as I am sure he did with many others. The truth is that God made Ed special and we feel Blessed for knowing Ed. Thank you Ed for your wonderful warm smile and vivacious personality. You are one of a kind! We miss you
- Marion & Bill Bogle

Marion Bogle - September 19, 2011 at 04:25 PM

JQ

“ I just learned today about Ed's passing...what a loss. My condolences to his entire family. He was the best boss and surrogate "father" for this 19 years old yankee transplant in 1984, that he holds a very dear place in my heart. Many a good time after work at the bar at J. Edward's, the trip to Charleston for his 42nd birthday (to buy a Porsche which he didn't get!) and numerous other adventures. He was a class act. I will truly miss him.

*Jill Bailey Quattlebaum
Former Western Sizzlin' waitress
Lexington, SC*

Jill Bailey Quattlebaum - September 13, 2011 at 10:17 AM

SC

“ All that knew Ed, our lives were enriched. Such a kind, loving, giving spirit who made everyone feel like his best friend. What a beautiful trait. The simple times with Ed, having dinner with him many times watching Vanna White, I hold dear in my heart. Entertaining...when he and Harold get's together, everyone is in tears. Now my tears are for the loss of one of my best friends. Save me a seat Ed...see you someday. Life will not be the same without you! Love you always and forever.



Sheila Craven

Sheila Craven - September 11, 2011 at 09:14 AM

JW

“ When we started a business in 2004 across Hwy. 17 from J. Edwards was the first time we met Ed. If it weren't for him giving advice and his caring about us as a friend and business owner our start-up would have been rough. He has been a friend and neighbor since that time and we will miss him.

Judy, Joe, Chad, Doane Widenhouse

Judy and Joe Widenhouse - September 08, 2011 at 07:48 AM

JW

“ Judy And Joe Widenhouse lit a candle in memory of Joseph Fleming



Judy and Joe Widenhouse - September 08, 2011 at 07:44 AM

RG

“ I worked for Ed at the Western Sizzlin, when I was a college student, just one summer in the 1970's and the memories of him and that job are still with me. He "ran a tight ship," but was a great boss, who loved people. He was never "down" and treated everyone as if they were old friends. My condolences to his family.
Rhonda Eckard Guy

Rhonda Eckard Guy - September 07, 2011 at 06:59 PM

JB

“ Our sincere condolences go out to the Fleming family. While we are not full time residents in the area, we have always made it a point to dine at J. Edwards whenever we come to our home in Surfside Beach. Our son-in-law worked for Ed and we always felt like he was part of our family, making us comfortable whenever we stopped in. Ed was truly a real gentleman who made you feel at home at J Edwards. We know how generous he was to others and he will truly be missed by all who knew him. Rest in Peace, Ed. John and Marge Budenas

John Budenas - September 07, 2011 at 03:49 PM



“ To the Family, you all are in our thoughts and prayers

*We love you all,
Aunt Dottie, Gail, Tammy & Karen*

Tammy Jordan - September 07, 2011 at 02:50 PM

JP

“ Ed's death is such a tremendous loss for all of us that knew him. He was gentleman and a Myrtle Beach legend on many different levels. My family and I have had so many great times with Ed, to include Rob's trips to Vegas, Uncle Jimmy and Aunt Sue's wedding, countless Super Bowl's and of course the crab legs that Ed would have cooked for Mom just the way she liked them when she would return to MB from New Hampshire. Our lives were made so much richer by his flair for life, kindness, and enormous generosity. I feel privileged to have been considered a friend. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family and loved ones. Rest in peach dear friend. We all loved you so very much, and you will never be forgotten.

*Juliana Perez
Murrells Inlet*

Juliana Perez - September 07, 2011 at 01:15 PM



“ The Richardson sisters along with Gail Johnson Leviner, Barbara Stroud and many more friends walking to Faye Martins old place and drinking water from her artesion well Will miss you Ed. Your friend Elsa

Elsa Richardson - September 07, 2011 at 08:17 AM

SF

“ ED WAS AN IMPORTANT PART OF OUR COMMUNITY.LONG BAY ESTATES EXIST BECAUSE OF HIS EFFORTS AND THE FOUNDING FATHERS ,TO MAKE OUR HOMEPLACE A SPECIAL NEIGHBORHOOD.HE WAS A CARING AND LOYAL PERSON .ALWAYS GIVING THAT LITTLE EXTRA,NEVER ASKING FOR ANY THANKS.

WE ARE VERY LUCKY THAT HE TOUCHED OUR LIVES ,WITH HIS SMILE AND CARING HEART,HE WILL BE MISSED BY ONE AND ALL..I KNOW THAT YOU AND MARY ARE TOASTING US HEAVEN..GOD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU ALWAYS.

STELLA&RENE FONSECA
AND YOUR FRIENDS OF LONG BAY ESTATES ASSOCIATION

STELLA FONSECA - September 06, 2011 at 09:05 PM

RS

“ Joyce and I have eaten at J. Edward's for many, many years. We considered Ed to be a personal friend. It was always a pleasure to see him and his staff and we ate there every time we were in town. We were so saddened when we got to town Monday and learned of Ed's death. Myrtle Beach will never be the same for us without J. Edward's being here for us and it saddens us so much to know that we will never see Ed again in this life but we will look forward to seeing him again someday on the other side.



Richard and Joyce Strawhorn - September 06, 2011 at 08:24 PM

PR

“ Our greatest sympathy to the family. We went to his restaurant for years and he was a dear friend. We will miss him Bob and Nancy smalldone, Bill and Joyce Horde and Phil and I had great times at the bar kidding around with Ed and his staff and his bar tenders. It was a great time in our life.

*Phil and Joan Roach
2912 Aiken Rd.
Garden City, SC. 29576*

Philip and Joan Roach - September 06, 2011 at 07:38 PM

KG

“ I am deeply sorry to hear the passing of Mr. Edwards as I called him:-) I met Ed through my mom when I was about 12. He watched me grow up during all my summers @ the beach & we had such wonderful times at J Edwards:-) The BEST place to eat on the Beach. I hadn't seen Ed in awhile and re-visited over the 4th of July this year. I brought my fiance to meet this wonderful man who always treated my family like Gold. I am glad we made the stop & got to say hi to him one last time. I will never forget you Ed and you will be missed so much. Myrtle Beach will never be the same without seeing your smiling face as we walked through the door. Rest in Peace until we see each other again. My prayers go out to Ed's entire family & friends. Kristene Gagnon

Kristene A Gagnon - September 06, 2011 at 07:28 PM

BB

“ *Myrtle Beach can never replace a man like you. You were always eager to share a joke and a smile with Joe and me. Since we moved to Myrtle Beach you were one of our first and best friends as you were to everyone who knew you. You left a void in our lives no one will ever be able to fill. Farewell good buddy! We will never forget you and your kindness to EVERYONE!*

Barbara Bendel - September 06, 2011 at 04:57 PM

JN

“ *Dear Ed, You are always such a sweetheart. Thank you for always being there for people in there time of need and any other time too. You will surely be missed. We will always remember you with the kindest of regards. We will love you always. So, until we meet again, we will miss you. Good night, sweet prince...*

J. Nease

Jane't Ly Nease - September 06, 2011 at 04:10 PM

TD

“ *The world will truly miss Ed. He was a real southern gentleman, always a smile and a kind word. I just saw him 2 weeks ago, and he was the same as always, warm and friendly. My heartfelt sympathy to his family.*

Dr. Tim O'Neill and staff

Timothy B. O'Neill, DC - September 06, 2011 at 02:54 PM

RP

“ *What a wonderful friend and human being Ed was. He always had a smile on his face and a frendly hand outstretched. You always felt welcome in his restaurant, like you were a member of the family. He will be truely missed by all in the community. Till we meet again old friend.*

Ron and Teresa Pougnaud - September 06, 2011 at 12:17 PM

KS

“ *We were very saddened to learn of our good friend's passing. We have been coming to j.Edward's for about 35 + years. We were there just last week and Ed (as always) came and visited with us. He always left with "I Love You" and he did as we Loved him. He will truly be missed in our community as a good, kind and wonderful friend.*

*The Gang From Surfside,
Lew & Kay
Don & Barbara
Bonner & Deanie*

Kay Simmons - September 06, 2011 at 10:28 AM

KL

“ *We join many other friends here at Ocean Lakes in expressing our heartfelt sympathy in the loss of Ed. He had that same quality as his mentor, Nelson Jackson, who always made each person feel that they were # 1 with him. - Kirk & Jane Lawton*

Kirk Lawton - September 06, 2011 at 10:03 AM

LH

“ It was a pleasure knowing Ed over these past 18 years. He was truly a gentleman in all sense of the word. His kindnesses to us, and our friends and family, will always be remembered. It is hard to believe our friend is gone.....we will sorely miss him. Our heartfelt sympathy goes to his family and his many friends. Till we meet again, Aloha, Linda & Clem Hauanio

Linda and Clem Hauanio - September 06, 2011 at 09:10 AM

LC

“ I've been a patron of J Edward's for 20+ years now... never left without a warm welcome from Ed, personally. Even when I came in and dined alone, Ed came and sat with me for a few minutes or so, and made me feel comfortable. That's just the way he was. One time in particular, he gave me some insight about a relationship I was in at the time. I never forgot that, and in fact, took his advice. About a year or so after that, after I'd remarried, my husband and I came in the restaurant, Ed walked over to me, and whispered, "That's much better." I'll always appreciate his honesty and fatherly advice. He will be GREATLY missed!

L. Clardy - September 06, 2011 at 08:17 AM

CW

“ I was so deeply saddened to learn about the death of Ed. Will truly miss his warm greeting and handshake at J. Edwards. My sympathy and prayers are with family and friends.
Cindy Watts



cindy watts - September 06, 2011 at 07:40 AM

RC

We always enjoyed going dinner and seeing Mr. Edwards. Great man and a wonderful family.

Robert L. Clark - September 06, 2011 at 08:04 AM

RJ

“ Ed was such a great fellow to be around. His sister Jeanette married into the Dorman family which I'm a part of. I got to know Ed and Harold back when J. Edward's was the Western Sizzlin steakhouse and Alfred and Hilda worked there. During the school year of 1977-1978, my date and I became regulars and we were always welcomed by some of the family. I recently found out that another long time friend, Merlin, is a part of this family. Just a good bunch of folks. I know Ed will be missed and that you have many fond stories to tell and treasure. May the Lord be with you during this sad time. Robert Ford

Robert Marion Ford Jr. - September 06, 2011 at 07:21 AM

BA

“ As a family, we have spent almost every birthday dinner at Mr. Flemming's restaurant over the past 20 years. Always most gracious and he welcomed all of us like his own family. Ed always ran a tight ship with excellent service above all. We will miss you Ed.

Lacey & Barbara Aaron - Surfside Beach, SC

Barbara Aaron - September 06, 2011 at 05:28 AM

SG

*I am very saddened by the news of my wonderful friend Ed. Met hm 27 years ago an my heart hurts an goes out to his remaining family. He treated me an my family like his family an never a time in the restaurant that he wouldn't come over an sit an talk an so gracious of a man. I loved him for his treatment of everyone in his restaurant an he will be missed dearly by millions of people that entered his door. Love you Ed!
Sharlene Gagnon*

Sharlene Gagnon - September 06, 2011 at 07:04 AM

RB

“ Ed was my first boss many years ago. We will miss Ed greatly. Visits to Myrtle Beach won't be the same.

Randy Byrd

Randy Byrd - September 06, 2011 at 02:47 AM

FC

“ Mr. Edwards always made one feel comfortable and at home in his restaurant. Spoke to everyone. He will be missed, not only by family, but all of his friends.

Frank and Deb Catalano

Frank Catalano - September 05, 2011 at 07:35 PM



“ My sincere sympathy, thoughts and prayers to all of Ed's family and close friends. He was my first boss and I enjoyed working for him. It always impressed me how he seemed to know every customer's name and spoke to each one personally. Many years later he was always so welcoming and gracious when my parents went for dinner at J Edwards. He will be greatly missed.

Brenda Chestnut - September 05, 2011 at 07:28 PM

CC

“ My thoughts and Prayers are with you so sorry to hear this news. Ed was my First Boss, Working at the Western Sizzlin was great fun! Lots of Fond memories, He will be missed.

*God Bless,
Connie Davis Corkery*

Connie Davis Corkery - September 05, 2011 at 06:25 PM

PJ

My Thoughts and Prayers are with the Family, so sorry to hear about Ed. He will be truly missed and Harold my prayers go out to you and your Family. Peggy

Peggy Johnson - September 06, 2011 at 08:57 AM

PS

Ed was a friend to all. He had the biggest heart and was always there for you. He'll be missed by not only his family but so many of his friends.

*In Christian love,
Paige & Susan Sawyer*

Paige Sawyer - September 06, 2011 at 09:39 AM