



Edward C Doige

August 10, 1927 - March 27, 2017

Edward C. Doige, 89, of Spencer, Indiana died peacefully at his home on Monday, March 27, 2017.

Ed was born on August 10, 1927 in Moncton, NB, Canada to the late Henry and Elizabeth (Randall) Doige. Ed was baptized as one of Jehovah's Witnesses in Canada. Ed married Elsie Bernice Richardson on September 13, 1958. They lived in Moncton for five years before moving back to Elsie's hometown of Spencer, Indiana in 1963 with their son Jerry Coffey. Ed's father, Henry owned and operated a steam-powered sawmill in Canada. Ed continued the family sawmill business in Spencer and worked in the mill he loved through 2012; which his grandson, Travis Coffey continues to operate. Around the age of 59, Ed was invited to start competing at the Owen County Fair's wood-cutting competitions. He placed first in many events, competing against young men not even half of his age. He competed in and won events through 1993.

Ed is survived by his wife of 58 years, Elsie B. Richardson Doige; his son Jerry M. (Shelley) Coffey of Spencer; his grandchildren Delisa S. (Demetrius) Witherspoon of Indianapolis, Angela (Skeeter) Bandy of Gosport, Jerry J. (Adana) Coffey of Spencer and Travis C. (Lori) Coffey of Spencer; twelve (12) great grandchildren and two (2) great-great grandchildren; and his sister Joan Sawyer of Riverview, NB, Canada.

He is preceded in death by his brothers Charles and Henry Doige and granddaughter Tanya Coffey.

Funeral arrangements will be Friday, March 31, 2017 at Chandler Funeral Home, in Ellettsville at 1:00 p.m., with burial to follow at Union Cemetery in Spencer. Visitation will be at the funeral home from 10:00 a.m. until time of services.

Ed will always be remembered for his love of story-telling and a good joke. We will always carry his memory in our hearts.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 31. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Chandler Funeral Homes - Ellettsville Chapel
203 E. Temperance Street
Ellettsville, IN 47429
(812) 876-6075
chandlerfh@bluemarble.net
<https://www.chandlerfh.com>

Service

MAR 31. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DF

“ Ed, my dad & I all sawed lumber for an order Ed had for Bloomfield Jack company for several years. I remember many evenings when we were loading up lumber from my dad's mill & mine, and the many stories Ed shared as we loaded. He was a great guy and always interesting & entertaining to listen to. I still remember many of those stories, especially of his days in Canada. My dad is gone now too, but I'll always have those memories of he, Ed & I sharing stories. The family has a legacy of a truly good man to cherish.
Dave Fiscus

David Fiscus - March 31, 2017 at 08:16 AM

CB

Although I have never had the pleasure of meeting Ed, I believe that those of you who knew him were so blessed to have such an amazing man in your lives. I am related to so many of the Richardson's there in Owen county and beyond and I am truly saddened by your loss of this special man. Please know you're all in my prayers. Mark and Hope Richardson, thank you for sharing the information of his passing. Linda Richardson Davis, your stories along with the photo showed me why he was so highly regarded and loved by all who knew him. Connie Hardy Boruff

Connie Hardy Boruff - March 31, 2017 at 01:02 PM

M(

“ My Uncle Eddie! When I met him, I was just 13, and he was the biggest man I have ever known. Turned out he was a gentle giant with a mild manner and a gentle spirit, although I was amused to hear him describe how his frustration with some malfunctioning inanimate object was so great that he "chucked the silly thing right fair oot (out) into the middle of the rood (road)!" He loved to play harmless tricks on people but would never hurt anyone; I NEVER heard him raise his voice - even when running his mill. He will live forever in my heart.

Marilyn Waggoner (neice) - March 30, 2017 at 09:05 PM

KW

Ed and I were sawing the pine trees off the golf course that we used to build the first clubhouse? We had a lot of trouble in the hot sun getting the mill engine started but finally got it going and then we had to start the planer to plane them and guess what? This engine which looked like the first one ever made was very hard to start! We finally got the thing going and right in the middle of the first board the engine quit? That is when a Ed Doige patented comment came out? He said to me " my engines may not start too good but they sure do stop good " ? I still laugh at that one 53 yrs later? He was an original and one of the good guys!

Ken Wheeler - April 01, 2017 at 12:13 AM

JR

“ When I was little I had the good fortune of being a small boy whose dad always let him play on the heavy equipment. One time when Dad and Uncle Ed were dragging out some logs Uncle Ed had a big log truck with forks on the side. They let me sit in the truck and when they got the log on the forks they would let me operate them and throw the log onto the truck. I bounced around the inside like a pinball! But I really thought I was a big guy that was really helping work. That's the first story I always tell about my Uncle Ed because it's my favorite. But what's important is that he was truly a very good man.

Jerry Richardson - March 30, 2017 at 06:29 PM



“ Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Edward C Doige.



March 30, 2017 at 12:33 PM

AB

“ Grandpa made learning fun. No matter what we were doing. When he taught me how to write cursive he would make words on paper and have me trace his, then after a few successful tries he would have me write my own. I couldn't of been no more than 6 yrs old when we practiced for what seemed to be hours to me. But I just enjoyed having his undivided attention and his huge soft hand over mine as he would firmly hold my shaky left hand with his right hand and we would write our names. He was a gentle man that gave to me and the rest of his family his integrity, friendship, selfless devotion and all his heart. He is sadly missed by us all, there is no other man like my Grandpa. Forever in my heart~ Angela

Angela Bandy - March 30, 2017 at 08:14 AM

LM

“ Lynn Miller spent many a time going down to see, get, visit at Ed's mill since he just acrossed 46 and down a couple miles on rattlesnake rd from us a neighbor ya might say. Can't say that he was never willing to help share some stories or a few jokes you just never went there for a few minutes unless he wasn't there. You will never replace a neighbor like Ed Doige

Lynn miller - March 30, 2017 at 07:20 AM

Delisa
Witherspo

“ Grandpa was mild-tempered and sweet. He took good care of grandma. You could easily get caught up in one of his stories only to find out in the end it was a joke or old tale. I can hear grandma now saying, "Oh, Eddie" with a giggle while grandpa would be snickering. He loved a good joke. He is missed.



Delisa Witherspoon - March 30, 2017 at 05:41 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Edward C Doige.



March 29, 2017 at 07:27 PM

ED

“ *What a sweet man.. loved his stories (with accent of course) and appreciated his hard working nature. What a void until he is awoken in the resurrection. I hope to be there to see it . Hugs to all from Padgett's*

edie - March 29, 2017 at 02:20 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Edward C Doige.*



March 29, 2017 at 01:12 PM

MR

“ *The world lost a wonderful TRUE MAN with a wealth of knowledge. We will miss him.
The Rubles*

Marc Ruble - March 29, 2017 at 11:03 AM