



"Ed" Edward William Runden III

January 14, 1938 - April 13, 2023

"Ed" Edward William Runden III died on April 13th, 2023, in Bloomington, Indiana, at age 85.

Born on January 14th, 1938, in Chicago, IL, he was the son of the late Ethel Price and "Andy" Edward William Runden Jr. He graduated from Maine Township High School in Park Ridge, IL, in 1956. Ed studied at DePauw University in Greencastle, IN, from 1956 to 1960, where he was a member of the Delta Upsilon Fraternity.

Ed took great pride in having served as a Lieutenant LG in the U.S. Navy on board the USS Paul Revere, the lead ship of the Paul Revere class of attack transport. After three years of service he was honorably discharged in 1963.

After working at a local newspaper in Elgin, IL, and at United Press International in Chicago for the better part of a year, he joined the United States Foreign Service from 1964 to 1969. He was stationed in Tehran, Iran, where he became fluent in Farsi and gained a lasting interest in other cultures.

On his return he worked at the Associated Press in Chicago and met the love of his life, Linda Keller, whom he married on December 13th, 1969.

Ed began a new career as a secondary school teacher in the seventies. Starting a family, he and his wife moved to Corydon in southern Indiana where they stayed until 2018.

While teaching at Corydon Central High School, Ed spent his waking hours reconstructing a historic log cabin with Linda, turning it into the centerpiece of their homestead, his pride and joy for four decades. While he watched their three daughters Cat, Liz, and Anne grow and flourish he kept himself busy with many pastimes. Ed eventually became the Chairman of the Social Studies Department of the South Harrison Community School Corporation; he was an avid collector of vinyl Jazz records; he devoured and amassed many books - with a primary focus on history and murder mysteries; Ed became the food editor of the Corydon Democrat newspaper, where he shared with his local audience the culinary discoveries from his and Linda's many world travels; he also was a longstanding local historian for Harrison County, which he crowned with his work for the Civil War Battle of Corydon Memorial Park. As his family grew up and out of his home, his great joy became hosting lavish get-togethers on holidays, for which he put his accomplished cooking skills to work.

For the last five years Linda and Ed have been enjoying their retirement in Bloomington.

Ed is survived by his wife Linda Keller Runden of Bloomington, IN, his sister Nancy Berkowitz with husband Fred Berkowitz, in Chicago, IL, his children "Cat" Catherine Runden of Charlotte, NC, "Liz" Elizabeth Witte with husband Tobias Witte of Concord, NC, Anne Scott with husband David Scott of Indianapolis, IN, and his grandchildren Lena Witte, Jackson Scott, Lily Witte, Lucy Witte, and Georgia Scott.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, June 17th, 2023, from 11am to

1pm at the Corydon Presbyterian Church. To reach out for condolence or the celebration, please contact Liz at lizwitte5@gmail.com for more information.

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory 4155 South Old State Road 37 is handling the arrangements and online condolences. photos and memories may be shared with. family and friends at www.allencares.com

Tribute Wall

MA

“ *marnie lit a candle in memory of "Ed" Edward Runden*



marnie - April 24, 2023 at 02:15 PM

KW

“ *I'm sorry to hear of Mr. Runden's passing. He was a passionate teacher and I enjoyed his classes while in high school. I always sensed he cared deeply about the students and making sure they got a quality education. Reading his obituary, I am glad to see he lived such a full life.*

Ken Waite - April 21, 2023 at 03:09 PM

PA

“ *I remember him teaching history to me
Sometimes he woul "read" the paper and fall asleep... thank you..
rest in peace!!*

Patricia - April 21, 2023 at 12:20 PM

JB

“ *It was a pleasure to get to know Ed in my
short time visiting.
My thoughts and prayers are for Linda, his
daughters and the entire family.*



Comfort Keepers

Janelle Banks-Deckard - April 20, 2023 at 04:07 PM



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David Scott - April 19, 2023 at 11:08 PM