



## Edward "Eddie" Daryl Hlavac

August 31, 1946 - April 17, 2025

Edward "Eddie" Daryl Hlavac, son of Edward John Hlavac and Lawanda Novalene (nee Beasley) Hlavac, was born on August 31, 1946, in Compton, California. He grew up in Downey, California. He attended and graduated from Our Lady of the Rosary grammar school, St. Pius X High School, and Cal State Long Beach University. He left us on April 17, 2025, at home in Fullerton, California.

Eddie excelled in athletics all his life. He earned a NCAA All American Medal in track & field at the NCAA Track & Field Championships in 1969. During his working life, he had careers in trucking and the mortgage lending industry. He retired in 2017 and immediately joined the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at Cal State Fullerton. His curiosity was boundless, and he never stopped learning. He was also passionate about Cal State Fullerton's College of the Arts, supporting them at every turn. He told everyone it was the best ticket in the county. On July 4, 1966, he had his first date with the woman who would become his wife, MaryLouise Dykzeul. They married on January 31, 1970. For next 55 years, they were lovers and best friends. Eddie will be remembered for his winning smile, beautiful blue eyes, kindness, generosity of time and money, and sense of humor.

In addition to MaryLouise, Eddie is survived by brothers Michael and Gary, sisters-in-law LJ Dykzeul and Edie Hlavac, nephew David Hlavac, nieces Jamie Schmaing, Michelle Hlavac, and Elizabeth Davis, aunt Thelda Lowery, goddaughter Leslie Corcoran, and several cousins and grand nephews and nieces. Eddie was also the American dad to Hans Erkelens (Netherlands), Kaja Dehli (Norway), and Hiroshi Inaba (Japan). Cremation will be private. Plans for a party for him will follow. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Cal State Fullerton Philanthropic Foundation with designations to OLLI or the Theodore M. Dykzeul Scholarship Endowment for Jazz at the College of the Arts.

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HE

“ Back in 1988 I was fortunate enough to live with Eddie and MaryLouise for one year. I went to Sunny Hills high school as an exchange student and Eddie and ML took me into their wonderful home in Fullerton. Not only that, but they took me on many trips across the country as well. It turned out to be one the most special years of my life. A memory that I still cherish today. Eddie and ML are the most loving and kind people and their love for eachother has been an example for me. I am so happy that Eddie and ML were able to visit us in the Netherlands a few years ago and I was proud to show them were we lived and most of all to meet my wife Marit and our two beautiful daughters Ella and Romy. Eddie will always be my American dad. Kind, warm, loving, generous and with a great sense of humour. We will all miss him so much. We are sending our love to you, ML. Wishing you strenght in these very difficult times. Love as always, Hans



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**Hans Erkelens** - May 04, 2025 at 04:29 AM

DH

“ Many fond memories of times spent with Eddie and Mary Louise in my 20's. Remembering playing Monopoly with Eddie and how much he would gloat if he won! Not too long ago, he reminded me of an absolutely horrible movie we all saw, *The Champagne Murders*, that was one of those films that was so bad, we all made fun of it. I laughed when he reminded me of it all these years later. I can still see him playing on the floor with my oldest daughter, Amy, when she was just a baby, having such a good time. I have always appreciated not only what good godparents Eddie & Mary Louise have been to my daughter, Leslie, but always kind and generous to all my girls. It was only last summer we sat together at the same table at our 60th class reunion. Eddie was his usual hale & hearty self, and I can't believe he is gone so soon. My heart goes out to Mary Louise and all of Eddie's family.

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**Donna Henley** - April 30, 2025 at 03:12 AM

MD

“ Mary Louise, sending you my loving sympathy as you grieve Eddie's loss. My prayers go with you as you navigate the next days. You are not really alone as many loving friends and family are beside you.

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**Meade A DeKlotz** - April 24, 2025 at 05:37 PM

TB

“ *"When a great man dies, for years the light he leaves behind him, lies on the paths of men."*

- HENRY WADSWORTH LONGFELLOW

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**Todd Beckley** - April 22, 2025 at 01:34 AM

KM

“ Circa 1994. Handsome man, classy couple. Love from Tom & Karen Merritt



Karen Merritt - April 21, 2025 at 10:23 PM

NF

“ Eddie gave my first trolley ride. When I preferred to walk, he always offered a smile and a wave. My condolences to his family. He was a blessing to us at OLLI. Nancy Fernandez

Nancy Page Fernandez - April 21, 2025 at 10:03 PM

MD

“ 1 file added to the album Tribute Wall



Mary Hadley Devine - April 21, 2025 at 02:39 PM

MD

*Eddie in one of his happy places!*

Mary Hadley Devine - April 21, 2025 at 02:39 PM

CM

“ I often would see Eddie at Friday's Critics Choice. It's great that he would read a lot as he waited to do a trolley run. Thanks for being such a gracious trolley driver and contributing to OLLI operations. Blessings and be at peace. Chris Milord.

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**Christian Milord** - April 21, 2025 at 12:58 PM

HO

“ I was honored to know Eddie and Mary Louise for just about a year. Such a wonderful couple. Every time I was with Eddie he was so friendly and kind. I felt a warmth as a new person in this community. He donated a stadium cushion to me from CSUF for the seats at the Muckenthaler, which I was privileged to use when attending the outdoor shows there this past year with the Hlavac's. This "cush for my tush" will be a lasting reminder of a fun and loving man. May you RIP Eddie. - Helen Osterwald

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**Helen Osterwald** - April 21, 2025 at 02:36 AM

PK

“ 3 files added to the album Tribute Wall



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**Peggy Kollen** - April 21, 2025 at 12:10 AM



*Mary Louise-I had no idea but Eddie and I grew up in the same area and went to the same grammar school, Our Lady of the Rosary. He was a few years ahead of me but I bet we knew some of the same families. I always felt good about Eddie-this just another reason why! He will be missed!*

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**Greg Nelson** - April 21, 2025 at 01:54 PM

SB

“ Thank you Eddie for everything that you did for OLLI. I will always remember you driving the OLLI Trolley, and also having a book in your hand.

*I'm sorry that I didn't get to know you better, but I now feel like I know you thanks to the love that MaryLouise showed you, and all of us, these past few months. RIP, Eddie*

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**Sue Batie** - April 20, 2025 at 09:27 PM