



Edgar "Ed" Charles Ponder

August 4, 1939 - June 19, 2025

Edgar "Ed" Charles Ponder, 85, of Perryville, Missouri peacefully passed away Thursday, June 19, 2025, surrounded by his loving family at Mercy Hospital Southeast in Cape Girardeau, MO.

He was born August 4, 1939 in Apple Creek, MO to Anton Charles and Bertha Ursula (Unterreiner) Ponder.

Ed and Judy M. Duvall were married April 27, 1963 at Christ the Savior Catholic Church in Brewer. They were blessed with 62 years of marriage.

He served as Staff Sergeant in the Missouri Army National Guard for 14 years.

Ed was District Resource Supervisor with the Forestry Division of the Missouri Department of Conservation for 40 years. He then worked for the City of Perryville for 16 years until retiring in 2018.

Ed was a 1957 graduate of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic High School in Perryville. He was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church where he served as an usher, the Holy Name Society, Third Degree Knight with the Knights of Columbus Council #1263, and the American Legion Post #133. He served for several terms as President and Vice President on the St. Vincent

de Paul High School Alumni Board. Ed and his wife Judy were inducted into the very first Class of St. Vincent de Paul Sports Hall of Fame for their many years of dedicated work to the St. Vincent de Paul sports program.

Survivors include his wife; daughter, Victoria Roberts of Lockport, IL; son, Mark Ponder of Jackson, MO; daughter-in-law, Jennifer (Neal) Fulks of Tucson, AZ; brother, Robert (Cecelia "Tootie") Ponder of St. Ann, MO; six grandchildren, Anthony Glorioso, Gianna Glorioso, Kennedy Ponder, Nicholas Ponder, Tayven Ponder, Paysen Ponder; sister-in-law, Antonia Ponder of Apple Creek, MO.

He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Todd Ponder; three sisters, Virginia Wibbenmeyer, Genevieve Schloss, Antonia Schnurbusch; brother, Norbert Ponder.

Visitation will be from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm on Friday, June 27, 2025 at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Perryville and will continue from 9:00 am to 9:45 am on Saturday, June 28, 2025.

Funeral Mass will be at 10:00 am Saturday, June 28, 2025 at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Perryville with Rev. Joe Geders C.M. officiating.

Funeral Military Honors will be provided by American Legion Post #133 and Delta Team.

Entombment will be in the Mary Queen of Heaven Mausoleum at Mount Hope Cemetery in Perryville.

In lieu of flowers memorial may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Todd Ponder Scholarship Fund, or St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Schools.

Online condolences may be made at www.fordandyoungfuneralhome.com.

Ford & Young Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Mount Hope Cemetery

Perryville, MO

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 27. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church (Perryville)
1000 Rosati Court
Perryville, MO 63775

Visitation

JUN 28. 9:00 AM - 9:45 AM (CT)

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church (Perryville)
1000 Rosati Court
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Funeral Mass

JUN 28. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

DF

“ Do It Best Sikeston Friends and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edgar "Ed" Charles Ponder.

Do It Best Sikeston Friends and Family - June 27, 2025 at 02:56 PM

DF

“ Do It Best Sikeston Friends and Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Edgar "Ed" Charles Ponder.



Do It Best Sikeston Friends and Family - June 27, 2025 at 02:56 PM

TA

“ Tommy A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edgar "Ed" Charles Ponder.

Tommy A. - June 27, 2025 at 02:12 PM

LM

“ Love, John, Alex and Sofia Marinopoulos purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Edgar "Ed" Charles Ponder.



Love, John, Alex and Sofia Marinopoulos - June 25, 2025 at 10:38 PM

LM

“ Love, John, Alex and Sofia Marinopoulos planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edgar "Ed" Charles Ponder.

Love, John, Alex and Sofia Marinopoulos - June 25, 2025 at 10:38 PM



“ Written in the Stars was purchased for the family of Edgar "Ed" Charles Ponder.



June 25, 2025 at 05:24 PM

RG

“ Eddie and Judy are a great example of a beautiful life long devotion to each other, their family and their faith in God. We have enjoyed their friendship and will miss visiting with him on our visits to Perryville. If heaven needs an usher, Eddie will be a good one. May he rest in the peace of God's love.

Bob & Wanda Guth
Tucson, Az

Robert Guth - June 25, 2025 at 04:43 PM

RW

“ *Judy and Family,
My prayers for you all as you begin this new life chapter. I have enjoyed the smiles and waves that we have exchanged as we saw you and Ed when we passed each other's homes. We had a hummingbird fly into our garage in the summer of 2012. Ed helped us to get the scared hummingbird out of the garage and back into nature. Ed leaves a legacy of love.
God's peace, dear Christian family.
Rita Weber*

Rita Weber - June 25, 2025 at 12:45 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Edgar "Ed" Charles Ponder.*

June 24, 2025 at 09:10 AM

FJ

“ *Our deepest condolences for your loss. Sending healing prayers and comfort during this tough time.*

Fernando & Julissa - June 23, 2025 at 05:06 PM

FM

“ *Our deepest condolences for your loss. Sending healing prayers and comfort during this tough time.*

Fernando, Julissa, Vanessa & Mateo - June 23, 2025 at 05:05 PM

SS

“ *Mark and family, I am so sorry for your loss. May God walk with you and hold you closely in this time of sadness.*

Scott Smith - June 23, 2025 at 09:14 AM

MP

Thank you Scott!

Mark E Ponder - June 25, 2025 at 04:35 PM

RP

“ I am so sorry to hear of Eddie's passing. He was one of the good guys! Jim and I enjoyed his friendship. Will always remember him whisteling on our tour bus. Prayers for Judy and the Ponder family.

Rosemary Patmore - June 21, 2025 at 01:31 PM

LM

“ So sorry for your loss. Always a smile on his face. May God bless you, Judy and your family with comfort and peace. 🙏

larry n Karolyn Marr - June 21, 2025 at 11:54 AM

BB

“ Please accept my sympathy. Mr. Ponder was such a nice sweet person! He always remembered where people sat in church. I will miss his smiling face!

Barbara Breig

Barbara Breig - June 21, 2025 at 09:26 AM

PO

“ Always a loving and caring Uncle. Will definitely be missed. So many memories with Uncle Ed I will cherish.



Peggy Obermark - June 20, 2025 at 06:01 PM