



Edward Balsmann Jr.

July 3, 1934 - January 8, 2026

Edward "Ed" Balsmann, Jr., 91, of Old Appleton, Missouri passed away Thursday, January 8, 2026 at Fountainbleau Lodge in Cape Girardeau, MO.

He was born July 3, 1934 in Uniontown, MO to Edward and Josephine (Schott) Balsmann.

Ed and Doris Pingel were married May 23, 1959 at St. Maurus Catholic Church in Biehle.

He served in the United States Army and then worked as both a carpenter and a truck driver for many years. Ed enjoyed being in nature, hunting, fishing, woodworking, carpentry, gardening, and watching baseball. He was a wonderful grandpa and enjoyed spending time with his family.

He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, American Legion Post#133 and the St. Joseph Apple Creek Men's Club.

Survivors include two children, Melody (Jim) Todd of Jackson, Edward (Kelly) Balsmann III of Dallas, TX; brother, Elmer (Joyce) Balsmann of Perryville; four grandchildren, Crystal Todd, Chelsea Todd, Luke Kursonis, Gavin Balsmann.

He was preceded in death by his parents; four siblings, Wilma Myers, William

Balsmann, Herbert Balsmann, Flora Robert.

Visitation will be from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm on Monday, January 12, 2026 at Ford & Young Funeral Home in Perryville and will continue from 8:00 am to 9:15 am on Tuesday, January 13, 2026 at the funeral home.

Funeral Mass will be at 10:00 am Tuesday, January 13, 2026 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Apple Creek with Rev. Michael Benz officiating.

Burial will be at St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery in Apple Creek.

Memorial contributions may be given to American Cancer Society or Saint Francis Foundation of St. Francis Healthcare System in Cape Girardeau.

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

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

Ford & Young Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 12. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Ford and Young Funeral Home
110 S. West St.
Perryville, MO 63775

Visitation

JAN 13. 8:00 AM - 9:15 AM (CT)

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Funeral Mass

JAN 13. 10:00 AM.

St. Joseph Catholic Church
Apple Creek, MO

Tribute Wall

CK

“ I have the fondest memories of time spent with you and your family growing up. Rachel loved going to Old Appleton, walking your beagle and visiting your home. You will be missed.



Candice Kraushaar - January 13 at 08:05 AM

CK

“ Candice K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward Balsmann Jr..

Candice K. - January 13 at 07:58 AM

JT

“ Jim and Tamara Tucker purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Edward Balsmann Jr..



Jim and Tamara Tucker - January 12 at 01:46 PM

LT

“ Love, Julie and Tony Toppins planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward Balsmann Jr..

Love, Julie and Tony Toppins - January 11 at 01:00 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Edward Balsmann Jr..*



January 11 at 01:00 PM



“ *Kathy, Kaylee & Hilton purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Edward Balsmann Jr..*



Kathy, Kaylee & Hilton - January 10 at 05:35 PM



“ *Stephny P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward Balsmann Jr..*

Stephny P. - January 10 at 12:26 PM



“ *Jim, Melody, Crystal, and Chelsea purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Edward Balsmann Jr..*



Jim, Melody, Crystal, and Chelsea - January 09 at 07:22 PM

JC

“ Jim, Melody, Crystal, and Chelsea planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward Balsmann Jr..

Jim, Melody, Crystal, and Chelsea - January 09 at 07:22 PM

TF

“ The Kursonis family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward Balsmann Jr..

The Kursonis family - January 09 at 12:12 PM

TF

“ The Kursonis family purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Edward Balsmann Jr..



The Kursonis family - January 09 at 12:12 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Edward Balsmann Jr..



January 09 at 11:36 AM

GT

“ I am so sorry to hear of Ed's passing. He was a great guy and dear friend for most of our lives. I have many wonderful memories of our time in high school. Eddie and I were classmates at St Vincent and enjoyed many good times together. My sincere sympathy goes out to Doris, Elmer and the entire Balsman family. May God bless you all.

Gene Tucker - January 09 at 10:53 AM

EB

Thank you, Mr. Tucker. Mama and I were sitting here talking about you and the. I saw your comment. Thank you for your thoughts!

Ed Balsmann - January 09 at 07:07 PM

GT

Thank you. I will miss Eddie like a brother. My sympathy to your family.

Gene Tucker - January 18 at 05:05 PM

JM

“ I have so many memories of Uncle Eddie whistling while Melody or Crystal would twirl around. Melody always wanted big hair, but Crystal had big hair, she had a long red ponytail or rather strawberry blond ponytail and bangs. Crystal had a shy demeanor, but Melody always had something up her sleeve. He could make those little girls twirl like a ballerina and shine as bright as the sun.

I have memories of Uncle Eddie and Uncle Elmer in the basement of Grandpa's house standing in a line stuffing sausages and laughing. All of the Balsmann men were very handsome.

I have memories of Uncle Eddie crying when he viewed mom in her casket. He was a weeper.

I have a memory of Uncle Eddie and Aunt Doris in the hospital room and Uncle Eddie lying in bed suffering. I did not like to look at the picture for very long, but at first glance, I could see Little Eddie so plainly in his face. I had never seen that strong resemblance before. It almost scared me, it was like Uncle Eddie would live on in Little Eddie.

And I will always have a memory of how much Uncle Eddie and Aunt Doris loved each other. I am glad he died before her, because he would have had such a hard time living without her.

It will be hard for Aunt Doris too, but she will make it.

Ed and Josephine Balsmann raised some very strong headed children, sometimes a little stubborn, who were all beautiful and were blessed with the gift of faith.

Dr. Jacalyn Robert- McComb

Jacalyn McComb - January 09 at 01:18 AM



Love you, Dr. J!

Ed Balsmann - January 09 at 07:06 PM