



## Edward Waltz

May 21, 1951 - August 23, 2012

This is a story about an ordinary man. Not a rich and famous man, not a great statesman, not a brilliant chemist or mathematician, not a sports hero or a movie star – just a man who loved God, loved his family, worked hard, and tried his best to be good, kind, generous, and fair to others. A man who enjoyed simple things in life -- like playing golf, fishing, hunting, traveling to new places, playing cards and socializing with his friends, cruising the Mississippi in his boat on a beautiful summer day, and spending time with his family . A man whose favorite "poor me" story was about how he was surrounded by women – we've all heard it many times – "I have a Mother, a Mother-in-law, a Wife, Six Sisters, Three Daughters and Six Granddaughters --- and every time we got a dog, it was a female too." But we all knew that he told it with humor not with regret, and with love and pride in having each of those females in his life.

Edward Frederick Waltz, Jr. was born on May 21, 1951, the fifth of nine children born to Edward Waltz, Sr. and Dorothy (Frey) Waltz. He grew up on a farm in Marion Township and as a child attended the Wisconsin Valley School along with his brothers and sisters. He later attended Boscobel Elementary and Boscobel High School, graduating in the Class of 1969 and remained lifelong friends with many of his classmates. On August 20, 1971, he married his wife and best friend of 41 years, Sally (Atkinson) Waltz and together they raised three daughters – Megan Waltz (husband Tom Burke), Renae Creasey (husband Slim Creasey), and Becky Becker (husband Brandon Becker). They were further blessed with six beautiful and precious granddaughters – Skylar, Breanna, MaKenna, Emma, Meah & Lauryn.

Ed owned two different businesses in Boscobel in his adult life, and in 1992 really found his calling in selling cars. He was a sales manager for nearly 20 years, most recently for Fillback Motors in Boscobel and "talking cars" was his passion. He was also active in his community as a volunteer fireman for 10 years, a past member of the Boscobel Hospital board, a current member of the Boscobel Utility Board, and a member of the Boscobel United Methodist Church, participating in many activities there.

On November 3, 2011, he was diagnosed with a neuroendocrine carcinoid tumor that had metastasized to his liver. True to his compassionate spirit, one of the first things he said upon hearing the diagnosis was how fortunate he was that he had had the opportunity to

live for 60 years when there are so many children and young parents dealing with cancer every day. As he battled this disease he continued to impress us all with his optimism, his strength, and his quiet uncomplaining way of dealing with his failing health.

From the beginning, we prayed for a miracle, but the miracle of a long earthly life for Ed was not in God's plan. However, despite his grim prognosis, we were blessed with the miracle of several more months that included one more Thanksgiving, one more Christmas, one wonderful fundraiser in Ed's honor for the Grant County Cancer Coalition, one more winter trip to the beach, one more birthday, one more Father's Day, one great retirement party, one very special 4th of July when he was honored to be the parade Grand Marshall, one more summer of boat rides on the river, one more family picnic at the farm, one more anniversary, and precious time making pickles, jam, beer, laughter and memories with his daughters.

Ed lost his battle with cancer on Thursday, August 23, 2012 at the age of 61. Along with his immediate family previously mentioned, he is survived by his mother, Dorothy Waltz, special uncle Tom Waltz who was a second father to him, brothers Fred (Sue) Waltz and Tom (Pam) Waltz, sisters Sandy (Bernard) Scanlan, Pat (Steve) Updike, Ruth Copsey, Nancy (Mike) Devlin, and Michelle (Rich) Bender, Mother-in-Law Betty Atkinson and husband Oliver Griswold, Sister-in-Law Gloria (Denny) Brandes, Brothers in-Law Russ (Tracy) Atkinson and Ron Atkinson. He is further survived by a host of Aunts, Uncles, Nieces, Nephews, Cousins, and Friends. He was preceded in death by his father, Edward Waltz, Sr., sister Judith Waltz, special aunt Leila Waltz, and father-in-law John Atkinson. The family would like to thank all of the nurses, doctors, and ER staff at Boscobel Area Health Care, Kayte Crubel, NP at the Boscobel Clinic, and Dr. Sam Lubner and staff at the UW Carbone Cancer Center for their excellent and compassionate care. They would also like to thank Ed's employer, Mark Fillback and all of the staff at Fillback Motors for their generosity and kindness, and for the lovely retirement party in his honor which meant so much to him.

There is a quote from the book "Little Women" by Louisa May Alcott -- an appropriate choice given the fact that he had many "Little Women" in his life -- that epitomizes our feelings today:

"When morning came, for the first time in many months the fire was out, Jo's place was empty and the room was very still. But a bird sang blithely on a budding bough, close by, the snowdrops blossomed freshly at the window, and the spring sunshine streamed in like a benediction over the placid face upon the pillow--a face so full of painless peace that those who loved it best smiled though their tears, and thanked God that Beth was well at last."

So for you Ed, our beloved husband, father, grandfather, son, brother, nephew, uncle, cousin and friend -- today, we will smile through our tears -- and thank God that you are well at last.

Services will be held on Monday, August 27, 2012 at 11:00 AM at the United Methodist Church, 104 Buchanan St. Boscobel, WI 53805, with Pastor Stan Pegram officiating. Burial will be in the Boscobel Cemetery at a later

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Friends may call on Sunday, August 26, 2012 from 2:00 PM until 6:00 PM at the United Methodist Church in Boscobel. The Beeman-Patchak Funeral Home of Boscobel is assisting the family.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be given to the Boscobel United Methodist Church or Grant County Cancer Coalition.

On line condolences at [www.beeman-patchakfuneralhome.com](http://www.beeman-patchakfuneralhome.com)

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# Comments

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“ We relocated to Boscobel in 2009. One of the first couples to welcome us to the Friday night Hotel dinner crew was Ed and Sally. Ed was a fierce a true patriot and friend. We will miss that welcoming smile and generous heart. Don't worry Ed, the coffee will be made at BUMC. God's peace and comfort to your family,

**Chuck and Sandy** - March 22, 2013 at 09:18 AM

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“ We are so sorry for your loss. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.

**Ethan & Ramona Kord** - March 22, 2013 at 09:18 AM

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**Jean Bouche** - March 22, 2013 at 09:18 AM

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“ My love & prayers for strength to Sally & all their family...  
I will remember his easy humor & generous spirit...which will live forever in our hearts & memories.

Linda (Camp)Templeton

**Linda Templeton** - March 22, 2013 at 09:18 AM

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“ Sorry to hear for your loss, you all have great memories with him, keep them close to your heart. He is with you all.

**Darci Trumm** - March 22, 2013 at 09:18 AM

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“ Thinking of your family at this time. Sorry to hear about your loss!

**Angie (Johnson) Gerndt** - March 22, 2013 at 09:18 AM



“ Sally and family,  
I just read Ed's obituary in the Boscobel Dial. What a wonderful tribute to a special person. Fond memories of the 4th of July I spent at your home with Gladys 3 years ago were so special to me. Ed took time to show us the Waltz family book. Prayers are with your family.

**Juli Ulve Ferraro** - March 22, 2013 at 09:18 AM

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“ We are so sorry for your loss. We did not have the pleasure of knowing Ed. It seems we missed a great opportunity.....

**Chris Loshaw** - March 22, 2013 at 09:18 AM

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“ So sorry for your loss, the best to Sally and the Family. I enjoyed calling on your IH dealership, you were so easy to work with and fun to be around.

**Michael Tennant** - March 22, 2013 at 09:18 AM

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“ To the Waltz Family,

I am so sorry for your loss of Ed. You are all in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Love, your neighbor and friend, Karla

**Karla Schultz** - August 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM