



## Mr. Edward Joseph Concar Jr.

August 26, 1946 - April 14, 2020

Edward Joseph Concar, Jr. of Old Bridge, New Jersey died peacefully on April 14, 2020, in Holmdel, New Jersey at the age of 73. Some of you may have known Edward by his nickname, “Duke Shannon”. A devoted family man, “Duke” is survived by his loving wife of 49 years, Julia Concar, née Mullen, cherished children, Kelly Ann Concar of Old Bridge, Lauren Concar Sheehy, her husband Brian and their children, Brian Jr., Fiona and Taig of Colts Neck, Michael J. Concar and Sonia Alava of Sayreville and their loving children, Cadence, Gavin, Owen and Evan Concar, his beloved sister, Michele Marsdale of Toms River and brother in law Vincent Hallock of Old Bridge. Duke is also survived by sister in law Carol Gasparik of Belvidere, New Jersey and her family, brother in law Thomas Mullen, his wife Joann of Syosset, New York and their family, brother in law Joseph Mullen and his family in New York.

Duke is preceded in death by his parents, Edward J. Concar Sr. and Dolores M. Concar, née Pandolfo, of Old Bridge; his beloved sister, Dolores M. Hallock, of Old Bridge; his father in law, Joseph A. Mullen and mother in law, Elizabeth R. Mullen of Old Bridge, his brother in law Donald Marsdale of Old Bridge, nephew Christopher M. Hallock of Denver, Colorado and sister in law Helen Mullen of Mineola, New York.

Duke was born in Jersey City, NJ and went to St. Michaels High School for a short time before transferring to Snyder High School. Duke was always a bit of a joker and when he first met Julia at a party, he introduced himself using the name “Shawn”. Two weeks later they were engaged and eventually married at St. Michael’s Church in Jersey City.

In 1977, Duke and Julia moved from Jersey City to Old Bridge, along with his parents, Dolores, Vinnie and in laws for a life on a quiet block in suburbia, returning to Jersey City for hot dogs at Boulevard Drinks on Journal Square whenever he could. He worked as an insurance claims adjuster for over 35 years at New Jersey Manufacturers, George Olmezer Appraisal Services, Inc., and State Farm, allowing Duke to make many cherished, lifelong friends. He was an avid fisherman and although he never caught a fish, he didn’t let that stop him. Duke loved going on vacation with his family and the

shenanigans that always came with it. He will be most remembered for being the life of the party and made friends everywhere he went.

Due to COVID-19 quarantine a private service will be held with the family. A celebration of Duke's life will be held at a future date. In lieu of flowers we encourage your donations in Edward Concar's memory to the Visiting Nurse Association at <https://vnahg.org/memorial-gifts-and-gifts-in-honor/>.

# Comments

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“ Mike Kellner Quality Chevrolet lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward Joseph Concar Jr.



Mike Kellner Quality Chevrolet - April 28 at 08:35 AM

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“ Our sincere condolences. Duke was a great man. We had the privilege of working with him for many years and the honor of calling him a friend. We will miss you dearly!  
Love your friends at Al's Auto Body.

Don - April 20 at 09:22 AM

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“ So very sorry for your loss. I really loved Ed. He was such a gentle soul. We haven't got together in a long time, but I will never ever forget all the fun and laughs the four of us had when we were together. Weather it was on a cruise or out to dinner on a Wednesday night. He loved all of you so much and he was so very proud of his family. I know you all have wonderful memories of him. Keep them close. Love you all  
Love Teresa

Teresa Mantani - April 18 at 08:44 PM

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“ A beautiful tribute to a beautiful man. I will miss him terribly.

Ginger Wyllly - April 18 at 07:25 PM

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“ Thank you to everyone for your kind messages and for your patience as our family processes this great loss.

There's another hole in my heart as we said, "I'll see you again", to my beloved father.

Dad, Eddie boy, little Eddie, Eddie spaghetti, Eduardo, Duke Shannon...  
You were the first man I loved- a comedian, a fisherman.... wannabe and foodie. I always had to get the last word in that landed me in trouble. ;)

My father was an incredible man. He was adored by his wife, Julie as well as his three children, seven grandchildren, extended family and friends. His hard work, caring nature, humor and love of life are some of the many traits that characterized this amazing and loving person.

My dad was the definition of "young at heart". Nothing gave him more joy than a good joke or a funny prank. He had a special way of bringing out the best in people and making them believe in themselves.

We are thankful for the many memories that include vacations & family holiday gatherings, but the best memories are from just being at home on a regular day with all of our family present. Not everyone lives with their in-laws, 2 doors down the street from their sisters and 1 house from their parents. We certainly were lucky to grow up with our family so close.

I love my dad very much and miss him dearly. His life touched so many people and I will continue to live my life the way that he taught me to, to work hard, to be kind to others, and to not take myself too seriously. His humor, kindness and selflessness will continue to inspire those who were lucky enough to know him and be loved by him.

I am grateful for the time we had together. He lived a big life, touched the souls of many and made many lifelong friends. Thank you for teaching me the power of caring for others and the rare ability of having conversations with anyone I come into contact with. Everywhere he went he made a friend.

The most beautiful part about him was his unconditional, everlasting love for his bride, as he would call her. When it was possible, they were inseparable and not being able to be with or see her during this quarantine made it very difficult.

I'll always be grateful to call you dad.

Thank you for teaching me to be a genuine caring person with a great sense of humor.

The most important lesson I have learned from this journey is to build time for my husband, family and myself. We don't know how much time we have so making the best of it needs to be a priority for all of us.

As he would say, "rest your batteries", so I will put myself on the battery charger in order to power up to keep moving forward.

Rest in peace, my wise-crackn' ever-loving father.

Good times....

"I got my hair cut shorter so I can swim faster."

We were the only people to come down the chairlift because I was too afraid to go on

the Alpine Slide. I am glad because my brother and cousin left their skin on the that mountain ride.

"come on, ya wanna go faster?"---when a good song came on in the car.

Pretend playing the piano in the car to a good song.

"Don't eat yellow snow"

"You're going to Brookdale Community College & drive on Rt 34, not 287 with the BFT's"

There are so many more we will treasure always.

Lauren Concar - April 18 at 01:59 PM

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“ 2 files added to the album Ed's life



lauren - April 17 at 11:13 PM



“ My condolences... I have great memories of Ed working together when he first started with State Farm in West Orange. He always had me laughing... RIP brother

Robert Koch - April 18 at 07:49 AM

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“ My sincere condolences to your family I had the pleasure of working with Duke at State Farm , he was a beautiful person, always a big hello & a great sense of humor, I am truly saddened to learn of his passing.

May his wonderful memories forever keep him close,  
RIP DEAR Duke

Sue Milano - April 17 at 05:36 PM

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“ Dear Lauren,

Thinking of you and your family in your time of sorrow. You dad was blessed with a beautiful family. I hope your happy memories bring comfort to all of you. You're in my prayers.

Love,  
Lisa Helyes

**Lisa Helyes** - April 17 at 04:49 PM



“ Lisa, Thank you so much for your note. We really appreciate your support during this time. I look forward to seeing you when we can. <3

**lauren** - April 17 at 11:33 PM



“ Every time we'd see Eddie, my family and I would say "he's the sweetest guy in the world!" And he really was. He was such a big presence in our lives. Though not related by blood, we always thought of him as part of our family. He cried easily, laughed heartily, and loved mightily. Eddie - salt of the earth. We will miss you terribly.

Our deepest condolences.

Love,

Lena, Anthony, Ro, Jessie, Miette and Tallulah

**Rose** - April 19 at 08:55 AM



“ Our heartfelt condolences to Julie & the entire family, Every time i saw him he always made me laugh!! Truly will be missed!

Love, Maryann & Mike Small

**maryann small** - April 19 at 12:59 PM



“ Dear Lauren,

Sending my sincere condolences to you and your family at this very difficult time. I didn't know your dad but based on what a wonderful person you are, he must have been a wonderful dad! May he Rest in Peace!

Sincerely,

Deborah Josko

**Deborah Josko** - April 17 at 03:55 PM



“ Deborah, Thank you for reaching out. Your words bring peace as my family and I think of all the memories during this time. xoxo

**lauren** - April 17 at 11:36 PM



“ Our sympathies are with you all at this difficult time. Sending light & love. Tim & Nanci.

**Tim Zeiss** - April 17 at 03:40 PM



“ Tim & Nanci, Thank you so much for all of your support. My family and I appreciate all you have done and the positive energy you are sending. Thanks for being there for me and helping me get through this life event.

lauren - April 17 at 11:37 PM

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“ Got to know Ed through St Michael's reunions and when he "discovered" facebook. My deepest sympathies go out to Julie and family.

Don Ferreri & Betty Hayden (Laffey)

Don Ferreri - April 17 at 03:31 PM

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“ 49 files added to the album Ed's life



lauren - April 17 at 03:04 PM

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“ Uncle a Eddie was the best. He could make you laugh and have fun anywhere. He would take us fishing at his friend's lake and loved being on a boat (just don't let him drive!) He would take you for ice cream at Lake George or Wild wood. We will miss you Uncle Eddie!



Noelle Rogers - April 17 at 02:06 PM