



## Edward Leonard

October 9, 1925 - June 12, 2025

Edward Joseph Leonard, 99, of Cedar Falls, died on Thursday, June 12, 2025, at The Suites at Western Home Communities.

He was born on October 9, 1925, in Boston, Massachusetts, the son of William and Florence (Kenny) Leonard. He served in the Navy during World War II. After his enlistment, Edward was united in marriage to Jean Wiswell June 28, 1947 in Darien, CT. She died August 12, 2017. He earned his bachelor's degree in engineering from Penn State in 1950. He later received his MBA from the University of Northern Iowa. He was an administrative employee with St. Francis/Covenant Hospital until his retirement. His interests included operating Ham Radio, playing Bridge, bird watching, reading, attending UNI sporting events, and traveling with Jean.

Following retirement, Ed volunteered with Jean at the St. Vincent de Paul Society, the Cedar Falls Public Library, and various ministries at St. Patrick Catholic Church. Most importantly, Ed loved being with his family and they in return loved being with him. Frequent family gatherings and weekly Zoom calls were the highlight of his life.

Edward is survived by his children, Carol (Chad) Jackson of London, KY, Jane (Robert) Nelson of Cedar Falls, Tom (Gina) Leonard of New Hampton, Fran (Dan) Venter of Johnston, Mary Hover of Cedar Falls, Sue (Dave) Watters of

Cedar Falls, and Lois Greene of Ankeny, son-in-law, Vince Handeland of Boone; eighteen grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; seventeen great-grandchildren; ten step-greatgrandchildren; and two step-great-greatgrandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Jean; daughter, Patty Handeland; brother, Bill Leonard; sister, Claire Leonard Waltrop; and twin grandsons in infancy

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, June 18, 2025, at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Cedar Falls. Visitation will be 4:00-7:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 17th at Richardson Funeral Service with a rosary at 3:45 p.m. Burial with military honors at Greenwood Cemetery in Cedar Falls.

Memorials may be directed to the St. Patrick Catholic Church or the Western Home Foundation.

# Cemetery Details

## Greenwood Cemetery

the end of College St, north of First Street  
Cedar Falls, IA 50613  
(319) 273-8628

# Previous Events

## Rosary

JUN 17. 3:45 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Richardson Funeral Service  
615 Main Street  
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richardsonfuneralservice@gmail.com  
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## Mass of Christian Burial

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Saint Patrick Catholic Church  
705 Main St  
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# Tribute Wall

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“ Rest in peace and love. I enjoyed working with Ed for many years at the hospital. My condolences to his loved ones.

Shellie Panicucci - June 19, 2025 at 09:45 AM

MT

“ What a wonderful long life your Dad lived! I worked with him at St Francis/Covenant years ago. Ed was a quiet, gracious problem solver in whatever the physical hospital space needed and whenever. May your memories be a fond reminder of a well lived/loved life!

Marilee Tarkett - June 18, 2025 at 09:41 AM

PS

“ Phillip S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward Leonard.

Phillip S. - June 18, 2025 at 09:00 AM

JS

“ John and Annette Sehnert purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Edward Leonard.



John and Annette Sehnert - June 16, 2025 at 10:26 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Edward Leonard.*



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June 16, 2025 at 01:28 PM



“ *Dear Family,*

*My sincere sympathy to all of you at this time of Ed's death. I remember Ed and Jean's kindness and faithfulness in the time I served as pastor of St. Patrick's. My prayers for Ed, and all of you, at this time.*



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**Fr. Jim Secora** - June 16, 2025 at 12:37 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Edward Leonard.*



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June 16, 2025 at 10:23 AM



“ *Sue & Mary, I am going to miss seeing you at 9:30 Mass, with your Dad. He had a very loving couple of daughters. God Bless you and your entire family. RIP Edward. Peg Marmie*

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**peg marmie** - June 15, 2025 at 08:07 PM

RU

“ Rick and Kathy Usery planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward Leonard.

Rick and Kathy Usery - June 15, 2025 at 04:50 PM

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“ Rick and Kathy Usery purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Edward Leonard.



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



June 15, 2025 at 02:28 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Edward Leonard.



June 14, 2025 at 08:36 PM



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