



## Edward Grygiel

June 10, 1950 - May 20, 2007

Edward S. Grygiel, age 56 of Dixon, died at Rockford Memorial Hospital Sunday May 20, 2007. He was born in Dixon June 10, 1950 the son of Stephen and Anna Marie (Wachowiak) Grygiel. He was a Chartered Property and Casualty Underwriter. He had been a Commercial Lines Manager with U.S.F. & G Co. in Dixon for 22 years, a Commercial and Personal lines Manager with Western States Insurance Co. in Freeport and a Program Underwriter with The Bituminous Insurance Co. in Rock Island. From 2002 until 2004 he co-owned and operated the Adams Brechler and Grygiel Co. in Dixon. He was a member of the Inland Marine Underwriters Assn. He was a member of St. Anne Catholic Church in Dixon, a member of the Knights of Columbus Council 690, Fr. Boland Assembly Fourth Degree, Dixon Elks Lodge 779, Freeport Order of Eagles, Past president of the Dixon Petunia Festival Board, Past president of the Dixon Noon Lions Club and a past member of the Dixon Area United Way. He was an avid fan of both the Chicago White Sox and Notre Dame. He was united in marriage to Nancy Tolle in Chicago Heights Illinois September 8, 1973. He was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife of Dixon; son Ryan Grygiel of Lakewood CO; daughter Jennifer Grygiel at home; sister Sue (Jerry Grzybowski) Burkhart of LaSalle; brother Ron (Linda) Grygiel of Dixon. Funeral services will be held on Thursday May 24, 2007 beginning with a 10:00 A.M. prayer service in the Jones Funeral Home in Dixon followed by a 10:30 AM Mass of Christian Burial at St. Anne Catholic Church with the Rev. Michael Morrissey, pastor,

officiating. Burial will follow in Oakwood Cemetery in Dixon. Visitation will be held on Wednesday May 23 from 2:00 until 8:00 PM with a scripture service at 7:30 PM in the funeral home. A memorial has been established.

# Tribute Wall



“ *This memorial is very much long overdue but I was thinking about Ed and how much he meant. Ed was a great, hospitable guy. His wife Nancy as well, along with all the folks in Dixon. Ed gave myself and my brother Paul our start in the insurance business over three decades ago, when we both we struggling career wise, financially , and needed help/job. Ed passed many years ago but his helped my career, my family, etc, to this day, as I’m still in the business. Ed’s knowledge, guidance, easy going personality, hospitality, etc, have helped me immeasurably, and I’m so thankful and great full. It felt great to reciprocate and assist Ed with referrals to his employ at Western States and Bituminous. Ed was very hard worker, evidenced by his daily commutes to Freeport and Rock Island while at Western States and Bituminous. Paul and I attended Ed’s funeral and was no surprise why there were many people in attendance. Thanks Ed for everything you did for myself and my brother. I was in dire straits before you hired me. You, Nancy, Rick & Carol Masterson, Bob Shoemaker, Tony Brecunier, many others, welcomed a lost guy feel right at home. You all are Saints. Thank you! Mike Snuttjer.*

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**Mike Snuttjer** - November 04, 2024 at 12:03 AM



“ *Edward Grygiel*

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October 08, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *Edward Grygiel*

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December 31, 2022 at 02:40 AM

LK

“ Ed was a great friend to both of my parents and the loss of him - at such a young age - seems horribly unfair. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.

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**Laura Kuhn** - May 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ Ed is a great guy to know & work with. He was always cheerful and easygoing, never taking this business we were in together very seriously, but knowing, and expressing, that family & friends were the most important things in life.

*He told me about his recent trip to Poland and how much he enjoyed seeing where his "roots" were.*

*May God Bless his spirit.*

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**Carl Lawson** - May 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ It is with great shock and sadness that I learned of Ed's passing today. Even though I have only known Ed for the last few years, I feel that I have lost a good friend. He was our branch's Home Office advisor and was very helpful whenever I needed his advice. He was wonderful to work with and always had a positive outlook. He will be sorely missed by all those that were fortunate to know him.

*Words are never enough, but my thoughts and prayers are with the family in this difficult time. I am so sorry about your loss.*

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**John Goetz** - May 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ I was extremely sad to hear of Ed's untimely death. My thoughts and prayers are with the entire family and everyone who has been affected by this tragedy. I wish I could be there during this hard time and I'm sorry I can't be. Ed was an amazing person and will never be forgotten by myself or anyone else who had the pleasure of knowing him.

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**Adrienne Dubois** - May 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ I am very sorry to hear of Ed's passing. I met Ed only once in Atlanta. Over dinner, he shared stories of his 63 Corvette. As a fellow car guy, I enjoyed this very much and think of those stories often.

*I wish you well in this time of sorrow.*

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**David Price** - May 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BY

“ Ed was a good man that will be deeply missed by many. His family will be in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Bobby Yarnell** - May 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Ed and I enjoyed talking about the White Sox. We especially enjoyed the year they won the World Series. I'll miss having him here to keep me informed on what's going on with the team.

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**Sherree Cady** - May 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Ms. Grygiel, I am so sorry!! My heart and thoughts, as well as Tiffany's, are with you. Live like you haven't before!!

*Elaine and Tiffany Spearance*

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**Spearance Family** - May 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ very nice & also pleasant to work with.

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**Joyce S. Lay** - May 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ I was shocked and saddened to learn of Ed's untimely passing. He was more than just a close friend and fellow underwriter, but a good buddy. We shared quite a few baseball and football moments (White Sox and Bears) at work and over lunch. After I retired, getting together with Ed at lunch periodically to catch up on ?things? was an important event I will miss very much. May God's peace and comfort be with his family and friends.

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**Art Weaver** - May 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ To the family. I wanted to let you know what a job it was to have known Ed. I have participated in many underwriting audits with him out of town at which we could discuss our families, gardening and recipes. His energy was a delight to experience. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

*God Bless !*

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**Robin Guffey** - May 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Ed is the last DHS Class of 1968 classmate I've seen (at Rips in Ladd last fall). It has been an honor and privilege to have known you all these years. I'll never forget your kind face and good nature.

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**Terry Fischer** - May 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ Nancy,

*It was a shock to see Ed's name when I checked the Telegraph online.*

*No words that I can express will lift your sorrow. But just take comfort knowing that there are many people who are praying for you. Hopefully, those prayers and the good memories of the times you shared with Ed will help to bring peace to you.*

*Tom Berwanger*

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**Tom Berwanger** - May 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Nancy & Family, Our prayers are with you, Ed was a wonderful person and will be greatly missed buy all that know him.\*

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**Mary Smith** - May 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ Nancy and Jenny,  
We are so very sorry for your loss and your family is in our prayers.  
May your wonderful memories and Ed's place in your hearts comfort  
you in this time of grief. May God's grace and love guide you  
through your sorrow and give you peace. Thinking of you and your  
family.  
Cindy, Steve and Dustin

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**Cindy Phillips** - May 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Nancy, Jenny and Ryan  
We learned of Ed's death this afternoon from one of his long-time  
insurance friends here in town. We are so shocked to hear about  
this and we want you to know that you have our deepest sympathy  
and prayers.\*

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**Jean and John Hutchison** - May 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ Nancy and family,  
We are so sorry to hear of your loss.  
You are in our thoughts and prayers.  
With our deepest sympathy, Paul & Jane

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**Paul & Jane Blake** - May 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

WR

“ I am sorry to learn of Ed's passing. Ed was the company rep for my Dad's agency when I 1st came to the crazy world of insurance. Over the years I learned a lot from Ed and it wasn't just insurance. Ed was a fine man. I respected him and his opinion. After he left USF&G, I was glad when ever I would bump into him and get a chance to talk to him for a few minutes. God bless you and your family.

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**Wayne Reising** - May 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM