



Edward "Fast Eddie" Soistman, Sr.

August 2, 1919 - August 17, 2010

Edward Charles "Fast Eddie" Soistman, Sr. 91, of Orlando, Florida, passed away on Tuesday, August 17, 2010.

Mr. Soistman was born in Baltimore, Maryland. He was a lay minister at St. John Lutheran Church, Winter Park, FL. He was the husband of Dot, brother of Harry, Joe, Pearl and Elmer. Father of Ed(Marianne) and Ken (Jennifer),. Grandfather of Eddie, Laurie, Steve, Jeff, Jamie, Mary and Stephanie. Grandfather-in-law of Cathy, Doug, Danielle, Theresa, Dan and Chris. Great-Grandfather of Trevor, Joshua, Rylie MacKenzie, Morgan, Matthew, Lindsay, Libby, Hope, Faith and Cassie. GrandPop of 32. He loved life so much he just couldn't get enough of it. He also loved the Lord, our Mom and all of us and just couldn't get enough of us. Our Mom and the Lord just couldn't wait any longer to embrace him again. Welcome home, Fast Eddie, you can slow down now.

Family will be receiving friends from 3 to 7 P.M. on Saturday, August 21, at St. John Lutheran Church. A service will be held on Sunday, August 22, 2010 at 3:00 P.M. at St. John Lutheran Church, 1600 S. Orlando Ave. Winter Park, FL.

There will be a graveside service at 10:00 A.M. on Monday, August 23, 2010 at Woodlawn Memorial Park, Gotha, FL. In lieu of flowers the family request donations be made to the Edward C. Soistman Sr. Memorial Fund.

Arrangements entrusted to DeGusipe Funeral Home 9001 N. Orlando Ave. Maitland, FL. 32751. phone 407-695-2273. www.degusipefuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ I learned of Ed's passing into eternity from a note I received in today's mail from Pastor Bob Hock.

We were all much younger back in 1985, when my husband Greg and I became members of St. John's Lutheran Church.

Just a few months later, on May 25th, 1986, I was broad-sided by another car that had been directed at me head-on, at the intersection of Pine Hills Road and North Lane in Orlando.

I suffered multiple injuries, including 4 fractures to my pelvic bone and one to my right hip.

Ed came to visit me in Brookwood Hospital many times; most notably, (to my memory) 10 days after the wreck, when doctors finally administered a laxative. Dearest Ed was in the room when I finally had a BM...a full ten days after the accident. To say things stunk would be an understatement...and yet, I was astounded by Ed's avoidance of the obvious. He was there to see and support me in my time of need.

Weeks later, no, probably months afterward, when I was finally able to walk again, I attended a Sunday service at St. John.

I'll never forget (indeed, I've shared this story many times) the BEAR-HUG I got from Ed as I entered the church! I hadn't fully appreciated the pain from my broken ribs...suffered in the car wreck months before...until Ed Soistman hugged and welcomed me back to St. John's!!!

Ed Soistman's loving smile and welcoming personality are forever engraved upon my heart.

It is with sincere sympathy that I (finally) join you and your family in grieving at his tragic loss.

I can only console myself now...and hope that you can, too...in God's Promise of joyful reunions in Heaven....when He calls us to Him in our final resting place.

Ed Soistman....you are loved! Thank you for "being Jesus" to me in my life...how precious you are and always will be!!!

Love,

Holly Bentley##imported-begin##Holly Bentley##imported-end##

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“ To the Soistman Family,
Our condolences for your loss.

*Emily and Philip Baxter##imported-begin##Emily Richard-
Baxter##imported-end##*

August 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Ed,
Heath and I were so sorry to hear about the loss of your
Grandfather. This is such a terrible tragedy and must be so painful
for your family. Our prayers are with all of you during your time of
mourning.##imported-begin##Corinna and Heath
Swayze##imported-end##

August 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ My deepest, belated, condolences to the Soistman family on the
tragic and sudden and loss of Mr. Eddie Soistman, Sr. I had the
pleasure of meeting Mr, Soistman during preparation for and
celebration of his Grandson, Eddie, to my Niece, Cathy.##imported-
begin##Chuck Troia##imported-end##

August 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Soistman Family,
My fondest thoughts of Granpop will always have a special place in my heart and soul. I was happy to be a part of many family gatherings and ski trips to Colorado. He is truly an inspiration to "all" his family and will be remembered always. God bless the Soistman family. Love, Shannon###imported-begin###Shannon Greeley###imported-end###

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“ To "Fast Eddies's Family - In our lifetime we are often Blessed to know just an extraordinary person - I was in my short time for working with him at St. John Lutheran many years ago - but oh how I loved and respected him with what he gave of himself and to so many others not only in the congregaation but outside - will we ever forget his sense of humor and smile (always there for a hug also whether you were feeling good or bad) - we are all definitley better off for knowing this servant of "God" - my sympathies to the family who whas so lucky to have him as part of their lives.###imported-begin###Nancy Brand###imported-end###

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“ Ed was a true gentleman and it was a pleasure working with him. Please accept our condolences at this time.###imported-begin###John&Doris Hils###imported-end###

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“ Ed was a great gentle man that always went out of his way to make everyone feel welcome around him. When my Mom was in the hospital he visited many times and prayed with her eventhough he did not know her personally. He left a huge indelible mark on this earth and I know heaven was a little brighter when he walked thru the gates. God bless to the Soistman family. Love- Syd###imported-begin###Syd Speer###imported-end##

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“ I am so sorry for your loss. He was a wonderful man whose work was done here on earth. He will continue all of his teachings in Heaven and watch over you from above.###imported-begin###Nicole Bender###imported-end##

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“ Dear Soistman Family,

We are so so sorry for your loss...Fast Eddie was a FANTASTIC man and everytime he saw us his face would light up and would greet everyone with a huge smile! He will be missed by everyone from Stuff the Magic Dragon to Mickey and Minnie...God must of needed another social director and he's got the best one he's ever made! Rest in Peace Fast Eddie!!

Love The Stanley's###imported-begin###The Stanley's###imported-end##

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“ *The Soistman Family,
My condolences to all of you. As you know we grew up on Calloway Dr., and your parents were a big part of our life. Recently we lost our brother (son) Keith, and your father not only showed up at the service, he spoke, and brought back a lot of good memories. He was a wonderful person and will always be remembered. Our thoughts & prayers are with you.*

The Bourcier family##imported-begin##The Bourcier Family##imported-end##

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“ *What a true blessing Mr. Soistman was to the world and what an inspiration to all of us.He was such an example of how we should live our lives. He always had a sparkle in his eye and was so full of life and laughter. Our condolences, thoughts and prayers are with your family. Much love. Kim and Joe##imported-begin##kimberly and Joe##imported-end##*

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“ *There are so many great things you can say about Eddie, how loved he was by all that were touched by all the good and caring things that he did for others, we remember him well when he came to see us in the hospital and prayed with us. God gave him a great gift and now he has joined in him heaven. He will be missed by all. Our hearts go out to his family only to know what a wonderful man he was to his church and what he gave of himself to help others. God be with you.##imported-begin##James and Donna Galvin##imported-end##*

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“ We are Shannon Greeley's parents in Sarasota and we wanted you to know how saddened we are to hear the news that Grandpa Soistman has passed away. Shannon has always spoken of him in such a loving way. She said he's a remarkable man who will be greatly missed by all of you. Our condolences to Ed his Grandson, and all of your family.##imported-begin##George & Pat Greeley##imported-end##

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“ R.I.P. Fast Eddie. We love and miss you.##imported-begin##Marycarol##imported-end##

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“ My heartfelt sympathy goes out to Eddie and Kenny and to their families. I wish I could be there in person to share your grief and your wonderful memories of a very remarkable man. IA happy memory is that of Marycarol and I trying to keep up with "Fast Eddie" during one wonderful day at Disney.)

Love, Aunt Juanita##imported-begin##"Aunt" Juanita##imported-end##

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“ I am so sorry to hear about the loss of Grandpop this past Tuesday. He was certainly an inspiration to all in how to live life with great generosity, compassion. I knew him my entire life, from swimming in their swimming pool as a child to seeing him at many family gatherings. He always met me with a "firm" handshake and a smile!! He will be missed; but I'm sure he is busy shaking many hands in heaven...Love, Alan##imported-begin##Alan Novotny##imported-end##

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“ Kenny,
Our thoughts & our prayers are with you & yours.

We remember you fondly from All Souls days.

Jack & Margaret Sr.##imported-begin##Jack & Margaret Wiggins##imported-end##

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