



Ed Hardy

October 28, 1948 - July 31, 2022

Edward Timothy Hardy

October 28, 1948 – July 31, 2022

Edward “Ed” Hardy died peacefully in his sleep of natural causes Sunday, July 31, 2022, with his wife, Kim, and daughter, Stephanie, by his side.

Ed and Kim moved to Nashville in 2004 so he could run Scripps Networks’ Great American Country Television Network. They relocated from Portland, Oregon where they had resided for 26 years. He always believed Nashville was one of the best places to live in the country. Ed retired from the music industry in 2012 but couldn’t quite leave as he remained active on several boards of directors including the CMA Foundation, the NCVB, and the WO Smith School of Music amongst others. Having been in the Army Reserves for over 20 years, he believed whole-heartedly in promoting causes for veterans and was active in those causes until the end.

Ed wasn’t someone who craved the spotlight even in a business that promoted the same. He was humble, quiet, and rather private with his thoughts and actions. The integrity, honesty, and decency he carried were obvious and respected by all who knew him. He could be trusted to think before he spoke and to believe in what he said. Ed had a very dry sense of

humor, but one he reserved for special people and even then you had to listen. Ed was never one to be stingy with his help, advice and knowledge. Anyone who asked, would get his attention without hesitation. His business acumen was unequalled, even outside of the music world.

In his later years, Ed was plagued with some serious health issues that prevented him from doing some of the things he loved to do: travel, golf, dining out, and socializing with his good friends. But he remained mentally sharp and active as his many emails and texts will attest! He was blessed to have had the opportunity to walk his daughter down the aisle at her wedding in 2019. His new son-in-law, Jake, became the son he never had. He was able to welcome two lovely grandchildren into the family, both of whom delighted him.

Ed was preceded in death by his devoted parents, Edward B. and Rita M. Hardy. He leaves behind the love of his life and wife of 40 years, Kim; loving daughter, Stephanie, and her husband, Jacob Kasbrick; his grandchildren Emmie Jeanne Kasbrick and Bear Weller Kasbrick. Cousins Patrick, Thomas, Catherine, and John Hardy. His family of in-laws: Mother-in-law Jeanne Wynne-Parry, Sisters-in-law Vicki and Randi Wynne-Parry, and brother-in-law Todd Wynne-Parry. Nieces and nephews: Ian and Nicole Volchoff; Rachel and Stuart Fatzinger; Tara, Conor, and Ethan Wynne-Parry . He also leaves behind hundreds of friends, associates, and acquaintances that he made in the 50+ years he was in the country radio and television industries. Like his family, they all are better for knowing and loving him and will miss his presence on this earth every day.

There will be a private interment and graveside service for family only in Cleveland, Ohio.

A celebratory memorial will be held at a date yet to be determined here in

Nashville.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the WO Smith School of Music (wosmith.org), Operation Song (operationsong.org), or The Charlie and Hazel Daniels Veterans and Military Family Center at MTSU (mtsu.edu).

Tribute Wall



“ *Ed Hardy*

October 14, 2022 at 08:02 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Ed Hardy.*



August 08, 2022 at 09:45 PM