



## Edward Carl Brakob

January 12, 1947 - July 3, 2024

Edward Carl Brakob Sr., beloved husband, father, grandfather, and esteemed member of the

community, passed away at home on July 3, 2024, at the age of 77.

Born on January 12, 1947, in Ada, Minnesota, Ed was the son of Hans and Irene Brakob. He grew up

alongside his siblings and developed a strong work ethic and love for his family and community. Ed

graduated from Twin Valley High School in 1965 and furthered his education at Thief River Falls

Vocational Technical School, graduating in 1967.

Ed married his beloved wife, Kathy Brakob, on June 18, 1966, and together they built a life filled with

love and devotion. Ed was a dedicated father to his two sons, Eddie and Devin, and took great pride in

their accomplishments. He cherished his role as a grandfather and great-grandfather to five

grandchildren: David, Courtney, Dakota, Brittney, and Dylan and four great grandchildren: Emilyn, Joy,

Cora, and Henry.

Professionally, Ed had a fulfilling 35-year career as an airplane mechanic, beginning with Piedmont

Airlines and later transitioning to American Airlines. Post-retirement, Ed

continued to contribute to his community, serving as a security monitor at Butts Road Elementary School for 8 years.

Ed had a passion for gardening and spent many peaceful hours tending to his plants. He enjoyed taking long walks, sharing jokes that brightened the lives of those around him, and working outdoors in the fresh air.

Ed is survived by his loving wife, Kathy Brakob; devoted son, Devin Brakob, and daughter-in-law, Ann; grandchildren, David (Kim), Courtney (Cameron), Dakota (Parker), Brittney, and Dylan; great grandchildren Emilyn, Joy, Cora, and Henry; and his surviving siblings, Carolyn, Anna (Curtis), Colleen, Lyle (Margaret), Hank (Colleen), and Hans; and his late son Eddie's widow, Christa Biernot. He was preceded in death by his son, Eddie Brakob in 2014, and his siblings Carol, Doris, and Arthur.

A memorial service to celebrate Ed's life will be held at Hickory United Methodist Church at 2708 Battlefield Blvd. South, Chesapeake, Virginia, on July 13, 2024, at 2:00 pm.

The family kindly requests no flowers. For those who wish to honor Ed's memory, donations may be made to Hickory United Methodist Church (<https://hickoryumc.breezechms.com/give/online>) in honor of Ed's memory.

Ed will be fondly remembered for his kindness, dedication, and sense of humor. His legacy of hard work and love for his family and friends will forever live on in the hearts of those who were fortunate enough to know him.

Rest in peace, dear Ed. You will be deeply missed and eternally cherished

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that people donate to Hickory UMC. <https://hickoryumc.breezechms.com/give/online>

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUL 13. 2:00 PM (ET)

Hickory United Methodist Church  
2708 Battlefield Blvd. S  
Chesapeake, VA

# Tribute Wall

TO

“ Ed was a wonderful person and the perfect fit for his school resource position. The students LOVED him. His calm demeanor and ability to connect with young and old inspired me. Condolences to Kathy and his family.

Theresa Ornoff - July 14, 2024 at 03:19 PM

JL

“ I didn't really know Ed but knew his wife, Kathy. I loved the cards he made for her for all occasions. He could have been a famous artist. They were so creative and smart but mostly showed how much he loved her.

janet lantz - July 11, 2024 at 06:37 PM

RS

“ Mr Brakob was a joy to see in the credit union branch. I loved hearing his travel stories and we would share in each other's excitement about upcoming trips. I appreciated how he would always take the time to say hello and always so happy and positive. He will be missed.

Ronda Stafford - July 11, 2024 at 10:18 AM

LS

“ Ed and I grew up together in Twin Valley, MN. We were classmates all through school. I remember what a happy go lucky guy he was; always a joke or two. I never heard him say a bad word about anyone. My sympathy to his family and friends. Lani Johnson Stephenson

LoAnn Stephenson - July 08, 2024 at 09:05 PM

DA

“ *Best high school buddy. We were very mischievous, but never cruel. Never ever seen him unhappy. We stayed in touch over the years and will miss his dry jokes. Rest in peace Ed, see you at the pearly gates! Dave Anderson*

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**David Anderson** - July 06, 2024 at 01:01 AM

MN

“ *Ed was a wonderful man and everyone loved him especially his wife and his family. He was very active at Hickory UMC for many years and he will be missed. He loved to tell stories about his life in Minnesota. He was an all around good guy. God Bless his family and friends.*

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**Margaret G Norfleet** - July 05, 2024 at 08:09 PM

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**Devin Brakob** - July 04, 2024 at 08:20 PM

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**Devin Brakob** - July 04, 2024 at 08:18 PM