



# Edmund E. Perri

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**E**dmund E. Perri Jr. of Estero, Florida passed away with his loving family by his side on Thursday, June 9, 2016 following some recent health challenges. He was 80 years old. Mr. Perri was born on December 6, 1935 in Chicago, Illinois, the proud son of Josephine (DiSalvo) and Edmund E. Perri Sr. He was a veteran who proudly served our nation in the United States Marine Corps. He spent his working life as a Dispatcher for a Natural Gas Utility Company. He was married to and is survived by his loving wife Elaine (Stiles) Perri. Immediate funeral ceremonies are private. Arrangements have been entrusted to Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home and Cemetery, 1589 Colonial Boulevard, Fort Myers, Florida 33907, (239) 936-0555. To leave a tribute, share a story or offer condolences to the family, please visit Mr. Perri's memorial webpage at [www.fortmyersmemorial.com](http://www.fortmyersmemorial.com) and sign his guestbook.



## Tribute Wall

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JP

**Jeff Perri** posted:

Dear Dad, today is a very difficult day for me because I'm used to calling you and wishing you a Happy Fathers Day . Today I just wanted to say Thank You for all the great memories we shared. You were the type of person wherever you were you always made it a better place . Your willingness to always help others and to never boast or brag about it . I learned from my daughter Nicole when she arrived back home after you passed she was telling me that you used to go to the Elementary school and talk to the children at school and then later the children would write letters to you. I just smiled and thought to myself that's my Dad . So Dad it is an honor for me to call you my Father . I will try to carry on our last name with the same dignity and respect in which you did . I know Heaven just got a little better now that you are there with Grampa & Gramma . I know I can be at peace now that you can Rest In Peace . So Dad I just wanted to say Happy Fathers Day and you will always have a place in my Heart . Rest In Peace Dad . Love your son Jeff

June 19 at 7:03 PM

JS

**Jeff Perri (Son)** posted:

Well Dad this is a very tough day for me because I'm used to calling you and wishing you a Happy Fathers Day . I just wanted to say Thank u for all the great memories over the years , Dad you were a great guy and no matter where you were you always made it a better place . Always trying to help people . I had another pleasant surprise of this as my daughter Nicole got home after you have passed and I learned how you went to Elementary schools to talk to the children and then the children wrote you letters . I just smiled and thought that was my Dad . Never really boasting or bragging but always doing for others . Well Dad this comes with a very heavy heart today but I just wanted to say I know Heaven became a little better by you being their and being with Grampa & Gramma again . So please Rest in Peace Dad . You will always have a special place in my Heart . So Dad i want to Say with all my Love Happy Fathers Day !!!! Love your son , Jeff

June 19 at 4:31 PM

PB

**Patricia Perri Belmonte** posted:

Brother Ed, what can one blue eyed sibling say to the other when life's journey is over for one of us. ( Dennis and Kathy plug your ears) you were always a favorite with mom and dad, and a source of pride to them with your many accomplishments. You were double promoted from 6th to 8th because you were one hell of a bright boy. you played sports as often as you could. You played piano like a pro. You helped mom with Aunt Rose when our aunt was an invalid. Every day you came to the house to carry auntie to bed when she could no longer walk on her own. I guess it sounds like I'm reading that big book the Lord has on all of us, and I know there is so much more good you did in your life cause that's the kind of guy you were. Now it's time for you to rest in peace, you surely deserve it. Until we met again, dear brother, I love you. Patricia.

June 14 at 4:57 PM



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MK

**Mary Kanak** posted:

My little brother, Jimmy Slivka, remembers spending a wonderful day at my Dad and Ginger's house in Florida with Eddie. It was the day of their commencement ceremony. Eddie played the piano at their house during their reception! Jim said that Eddie had learned how to play the piano after he retired! We will all miss his twinkling eyes, big smile & bit heart! Love, Mary Terese (Slivka) Kanak

June 14 at 2:51 PM

HS

**Harold & Ethel Spratt** posted:

Dear Eddie, we will miss you greatly and wanted to send our deepest sympathy to Elaine and your family! We will cherish our friendship forever and never forget our wonderful timer together! We shared many great memories from camping, all the way to you planning activities for the gas gang and lastly spending time together in Florida! We will miss you dearly and most of all your contagious smile! Love Always, Harold and Ethel Spratt

June 14 at 9:22 AM

DP

**Dennis Perri** posted:

All of my memories of Ed are wonderful. He was a great Big Brother and I will always remember our times together. Riverview Park, Candida by Perri etc. We shared a lot and I will miss him. His upbeat, positive attitude has always amazed me. Love you. Brother D.

June 14 at 9:11 AM

MG

**Marlene Graziano** posted:

Our sincere condolences to all the family for the very sad loss of a wonderful, kind and fun loving man. We will always remember his warm smile and sweet, friendly nature. You will find comfort and strength within each other and all the fond memories you share. Sincerely, Cousins, Marlene and Lee

June 14 at 7:03 AM



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**Mary Kanak** posted:

Oh Mr. Perri! You made everything and everywhere we went with the Gashouse Gang fun. I can remember sitting down on a comfy lawn chair with a book at a picnic or two and you would come up to me and say, "Mar? What are you doing? Aren't you going to play volleyball or play in the egg toss or anything?" And so I would get up and participate and have a great time. My sister, (Barb Slivka) reminded me that it was you that coordinated all the times that Santa came to visit the bowling alley at Christmas time. I still have a picture of our oldest daughter with Santa at the bowling alley when she was only 5 weeks old. You made everything fun! We miss you and we love you! Love and prayers to Elaine & your family from all the Slivka kids, Love, Mary Terese . . . say hi to my parents for me!!

June 13 at 5:13 PM

NM

**Nicole Marie** posted:

Wishing you an endless supply of tomato sandwiches, pasta, limoncello, cribbage, bocce ball, golf, water volleyball, tennis, ping pong, Cubs, Hawks, laughs & love up in Heaven! Grandpa Perri & El always sang camp songs whenever we took a trip in Florida. One of his favorites was: "You can't get to Heaven" Oh, you can't get to Heaven if your name is Ed 'Cause his love was so widespread Oh you can't get to Heaven if your name is Ed 'Cause his love was so widespread Oh I want to go to heaven, and I want to do it right So I'll go up to heaven all dressed in white Oh one fine day, and it won't be long You'll look for me, and I'll be gone And if you get to heaven before I do Just drill a hole and pull me through But if I get to heaven before you do I'll drill a hole and spit on you Well if I get to heaven, before you do I'll plug that hole, with shavings and glue That's all there is, there is no more St. Peter said, as he shut the door Oh there's one more thing I forgot to tell If you don't go to heaven, you'll go to... bed And that's the end, St. Peter said As he closed the gates, And went to bed. xo Rest in Paradise gramps xo

June 12 at 4:06 PM

KN

**Kathy Nelson** posted:

Generous and kind with an unparalleled love of life is how I'll remember my big brother. His wit was evident til the day he died and he never failed to make us laugh. I suspect that heaven needed a new Master of Ceremonies but the world is a little dimmer today. Love you Ed

June 12 at 3:52 PM



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MC

**Marilyn Clarke** posted:

Elaine, I am so sorry for your loss. Ed and I go back a long time with the Gas Co. We shared lots of laughs and had a great time working there. I really enjoyed the time I was in Florida and all the Gas House Gang met for lunch and I was able to join you. What fun that was. We all will miss him. My prayers are with you and your family at this sad time. Thanks for the memories Ed. God be with you. Marilyn Clarke

June 12 at 2:46 PM

RL

**Riley Lewers** posted:

I couldn't have said it any better if I tried. He was an amazing grandpa, and spending time with him was such a genuine pleasure. He exuded serenity, humor, and kindness at all times, and was such a wonderful example for me growing up. I will miss him dearly, and I am honored to have been able to call him my grandpa, and been able to honor his life and memory by lighting a candle and saying a prayer in churches for him while here in Italy (he was so proud of his Italian heritage!!), although I wish I had been able to say goodbye in person. He will be loved and missed by so many, and his legacy of compassion and decency is a testament to the man he was and the life he lived. -Riley Lewers

June 12 at 2:16 PM

DS

**Debbi Siwinski** posted:

Joe Tortorich and family are very sorry for your loss of Eddie. He will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May he rest in rest.

June 12 at 1:12 PM



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TL

**Tc Schafer-Lewers** posted:

As long as I've known him (since 1984), I've always referred to Ed as "Per". Per is by far one of the nicest people I've ever met. He was always warm, welcoming, outgoing, considerate and enthusiastic. When I had the chance to meet Per's siblings, Dennis, Kathy and Patty, and found them to be just as decent and as nice as Per, I realized what a great job Per's dad and mom Josie did in raising their family. And Per passed on those wonderful qualities of friendliness and warmth to his three sons, Jimmy, Bobby and Jeff. My condolences go out to his siblings and sons and their families. My connection to Per is through my mother-in-law, Ellie. They were such a wonderful couple and an inspiration to me. They really seemed to appreciate one another, never taking each other for granted. Per was always so kind and warm to Ellie's three children, Christopher, Nick and Jennifer. I know that my husband, Christopher, always had a very special bond with Per. And Per warmly welcomed me into the family. My five children, Caitlin, Kelly, Riley, Justin and Dylan, loved their "Grandpa Perri" and delighted in his company. Per was also a wonderful friend to so many. He knew no stranger and he and Ellie really worked at maintaining their friendships through travel and graciously entertaining them in their home. These last several years challenged Per with health concerns but Ellie literally devoted her life to caring for him. It was obvious that she was motivated to do so purely out of love for Per. Jennifer and Ellie both did so much to make Per's last several years happy and comfortable. My admiration and respect for Ellie and Jennifer in this regard is beyond words. I will never forget Per's "baby blues" which were one of his most striking features. As handsome as Per was (a Tony Bennett look-alike), it was his sparkling personality which really stood out. He was like a burst of sunshine. In addition to his warmth and sparkling personality, I will always remember how Per loved to laugh. His laugh made those around him laugh so hard that their bellies ached and tears flowed from their eyes. Though Per was never judgmental, he did have a strong sense of what was right and he had a way of interjecting that in a calm and understated manner or gesture. He was such a decent man and led by quiet example. He was deeply loved by so many and will be sorely missed. t.c. schafers lewers

June 12 at 10:58 AM

DI

**Dicosolo** posted:

Eddie, you will be greatly missed. You were always planning activities to keep us all together and having fun. Prayers and hugs to you, Elaine and all his family. May our Lord bring peace to your hearts as you grieve the loss of such a special man. Vito & Marlene

June 12 at 10:58 AM



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