



Edwin W Yerdon Sr

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On Wednesday, April 2nd, 2025, Edwin Yerdon, Sr. passed away surrounded by loved ones, leaving behind 99 years of memories. He was a father, grandpa, great-grandpa, a WWII veteran—fighting in the Battle of the Bulge with two Bronze Stars—and one of the toughest, kindest men you'd ever meet.

Family and friends are invited to a visitation in Ed's honor on Tuesday, April 8, 2025, at Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home, from 11:00 a.m. until a Celebration of Life beginning at 1:00 p.m. Placement in Memorial Gardens Cemetery will immediately follow.

Ed worked hard his whole life, growing up on a farm, joining the army, and running bars in New York and Florida, where he never met a stranger and always had a story to tell. He was famous for his legendary Yerdon burgers, and if you ever had one, you knew it was made with the same heart and grit that defined him. The Outpost Bar was more than just a business—it was a place where he made lifelong friends, and he loved each and every one of them.

He believed in a firm handshake, an honest day's work, and taking life as it comes. But more than anything, he believed in love. The love he shared with his wife, Dorothy, was something rare and beautiful—one for the ages. They had years of adventures together before she passed in 2003, and now, they're finally reunited.

Ed is survived by his son, Edwin Yerdon, Jr.; stepdaughter, Danielle Burke (Gary); grandchildren, Brandi Yerdon, Christin Mason (AJ), Joey Yerdon, Kimberly Burke, Rebecca McGuire, and Heather Pethick; great-grandchildren, Jaidah Estep, Zaiden Lozano, Gavin Brindley, Taylor Mason, Colton Mason, Brooklyn Mason, Abigail Burke, Tristan McGuire, Hayden McGuire, Jackson McGuire; Kylee Howdeshell, Kinley Howdeshell, and Noah Pethick; sister, Juanita; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in passing by the love of his life, Dorothy Yerdon; daughter, Debra Yerdon; stepdaughter, Cathy Sprague (stepdaughter); parents, Walter and Mabel Yerdon; and siblings,



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Harold, Sally, Walter, Bert, and William.

He will remain in the hearts of everyone who was lucky enough to know him, and in the minds of all those he taught about life and helped raise. His boots may be empty, but his spirit sure ain't gone. We'll keep his stories alive, raise a glass in his honor, and carry on the lessons he left us.

Rest easy, Grandpa—you've earned it. 💜

If anyone has any pictures or memories to share, please leave in comments or inbox any of us, thank you!



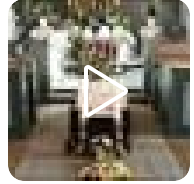
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Fort Myers Memorial Gardens shared a **Webcast Video**.

April 7 at 4:00 PM



Dawn Yerdon lit a candle in honor of Edwin.

Love you Uncle Ed ❤️

April 8 at 9:21 PM



Darlene Rhoton shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

April 8 at 4:03 PM



Darlene Rhoton lit a candle in honor of Edwin.

RIP Grampa. Forever in our hearts

April 8 at 3:17 PM



Heather Pethick lit a candle in honor of Edwin.

Rest well, Grandpa. Although I am saddened by your departure, I am happy you're back with Grandma. ❤️

April 8 at 1:47 PM



Brandi Yerdon lit a candle in honor of Edwin.

We all love and Miss you!!!!

April 7 at 2:21 PM





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Christin Mason posted:

My grandpa was one of the best men you could ever possibly meet. He was one of the oldest WWII serviceman before his passing at 99yrs old. He loved his family, he loved adventure, and he was as honest and hard-working as they come. If you ever knew him, you were lucky. We are going to miss the heck out of him, and will keep his memory alive within future generations. I love you grandpa.

April 7 at 10:24 AM



Brandi Yerdon lit a candle in honor of Edwin.

I love and miss you so much Grandpa! I find comfort that you are reunited with your loved ones that went before you, as you were one tough SOB to live this long! May you forever be at peace and in the arms of the ones you love. Just don't forget us down here! Give me a sign every now and then, please :)



April 7 at 10:11 AM



Brandi Yerdon posted:

Just his presence was enough

April 7 at 10:06 AM



Brandi Yerdon posted:

The stops at south of the border, when i would get to ride up to New York with grandma and grandpa. they stopped at this animal rescue place, because they know i loved animals. well they didn't expect like 6 hour crying fit i would have when i found out i couldn't keep them all - LOL - they never did that again :')

April 7 at 10:06 AM



Brandi Yerdon posted:

The way he was with people. Everyone was family - blood or not. there was no half or step with him. He was an all or nothing type of man.

April 7 at 10:04 AM



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Brandi Yerdon posted:

My whole childhood, all he wanted was to put a smile on the kids faces, he didnt care, he would wear hats, make funny faces, and even let you take his picture, i have proof lol!

April 7 at 10:03 AM



Brandi Yerdon posted:

Murphys Law, and if your not early, youre late!

April 7 at 10:02 AM



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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Edwin by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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