



## Edward J. Bailey

May 6, 1931 - April 21, 2025

Edward James Bailey, 93, of Syracuse passed away on April 21, 2025, at Menorah Park of CNY. Born on May 6, 1931 in Schenectady, NY the son of Edward Ansel and Lena (Sheldon) Bailey.

As a child he lived in Marcellus, NY, proudly raising chickens and delivering eggs on his bicycle. He attended Marcellus High School, played basketball and other sports. He attended Cornell University and was a member of the track team.

He married Mary Elma Wilcox in 1951. They had 5 children: Edward, Jr. (Skip), William, Clarke (Shelby) and Barbara (Bob) Degen and Linda (Todd) Kolb.

During the 50's, he owned his own construction company. In 1959 Ed joined Nationwide Insurance where he was in sales and management until his retirement in 1989. Work took him to various areas of NY state, finally settling in Syracuse.

In 1988 Ed turned his lifelong hobby into a business and opened Suburban Stamps Coins & Collectibles with his partners. He was a board member of the Syracuse Stamp Club. Ed was active during his life in Boy Scouts, Rotary and Lions Clubs and member of Jordan Masonic Lodge #386.

In 1989 Ed met "The love of his life" Cathi Johnson who has been his incredible companion! They have traveled, hiked, boated, and just enjoyed her cooking and playing cards.

Ed could always be found with a camera and enjoyed taking pictures of the family or their travels.

Ed was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Bill, his oldest son Skip, his daughter-in-law Leigh and his grandson Cory.

In addition to his other children and Cathi, Ed is survived by his sister Betty, many wonderful grandchildren, great grandchildren and one great-great grandson.

On Monday, May 5th calling hour will be from 10::30 to 12 pm with a Masonic service at

11:45. The funeral will follow at 12 noon at B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home, 10 Genesee St., Camillus.

A reception will be held immediately following at Green Lakes State Park in Fayetteville at the Old Administration Building.

Burial will be held at a later date at Riverside Cemetery in Copenhagen, NY.

Please sign his guestbook at [www.BLBUSH.com](http://www.BLBUSH.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 5. 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home  
10 W. Genesee Street  
Camillus, NY 13031  
(315) 672-3400  
info@bushfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.bushfuneralhome.com/>

## Masonic Service

MAY 5. 11:45 AM (ET)

B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home  
10 W. Genesee Street  
Camillus, NY 13031  
(315) 672-3400  
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## Service

MAY 5. 12:00 PM (ET)

B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home  
10 W. Genesee Street  
Camillus, NY 13031  
(315) 672-3400  
info@bushfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.bushfuneralhome.com/>

## Reception

MAY 5. 1:30 PM (ET)

Green Lakes State Park  
7900 Green Lakes Road  
Fayetteville, NY 13066  
(315) 637-6111  
<https://parks.ny.gov/visit/state-parks/green-lakes-state-park>

# Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home / Monuments - October 08, 2025 at 09:55 AM

MH

“ I was Mr. Ed Bailey's secretary for a while when I was very young; maybe in my 20's at Nationwide Insurance. Mr. Bailey was very tall, handsome and humane, patient and kind. I left for bigger dreams, but liked working for the Sales Department. I was saddened to see his obituary, but realized he was much older than me at the time. Now at 79 years old, it was not that far off. I will keep Mr. Bailey in my prayers.

Maxine (Hill) Honyoust

Maxine Louise Honyoust - May 25, 2025 at 08:58 PM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Edward J. Bailey.



May 03, 2025 at 12:43 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Edward J. Bailey.

May 03, 2025 at 12:43 AM

JS

“ A great philatelist. The stamp collecting community will surely miss him.

JAMES SHATTELL - April 29, 2025 at 10:20 PM

YH

“ Your friends group from Hilton Head purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Edward J. Bailey.



Your friends group from Hilton Head - April 28, 2025 at 03:53 PM

YH

“ Your friends group from Hilton Head planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward J. Bailey.

Your friends group from Hilton Head - April 28, 2025 at 03:53 PM

DS

“ Don & Dawn Evans - Ridgeland, SC purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Edward J. Bailey.



Don & Dawn Evans - Ridgeland, SC - April 28, 2025 at 03:25 PM

DS

“ Don & Dawn Evans - Ridgeland, SC planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward J. Bailey.

Don & Dawn Evans - Ridgeland, SC - April 28, 2025 at 03:25 PM

KK

“ We are so sorry to lose another uncle. Found this picture of Ed, Bill, and my mom Betty. They were a good-looking trio, and evidently had a wonderful day that day, in addition to many others throughout their lives. We have ordered the Peaceful Lilies flower arrangement for the visitation and service in Uncle Ed's memory. Unfortunately, I do not believe any of us will be able to attend, but keep you all in our thoughts. Ed's niece Karen



Karen Klose - April 24, 2025 at 03:46 PM

VJ

*Please accept my sincere condolences. Ed will be very much missed at the Syracuse Stamp Club. Vincent Juchimek*

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**Vincent Juchimek** - May 05, 2025 at 02:29 PM