



Edward Lee Gregorio

November 26, 1947 - May 17, 2013

Edward Lee Gregorio, 65, died Friday, May 17, 2013 in Granbury, Texas following a brief illness. He was born in Ft. Smith, Arkansas on November 26, 1947 to Angelo Dominic and Uel Marguerite (Boyd) Gregorio. Ed spent his school years in New Jersey where he played tuba in the school band and played on the baseball team. After high school, he attended Northeastern State University in Tahlequah where he participated in the marching band and obtained a Bachelor's degree in education. He married Claudia Kubicek while attending Northeastern State University. Upon graduation, he returned to New Jersey where he taught for one year and his daughter, Tammy was born. His son Kyle was born in June of 1979. Ed moved to Okmulgee and taught from 1972 until 1979. After teaching, he began working for Workforce Oklahoma in March of 1979, which he continued until he accepted an administrative position at OU in the Continuing Education specializing in job training. At this time, he moved to Norman, OK. He married Marchetta Roof on March 24, 2001. In 2011, while still living in Norman, they bought a lake house in Granbury, TX. This was to be his retirement home. In November 2012, he became an official resident of Granbury and had just completed the move in April of this year. Ed loved sports, especially football and baseball. He was a season ticket holder of OU football tickets and attended many bowl games. His favorite NFL team was the Philadelphia Eagles. He also was an avid fan of the Texas Rangers, and watched the Philadelphia Phillies and would try to

attend a MLB game if the team was playing. A major goal of his was to visit every major stadium. Ed loved to cook and he also was in a bowling league most of his adult years.

Ed was a member of the Okmulgee Elks Lodge for over 30 years. During this time, he held the position of all the chairs including Exalted Ruler. At the national level, he was the District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the Northeast District. At the state level, he was chairman of many committees and held the positions of Northeast District Vice President. In 2011, he reached his ultimate goal and served the State of Oklahoma as their State President. He was proud to represent the state in Phoenix, AZ and very much enjoyed his travels seeing Elksdom throughout the state. One of the most important things to Ed in the Elks was ritual and Oklahoma Major Projects. In ritual, he participated as an officer and helped coach many teams. In Major Projects, which supports Special Olympics, Scholarships and many youth programs, he served a term as Major Projects President. At the local lodge level, he participated in the 1822 players, which main goal is to support major projects. He loved to travel. He had visited all 50 states, 12 countries and 1 U.S. territory.

He was preceded in death by his daughter Tammy Gregorio and his mother.

Survivors include his wife Marchetta Elaine Gregorio of the home, his father Angelo Gregorio of Okmulgee, OK, three sons Kyle and wife Alicia Gregorio from Carl Junction, MO., Daniel Roof and wife Vanessa of Ft. Carson, CO., Patrick Roof of Norman, OK, two daughters Jennifer and husband Ricky Salazar of Friendswood, TX, Janie Roof of Ft. Collins, CO., and one brother Louis and wife Lisa Gregorio of Crossett, AR, four grandchildren Brianna Gregorio, Brendan Roof Ethan Roof and Liliana Salazar.

A celebration of Ed's life will be on Wednesday, May 22, 2013, at 10:00 am, at

the Okmulgee Elk's Lodge with Rev. Tim Craighton officiating. Burial will be in the Okmulgee Cemetery. Casketbearers will be Marvin Sears, Charlie Brasier, Dale Sibert, Brian Sibert, Rick Medlin and Mark Sellers. The family suggests contributions be made in Ed's name to the Oklahoma Major Projects/Okmulgee Elks Lodge. Condolences may be made at mcclendon-winters.com.

Cemetery Details

Okmulgee Cemetery

2601 South Wood Drive
Okmulgee, OK 74447
(918) 756-5109

Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAY 22. 10:00 AM (CT)

Okmulgee Elks Lodge
701 So. Mission Rd.
Okmulgee, OK 74447

Tribute Wall



“ *Edward Lee Gregorio*

December 20, 2022 at 11:29 AM



“ *Cheryl Whomble lit a candle in memory of Edward Lee Gregorio*



Cheryl Whomble - May 25, 2013 at 09:59 AM

“ The following comments are provided by Bill Brackett and Eddie Wood; co-founders of the Workforce Oklahoma Training Institute, and retired Directors and Instructors. The Institute belonged to the Division of Public and Community Services, College of Continuing Education, University of Oklahoma, and was funded under a grant from the Oklahoma Department of Commerce. The Institute’s primary objective was to provide training and development, and technical assistance to Workforce Centers across Oklahoma. We first came to know Ed during the early eighties while he was working on his course work for the Employment and Training Professional Certificate. He was quickly recognized for his ability to grasp the concepts we and other faculty were teaching. We also came to know Ed personally while working on projects with him for the Eastern Private Industry Council.

The better we came to know him, the more we began to respect his intelligence and abilities. Our relationship with Ed grew over about the next 20 years, when both Eddie and I began to think about downsizing and giving up the leadership to someone else. The Institute was our legacy, and we did not take this decision lightly. Our only concern was that we could not find anyone with the knowledge of Oklahoma programs, commitment to the Institute, and skills to handle the duties required by both the Workforce side and the University.

After an extensive search, we found only one individual who could meet these requirements and that was Ed Gregorio. We hired him because of the criteria listed above and his integrity.

Ed worked for the University for one year, learning his duties before becoming the Institute Director. Besides his administrative duties, he coordinated the Employment and Training Professional certificate program, which had a strong curriculum and was recognized nationally. The program was attended by staff from Workforce centers across the state. This was the only credential of its type offered by a major university in the United States. To pull this off, Ed had to identify appropriate needs for staff to perform their jobs properly, recruit the best instructors from across the country to teach the curriculum, and approve their learning

objectives and materials. The certificate was recognized in a national catalogue of university certificate programs. Many staff, who participated in the program, credits it for developing skills they couldn't have developed anywhere else.

Another of Ed's duties was to plan and coordinate the Workforce Oklahoma Partner's Conference, which included chairing the conference committee. He organized and contributed many hours in making sure that everything ran smoothly. Workforce staff took many new ideas and concept from the conference back to their workplaces to implement better programs.

These were just a few of Ed's duties, outside of his administrative role.

Before retiring, our Associate Vice President thought well enough of Ed to appoint him to head up a special project for the Public and Community Services division and report directly to her.

We're summarizing Ed's career at the University, because his obituary only mentions that he worked at OU. It doesn't document that Ed was a unique individual that had to have special skills and knowledge to assist Workforce frontline staff in preparing to help people pull their lives together and become employable so they could support their families and lead meaningful lives. His contribution to the cause should be noted and appreciated, not just by family and friends, but by all Oklahoma citizens. Edward Gregorio was committed to making a difference and that shouldn't be forgotten.

Bill Brackett, Workforce Oklahoma Training Institute (Ret) Eddie Wood, workforce Oklahoma Training Institute (Ret)

Bill Brackett & Eddie Wood - May 24, 2013 at 02:26 PM

BB

“ *Marchetta & Family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time in your lives.....May your memories of your life with him be filled with joy and happiness... We are so very sorry for your loss..God bless and keep you..Bill and Cheryl Brackett*

Bill & Cheryl Brackett - May 24, 2013 at 02:57 AM

BB

“ *Bill & Cheryl Brackett lit a candle in memory of Edward Lee Gregorio*



Bill & Cheryl Brackett - May 24, 2013 at 02:52 AM

GR

“ *Marchetta and Family,
May your hearts soon be filled with wonderful memories of joyful times together as you celebrate a life well lived.*

*James & Glenda Rowe
Matthew Starnes, Lauren Starnes,-San Antonio, Texas*

Glenda Rowe - May 20, 2013 at 03:36 PM

BB

Marchetta and Family,

We, the Division of Public and Community Services at the University of Oklahoma, are saddened by Ed's sudden death. He was a loyal employee and gave countless years of service to the issues surrounding the preparedness of Oklahoma's workforce. Our hearts go out to you and your family in this your hour of need.

*Dr. Belinda Biscoe
Associate Vice President for Outreach
The University of Oklahoma*

Belinda Biscoe - May 23, 2013 at 03:44 PM

AD

“ Allan & Sandra Davidson lit a candle in memory of Edward Lee Gregorio



Allan & Sandra Davidson - May 20, 2013 at 10:25 AM

RR

“ Renae "Thomas" Raburn lit a candle in memory of Edward Lee Gregorio



Renae "Thomas" Raburn - May 20, 2013 at 10:18 AM

JH

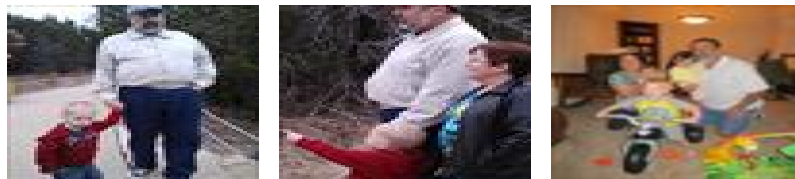
“ John & Diana Hays lit a candle in memory of Edward Lee Gregorio



John & Diana Hays - May 20, 2013 at 09:48 AM

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Daniel Roof - May 19, 2013 at 08:24 PM

JC

“ *Ed was a friend and co-worker...he left a legacy of good will and compassion for others. My sincere sympathy to his wife and son.*



Jeneane Campbell - May 19, 2013 at 01:20 PM

SF

“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out Ed's friends and family. Ed will surely be missed!*



Sam & Becky Fleming - May 19, 2013 at 12:54 PM

DH

“ *Doug Hamilton lit a candle in memory of Edward Lee Gregorio*



doug hamilton - May 19, 2013 at 10:25 AM

BC

“ *Bobbi Crabtree lit a candle in memory of Edward Lee Gregorio*



Bobbi Crabtree - May 19, 2013 at 09:18 AM

VT

“ Vicky & Chris Thomas lit a candle in memory of Edward Lee Gregorio



Vicky & Chris Thomas - May 18, 2013 at 11:05 PM

LB

“ Linda Boyd lit a candle in memory of Edward Lee Gregorio



Linda Boyd - May 18, 2013 at 11:24 AM

LB

Ed was a long time friend and one of the nicest people I've known. He will be missed by many. My thoughts and prayers go out to Marqueta, Kyle and all family at this time. Rest in peace my friend.

Linda Boyd - May 18, 2013 at 11:27 AM

MH

“ Ed was my college roommate and best man at our wedding 43 years ago. He was always there for us and visited us at our military assignments whenever he could. He was also dedicated to the Elks. Please know that he is now and will always be in our hearts and prayers.

Merrick & Helen Harrison
Cibolo, Texas

Merrick Harrison - May 18, 2013 at 11:13 AM