



## Wilbur "Ed" Edward Kuenning Jr.

July 2, 1927 - February 10, 2021

Wilbur "Ed" Edward Kuenning Jr., age 93, of Celina, passed away on Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at 7:58 pm at his residence. He was born July 2, 1927 in New Bremen to the late Wilbur Edward Kuenning Sr. and Ada (Bertke) Kuenning. On August 2, 1953 he married Wilma L. (Schnarre) Kuenning. They were together for 68 wonderful years and she survives at their residence in Celina.

Other survivors include his children, Druann (Gary) Kuenning Whitaker of Celina, Mark (Beverly) Kuenning of Celina and Kimberly (Rick) Kuenning Werling of Celina; two sisters-in-law, Deloris Kuenning, Moline of Illinois and Dixie Kuenning of St. Marys; eleven grandchildren, Cheridy (Paul) Saunders of Columbus, Ty (Lynda) Eisenmann Whitaker of Cincinnati, Shay Whitaker of Denver, CO, Leisa Butterfield of Galion, Ohio, Julie (Kyle) Schmehl of St. Marys, Jennifer (Nick) Phillips of Celina, Andrew Moriarty of FL, Courtney Moriarty of Columbus, Sharee (Ian) Quick of Troy, Miranda (Mitchell) Hawkins of Texas and Josiah Werling of Washington State; and eleven great grandchildren.

He is also preceded in death by two brothers, Kenneth Kuenning and Jack Kuenning.

Ed was a 1945 graduate of St. Marys Memorial High School and he served his country in the United States Navy during the WWII era. He retired from Barr's Five and Dime in Celina as store manager after 42 years of employment.

Ed was a very active member of the First Presbyterian Church in Celina, Celina American Legion Post #210 and Celina Masonic Lodge #241. He was active in the community being recognized as the Celina Citizen of the Year. He also played an instrumental part in bringing back the Celina Lake Festival after WWII.

As our hearts ache for the physical loss of Ed, we find solace knowing that he is now with God. He is at peace. And for that, we are grateful.

Visitation hours will be from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm, Sunday, February 14, 2021 in the Cisco

Funeral Home, Celina. To conclude the visitation there will be a Masonic Service.

Funeral service will be on Monday, February 15, 2021 at 10:30 am at the First Presbyterian Church in Celina with Pastor Nan Clancy officiating. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the church. Military rites will be conducted by the Celina American Legion Post #210 and VFW Post #5713.

Interment will follow the funeral service at Mercer Memory Gardens in Celina.

Memorial contributions can be made to the First Presbyterian Church, 700 N. Main St., Celina, OH 45822.

Attendees are required to follow social distancing and guidelines dictated by the Ohio Department of Health, due to the national concerns of COVID-19. Masks are required by attendees at the visitation and funeral service.

Cisco Funeral Homes of Celina & St. Marys are honored to care for Ed and his family. To pay respects and to leave online condolences or memories, visit <http://www.ciscofuneralhome.com> or Cisco Funeral Home Facebook page.

# Cemetery

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## Mercer Memory Garden

Celina, OH, 45822

# Events

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**FEB** **Visitation** 01:00PM - 04:00PM

**14**

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Cisco Funeral Home - Celina

6921 State Rte. 703 E., Celina, OH, US, 45822

**FEB** **Visitation** 09:30AM - 10:30AM

**15**

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First Presbyterian Church

700 North Main Street, Celina, OH, US, 45822

**FEB** **Funeral Service** 10:30AM

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First Presbyterian Church

700 North Main Street, Celina, OH, US, 45822

# Comments

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“ An external video has been added.



Cisco Funeral Homes - February 14 at 10:43 AM

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“ Beautiful video

janet (quellhorst) Swartz - February 17 at 10:17 AM

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“ Thinking of you this morning and what a difficult day this will be. Praying for strength and comfort for all today. What a great video of your family and the wonderful people in all those pictures. You have great memories to treasure. Sending love to all. On a much lighter note ..... Uncle Ed could easily have been a hat model. He looked great in a wide variety of hats. Bunches of love, Pam

Pam Hersha - February 15 at 10:28 AM

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“ What a wonderful husband, father, and man Ed was, and Wilma, you and Ed were such an exemplary couple! We are so sorry for your loss but may Ed rest in peace. We are sorry we cannot be there with you but you and all your family will be in our thoughts and prayers. Sending our deepest sympathy, hugs, and love, Connie and Bob Rose

connie rose - February 14 at 09:28 AM

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“ Brian James lit a candle in memory of Wilbur "Ed" Edward Kuenning Jr.



**Brian James** - February 13 at 09:12 PM

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“ Mrs. Kuenning, Druann, Mark and Kimberly,

I thought a lot of Ed, as did the entire staff of the Daily Standard and the rest of the downtown merchants. As his ad rep, I found that he was great to work with, and we became well acquainted over the years. We usually met at his upstairs office but also over the entire store, even down to the basement "cave" where the candy was stored during the big sales. Four generations of my family enjoyed shopping at Barr's, especially my kids in the toy and scouting departments.

My condolences on your loss. Ed is well remembered throughout Celina and all of Mercer County and the surrounding area.

John and Taffy Lake

**John Lake** - February 13 at 03:16 PM

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“ Dru,

Sorry to hear of your dad's passing. We always remember him as "Mr. Barr's". Had several relatives work for him and enjoyed their time working for him. He certainly was an important part of Celina's landscape. Please extend our condolences to your family.

Garry & Kris Winget



**Kristine Winget** - February 13 at 09:24 AM

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“ Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wilbur "Ed" Edward Kuenning Jr..



February 12 at 11:39 PM

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“ Wilma, Dru and family, Russ and I are so sorry for your loss. Ed was so special to us. He will truly be missed, but he is in a better place now, without pain. Remember the good times! Remember his ready smile! Your family is very close so we know you will be a great support system for Wilma. Love and Hugs, Muriel and Russell

**Muriel Stevens** - February 12 at 09:22 PM

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“ Druann,  
So sorry to see the news of your father passing. I did not know him well, but I know he was a good guy. You and your family are in my prayers.

Tom Fishbaugh

**Thomas Fishbaugh** - February 12 at 08:38 PM

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“ Dry,  
So sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. He was such a nice person. I have so many fond memories of him, and Barr's Five and Dime. I bought my first turtle and cameleon there, during the Lake Festivals.  
Also, best candy in town. Your Dad brought great joy, to many local people.  
May your Dad.....  
Rest In Peace.

**Terri Doenges** - February 13 at 07:09 AM

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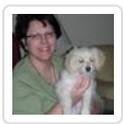


“ I am the daughter of Lafe and Marie (Otte) Topp. Marie and Ed's dad, Wilbur, we're first cousins. Years ago, I remember our family "going to town" in Celina to shop and we always had to stop at Barr's to talk with Ed. Despite being a busy store manager, he always took the time to chat with us for a few minutes. His was a life well-lived. My sympathy to Wilma and all the family.

Kathy Topp

**Kathy Topp** - February 12 at 08:34 PM

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“ In memory of our dear Uncle Ed. What a blessing he was to us all. There was a genuine joy about him. He was a hard worker and had endless energy it seemed. When we visited often in the summer and winter he and Aunt Wilma were very welcoming and loving. We would often have family reunions and enjoy family stories and shared in the laughter that was sure to follow. We will miss him but know he is now in his true home with those who have gone before him, in Heaven. My sincere condolences go out to our entire family.

Annette (Kuenning) Hong

**Annette Hong** - February 12 at 06:45 PM

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“ Lots of good memories of Ed. He was very good to my dad. Dad thought a lot of Ed. Our condolences to Wilma and family.

Jim and Martha Boehmer - February 12 at 04:29 PM

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“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Wilbur "Ed" Edward Kuenning Jr..



February 12 at 11:38 AM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Wilbur "Ed" Edward Kuenning Jr..



February 12 at 06:56 AM