



Edwin "Ed" James Kohler

November 3, 1942 - July 28, 2025

Edwin "Ed" James Kohler, age 82, of Drummond Island, Michigan, died on July 28, 2025, at McLaren Northern Michigan in Petoskey, Michigan. He was born on November 3, 1942, in Wyandotte, Michigan, to Edwin and Irene (Krahnke) Kohler.

Ed was raised in Gibraltar, Michigan, and graduated from Trenton High School. He went on to attend Ferris State University and Henry Ford Community College. He met Nijole "Nicki" Dimavicius, they married and started their family raising three sons. Ed went on to join the family business at Peck Electric, and through years of dedication and hard work with the I.B.E.W. Local 58, he earned his Master Electrician license and ultimately retired as a Business Agent in 2002. He married his second wife, Karen, in 1985 and resided in New Boston, Michigan, for many years. After retirement, Ed and Karen moved to Drummond Island, where he built his home on the Kohler Family property - a place that brought him peace and joy.

Ed generously gave his time as a volunteer EMS crew member in New Boston, Michigan, and was a proud member of the Shriners Motor Corps in his Masonic club. He also enjoyed serving as a coach for his sons' youth hockey teams.

Ed had a deep love for the outdoors and could often be found mowing his

lawn or tending to his pristine property. He enjoyed feeding the deer, playing golf—once even achieving a hole-in-one—and spending time with his beloved dogs, especially “Coco,” who held a special place in his heart. A devoted fan of the Detroit Red Wings, Ed also had a lifelong, love-hate relationship with the Detroit Lions. He especially loved cooking a good meal, best enjoyed at his favorite place—home on Drummond Island.

Ed is survived by his sons, Kevin (Lesley) Kohler of Boyne City, Michigan, Gordon Kohler of Farmington Hills, Michigan, and Brian (Michelle) Kohler of Gibraltar, Michigan; grandchildren, Savannah (Jordan) Conti, Shelby (Kyle) Jarvis, Sadie (Nick) Brown, Kira Kohler, and Aiden Kohler; and great-grandson, Archer Conti.

Ed was preceded in death by his wife, Karen; and parents, Edwin and Irene.

Visitation will be held August 23, 2025, from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM at the Drummond Island Lutheran Church, 29515 E Channel Rd, Drummond Island, MI 49726. The Memorial Service will follow at 11:00 AM.

Edwin’s final resting place will be at the Drummond Island Cemetery.

Family Life Funeral Homes – Pickford assisted the family with arrangements. Condolences may be left to the family at www.familylifefh.com.

Cemetery Details

Drummond Island Cemetery

34318 S Townline Road
Drummond Island, MI 49726

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 23. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Drummond Island Lutheran Church
29515 E. Channel Rd
Drummond Island, MI 49726

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ From the Kohler Girls purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Edwin "Ed" James Kohler.



From the Kohler Girls - August 22, 2025 at 01:37 PM

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“ Kohler boys and family, keeping you all in our thoughts at this difficult time Your dad always asked about my dad when he missed his morning phone calls and it's going to be a difficult adjustment .May you find comfort in knowing he is soaring with the angels and reunited with Karen Hugs, Mike & Diane



M&D - August 03, 2025 at 07:28 PM

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“ Brian, Michelle and the Kohler Family.. we send our most sincere condolences on the passing of you Dad. We truly hope you find peace within your fondest memories and rememberences of the times you all spent together. Sending all our love and hugs to you all! Were always here if there is anything you need!
Love, The Spicer Family. Jen, Doug, Brody and Shane

Jen Spicer - August 01, 2025 at 11:26 PM

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“ Ed with Aleen Savage, his constant companion and love for the past year and a half.



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“ Of all the memories I have of Cousin Edwin, my favorite is from when I was a little girl and Edwin was working at Peck Electric. We lived a couple of blocks down Third Street and he would bring his lunch over and sit in our kitchen with us kids and his Aunt Rhoda to eat. He always shared his chips or fries with us. We have lots of other great memories of Edwin, but that's my favorite. Love to all the family and friends who will miss him dearly. From Cousin Lea Ellwood-Filkins

Lea Ellwood-Filkins - July 31, 2025 at 04:10 PM