



Raymond Edward Link, Jr

March 25, 1961 - September 6, 2021

Raymond Edward Link Jr., "Eddie", 60, of Lake Norman and formerly of Charlotte, NC, passed away Monday afternoon, September 6, 2021 at Litchfield Beach, SC, surrounded by his wife and some of his children. He was born March 25, 1961 in Charlotte, NC, son of Raymond and Sylvia Link.

Eddie began working at Ivey's Department Store while in high school. After graduating from South Mecklenburg high school, he continued working at Ivey's while putting himself through college and graduated with a degree in business from UNC Charlotte.

After graduation, Eddie married his high school sweetheart, Clara Barnes, who he had met when they both worked at Ivey's. The couple moved to Lake Norman, Eddie's dream, where they have resided ever since.

Prior to the birth of their first child, Eddie started what would become a very successful career at Northwestern Mutual. He was a natural born salesman and sold life insurance for over thirty years, building long relationships with clients and their families while helping them prepare for their futures.

Eddie and Clara were blessed with four children and many years of treasured memories of their active family in homeschooling, golf, ballet, musical instruments, and Boy Scouts. Eddie loved his family greatly and devoted

much time and energy to leading and guiding them, along with Clara, throughout the children's growing up years. Living on Lake Norman, the family loved boating and many of the water activities.

One cannot forget Eddie's love of music and his extensive music library. His favorite band was the Grateful Dead and many summers were spent listening to their songs on his pier on Lake Norman. He also loved golf, NASCAR, especially the years when Dale Earnhardt raced, and he excitedly looked forward to football season each year.

Anyone that knew Eddie knew how much he loved to cook, and to feed people, a talent he continued to share until the very end. He was the kind of person who identified ways to help others and then just stepped in and did it, without any fanfare, by taking them some of his fantastic cooking or silently doing what he could financially.

In 2001, Eddie was diagnosed with throat cancer and underwent radiation treatment. His cancer treatment was difficult, but successful, and he had several years of normal life again. In 2010, he began having swallowing issues which led to aspirating and continued bouts of pneumonia. In 2012, Eddie had to go on a feeding tube. Also his voice became compromised and very diminished due to the long term effects of radiation. But his spirit and courage and willpower kept him fighting throughout the remaining years of his life to be there for his family, never giving up.

Eddie was appreciated by many, loved deeply by his family, and will be missed the most by the woman who met him 43 years ago and was privileged to share life with him, who he understood and cherished dearly, as she did him.

Besides being survived by his wife, Clara Barnes Link, Eddie is survived by

daughters, Jennifer Michel and husband, Jack of Charlotte, NC, Holly Barbrey and husband, Ben of Winston-Salem, NC, Mary Mae Link and fiancé Christopher Stevens of Charlotte, NC, and son Raymond Link and fiancée Rachel Mazur of Mt. Pleasant, SC; and grandchildren Everly, Genevieve, and Liesl Michel, and Theodore Barbrey.

A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. at Cavin-Cook Funeral Home in Mooresville.

Cemetery Details

Cavin-Cook FH & Crematory

494 E. Plaza Drive
Mooresville, NC 28115

Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP **15**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory
494 East Plaza Drive (PO Box 977)
Mooresville, NC 28115

Tribute Wall



“ I will never forget what a great time I had coming to visit the Link family at their lake house on Lake Norman. It was a kids (and now in hindsight also an adult!) paradise. Eddie was so generous with his time, making sure all the kids got their turn tubing, fishing and as much time in the water as they could handle. I'm sure he was that way in his day to day life - warm, welcoming, generous & fun loving - and will be missed immensely by his family. Sending lots of love,
Emily Perry

Emily Perry - September 15, 2021 at 04:59 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Raymond Edward Link, Jr.



September 14, 2021 at 06:25 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Raymond Edward Link, Jr.



September 13, 2021 at 01:47 PM

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“ Perry & Hilda Link & family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Raymond Edward Link, Jr.



Perry & Hilda Link & family - September 13, 2021 at 12:59 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Raymond Edward Link, Jr.



September 13, 2021 at 12:48 PM

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“ Your Lincoln Team purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Raymond Edward Link, Jr.



Your Lincoln Team - September 13, 2021 at 12:07 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Raymond Edward Link, Jr.



September 13, 2021 at 12:00 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Raymond Edward Link, Jr.*



September 13, 2021 at 11:10 AM



“ *Eddie drove by my house one day while I was plowing my back yard with my roto-tiller. A few minutes later he came back by with his roto-tiller on a trailer and helped plow the rest.*

On another occasion, without me knowing, he took pictures of me fishing, and catching, in his cove and sent them to me entitled "Hagar's Creek Troller."

Eddie was a great neighbor and friend.

Bill McCall

Bill McCall - September 13, 2021 at 10:43 AM



“ *Beverly J Walker purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Raymond Edward Link, Jr.*



Beverly J Walker - September 13, 2021 at 09:21 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Raymond Edward Link, Jr.*



September 13, 2021 at 09:17 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Raymond Edward Link, Jr.*



September 13, 2021 at 07:32 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Raymond Edward Link, Jr.*



September 12, 2021 at 06:19 PM



“ *Danny & Dianne Glover, Nita Link Peck purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Raymond Edward Link, Jr.*



Danny & Dianne Glover, Nita Link Peck - September 12, 2021
at 04:59 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Raymond Edward Link, Jr.*



September 12, 2021 at 07:44 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Raymond Edward Link, Jr.*



September 11, 2021 at 07:14 PM



“ *Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Raymond Edward Link, Jr.*



September 11, 2021 at 07:13 PM