



## Ed Lawler

September 12, 1946 - April 13, 2020

Ed Lawler, 73 of Carroll, died Monday, April 13, 2020 at his home in Carroll.

A Private Family Funeral Service will be held at the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll on Thursday, April 16, 2020. Fr. Dan Guenther will preside. Honorary Casket Bearers will be Ed's Godsons: Danny Lawler, TJ Lawler, Craig Olerich, Rick Lawler, along with nephews Ben Malloy, and Jeremy Gray. Casket Bearers will be Ed's family. Burial will be in St. Ann's Cemetery in Vail with military honors conducted by the Carroll American Legion.

A Live Stream Broadcast and recording of Ed's service can be found by visiting the Sharp Funeral Home Carroll, Iowa YouTube Channel at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqd2eeRJK5RTdEJoEooUoAQ>. An icon on that page will be available by 10:55 a.m. Thursday.

Born on September 12, 1946 in Carroll, Iowa, Edward was the son of John G. and Catherine (Lally) Lawler. Ed graduated from Kuemper High School with the Class of 1964 and served with the Army National Guard from 1966-1972. On September 5, 1970, Ed was married to Kathleen "Katie" Malloy at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Vail, Iowa. Ed furthered his education at Creighton University where he received his Pharmacy Degree in 1976. Ed and Katie lived in Omaha for a brief time and moved to the Carroll area in 1977 where he became the pharmacist at St. Anthony Regional Hospital. He, along with his wife Katie, later owned Lawler Pharmacy from 1983-1995. Ed then worked

for Carroll Clinic Pharmacy and Audubon Hospital Pharmacy, eventually retiring from Carroll Hy-Vee Pharmacy in 2014.

Over the years Ed was involved in the Carroll community as a city council member along with being a member of the St. John Paul II Parish, Carroll Knights of Columbus, Carroll American Legion, and RPM Car Club. As a member of the Carroll Athletic Association, was instrumental in renovating the 1946 Carroll Merchants Park.

Family, particularly his grandchildren, was a vital part of his life. He enjoyed playing cards, woodworking, bird watching, reading, and his '64 Chevy SS. An avid sports fan, he enjoyed the College World Series, and Creighton, Notre Dame, Kuemper and Carroll Merchant games. Above all, Ed loved people. Ed left no one as a stranger, as everyone he met became a friend to him.

Ed is survived by his wife Katie Lawler of Carroll; his children: Tim (Jane) Lawler of Carroll, Mark (Liz) Lawler of Dubuque, Jackie (Steve) Stoffel of Dubuque, and Ann (Alex) Eifler of Ankeny; his grandchildren: Taryn Lawler, Owen, Maura, Colin, and Aidan Lawler, Josh Stoffel and Kate Eifler; his step-grandchildren: Dustin (Anna Origer) and Danielle (Pierce) Julich-Mead; his step-great grandson, Maxx Julich;

He is also survived by his siblings: Jim (Kathy) Lawler of Devine, TX, Mary (Gary) Jones of Ankeny, Tom (Jan) Lawler of Harlan, Dorothy (Myron) Olerich of Westside, Kevin (Cindy) Lawler of Carroll, Kristy (Mark) Poland of Carroll and Jeff (Nancy) Lawler of Granger; his mother-in-law, Helen Malloy of Westside; his brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law: Mary (Jim) Gray of Marion, Pat Malloy of Westside, Mike (Sue) Malloy of Omaha, NE and Sheila (Steve) Nebbia of Omaha, NE; as well as many nieces, nephews, other extended relatives and many dear friends.

Ed was preceded in death by his parents; and his father-in-law, Clair "Pete"

Malloy.

Those wishing to make a memorial may direct it to St. Anthony Regional Cancer Center, Ed Lawler Memorial at Kuemper Catholic School Foundation or St. John Paul II Parish. Memorials may be mailed to: Sharp Funeral Home, 226 W. 8th Street, Carroll, IA 51401.

Funeral arrangements are under the guidance of the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll, and online condolences may be left for Ed's family at [www.sharpfuneral.com](http://www.sharpfuneral.com).

# Tribute Wall

LK

“Katie and family so sorry to learn of Ed's passing. He was a great person and very caring. He was a great pharmacist and very helpful when dealing with a sick child. He will be missed. We want you to know you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Steve and Lori Kayser

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**Lori Kayser** - April 29, 2020 at 06:05 PM

AW

“Tim and family,  
I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your dad. I had the opportunity to see him a few times over the years at Creighton alumni events. He was a great representative for the pharmacy profession. My thoughts are with all of you.

Kind regards,  
Amy Friedman Wilson  
KHS Class of 1989

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**Amy Friedman Wilson** - April 26, 2020 at 11:49 PM

LB

“Katie and family, I am so sorry to read about Ed's passing. He was a super guy! I loved working for him at the Pharmacy and he taught me alot. I miss him. My sympathies to you all. Love, Lisa Brinker

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**Lisa Brinker** - April 19, 2020 at 11:25 PM

Jackie  
Reineke

“ *Mark was a great poem and tribute to your dad. You can tell the love you had for him.  
My sympathy to Katie, Tim, Mark, Jackie and Ann. Your dad was a great man and friend too many. He is your special Angel watching over all of you and your families.*

*Jackie Reineke*

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**Jackie Reineke** - April 18, 2020 at 01:47 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Ed Lawler.*



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April 17, 2020 at 04:20 PM



“ *Katie, we are so very sad to hear of Ed's passing. Sending prayers of comfort and love to all of you. Marion and Kenny Kaus*



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**Marion and Kenny Kaus** - April 17, 2020 at 01:59 PM



“ *Katie  
So sorry for your loss. Ed was such a good guy. We always enjoyed talking to both of you. He will be missed. We will keep you and your Family in our prayers.  
Tom & Patty Simons*

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**Tom & Patty Simons** - April 16, 2020 at 10:33 PM

LS

“ To Katie, family and the brother's and sister's of Ed, so sorry to hear that he had passed away. So many memories of growing up with Ed . So glad we did get to see him at the hospital a few weeks ago.. Always a smile on his face.  
Our deepest Sympathy.  
LeRoy and Janet Sander

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**LeRoy and Janet Sander** - April 16, 2020 at 06:20 PM

ME

“ I was so pleased to see the community tribute in the Observer. Hadn't seen "Eddie" in many years. He and Jimmy were always gracious and made time for their Texas cousin when I came to Iowa every summer. I can't bring up a single memory when he wasn't smiling! I see the same smile in his picture here. It is so good to hear his life was such a blessing to those around him. Praying for his family.

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**Marlene Espey** - April 16, 2020 at 01:16 PM

ME

*Marlene Meehan Espey*

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**Marlene Meehan Espey** - April 16, 2020 at 01:17 PM

PJ

“ Katie & family along with Ed's siblings....my deepest sympathy for your loss. Ed was certainly a great man. You were blessed with the best! I joined you via computer this morning and will keep you in my prayers.  
Pat (Heires) Jahde

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**Pat Jahde** - April 16, 2020 at 01:16 PM

SM

“Katie and all, Such a nice farewell-- I think ED is the only one I ever heard call you "Kathleen" and said it with heart and love, I grew up with all the Lawlers ,and practically spent 40% of our time over there-- so I have way too many memories to share, but our "friendly" card games were my favorite ones, of late- Toasting at 0930 am is a bit early for me, but "the Top O' the Mornin to Ye". - I was with you in prayers from California... Much love to you all, The Irish eyes really are smiling ( from heaven !). A good send off this morning! Only wish Pat could have done a little fly over with Johnny as co-pilot! The "other" Sue Malloy - Not Mike's wife....

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**Sue Malloy** - April 16, 2020 at 12:50 PM



“Katie and family - Our deepest sympathy to all of you. While we haven't connected much since we moved back to Omaha I have recently been driving past the old homestead off 60th St. and think of you guys each time. I remember the Sunday breakfasts and get togethers. You guys will always have a special place in our hearts. And it just happened that I did have some irish handy so I was able to do the special toast  
Love and prayers  
Tom and Barbara

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**Tom Walsh** - April 16, 2020 at 12:39 PM

RN

“Katie and family,  
Ed was a special person to many people. He cared for his customers. We were lucky to know Ed growing up and as 'our pharmacist '. Our deepest sympathy.  
Royce and Ruth Noelck

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**Ruth Noelck** - April 16, 2020 at 12:37 PM

MV

“ Sending you all so much love. Forever thankful for Ed and Katie's loyal friendship to our family. His grin and quiet but profound sense of humor will make us all smile in memory. Cheers to Ed and hugs to all of you-

*Meghan Velasquez and family*

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**Meghan Velasquez** - April 16, 2020 at 12:27 PM



BR

“ Katie and family, there just are no words to say to tell you how sad we are to hear that Ed has passed away. Just so sorry to hear. He definitely was one of the best and always had that fun grin and happy joking to share. The class of '64 will miss this guy so much too. Prayers and hugs for you all to get thru this hard time.

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**Bill and Kathy Rupiper** - April 16, 2020 at 11:09 AM


JS

“ so very sorry for all of ed's family , he will be missed by so many !!! always a onry smile and a story .... we are praying for strength for each of you ..  love jean & bill snyder

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**jean snyder** - April 16, 2020 at 09:29 AM

LB

“ I knew Ed at Hy-Vee pharmacy. He was always willing to help everyone  
My condolences to his family and let them know he will be missed  


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**Laura Buely** - April 16, 2020 at 04:45 AM

HS

“ *Katie and the entire Lawler family,*

*We are very sorry to hear about Ed's passing. He always had a welcoming smile on his face and loved to spend time with his family. Great memory of watching two grandsons play a baseball games in Dubuque with Mark and Jackie's family with Katie and Ed proud as ever!*

*Heather Steffans and family*

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**Heather Steffans** - April 16, 2020 at 02:18 AM



CR

“ *So sorry to hear of Ed's passing. May he Rest in Peace and may family and friends find solace in dear memories.*

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**Christy Rickers** - April 15, 2020 at 10:57 PM



KB

“ *I remember meeting ed at Lawler pharmacy. He was always so nice and helpful. I'm so sorry for your loss!*

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**Kim Bauman** - April 15, 2020 at 08:33 PM

LH

“ *Lorilee and Dirk Hamel purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Ed Lawler.*

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**Lorilee and Dirk Hamel** - April 15, 2020 at 05:58 PM



JB

“ *Jerry Boger lit a candle in memory of Ed Lawler*



Jerry Boger - April 15, 2020 at 04:46 PM

AO

“ *Very sorry to hear of the passing of Ed. Praying for your entire family during this difficult time. Angie Okones (Denny and Laura Danner)*

Angie Okones - April 15, 2020 at 04:12 PM

BP

“ *So very sorry to hear of Ed's passing. His smile, and love of people will never be forgotten. He was a true friend to whomever he met and I am honored to have known him. Prayers go out to his entire family.*

Bill and Kathi Peters - April 15, 2020 at 03:36 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ed Lawler.*



April 15, 2020 at 03:26 PM

BS

“ *Very sad to hear the news about Ed. Great guy! Mischievous grin and great sense of humor! Our Mom always looked forward to seeing him at HyVee - he always treated her great and with great respect - and if I visited HyVee alone he always asked about her. He was a caring man. He will be very missed by all.*

*The Vail Stedman's*

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**Bob Stedman** - April 15, 2020 at 03:22 PM

NH

*I am sorry to hear about Ed. He was such a nice guy. My condolences to the family.  
Nancy Daeges Harper*

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**Nancy Harper** - April 15, 2020 at 04:13 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Ed Lawler.*



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April 15, 2020 at 03:02 PM

SH

“ *Katie & Family:*

*We are so sorry for your loss! Ed was such a kind, sweet man! Always had a smile on his face. He will be missed by many! Keeping you in our thoughts & prayers!*

*Mark & Sue Hoffman*

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**Sue Hoffman** - April 15, 2020 at 02:50 PM

DL

“ I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. One thing I remember very well about Ed is that he was always smiling and had a kind word to share. Please know that we'll be keeping all of you in our prayers.

Sincerely,

Dan and Linh Lawler and kids (Gabrielle, Nathan, and Bridget)  
Northbrook, Illinois

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Dan Lawler - April 15, 2020 at 02:26 PM

DB

“ Diane Badding lit a candle in memory of Ed Lawler



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Diane Badding - April 15, 2020 at 02:18 PM

DB

Katie & Family,  
Sending you our sympathy, love & prayers. Ed was such an amazing man. He will be missed!  
Hugs, Nick & Diane Badding

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Diane Badding - April 15, 2020 at 02:20 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ed Lawler.



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April 15, 2020 at 12:35 PM

TT

“ To the Lawler Family - So sorry for your loss. Ed was always had a smile on his face and was such a kind man! Prayers for all of you - especially you Jackie!

Trish Tigges - April 15, 2020 at 11:25 AM

GB

I'm so sorry for your loss, he was one in a million in kindness. Prayers to all!

Gina Bauck - April 15, 2020 at 12:35 PM

DB

Katie & Family,  
Sending you our sympathy, love & prayers. Ed was such an amazing man. He will be missed!  
Hugs, Nick & Diane Badding

Diane Badding - April 15, 2020 at 02:14 PM

KJ

“ Kristi Schuler Jorgensen lit a candle in memory of Ed Lawler



Kristi Schuler Jorgensen - April 15, 2020 at 11:01 AM

ME

“ Jackie & Joshua,  
We are so sorry to hear about your dad / grandpa. We are thinking of you and you are in our prayers.  
Ezra, Odin, Jacobi Zakrzewski & Melanie Pape

Melanie - April 15, 2020 at 10:30 AM

MW

“ *Mary K Wernimont lit a candle in memory of Ed Lawler*



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**Mary K Wernimont** - April 15, 2020 at 10:10 AM

RV

“ *Jackie,  
I'm so very sorry to hear about your dad...he was such a wonderful man. My sincere condolences to your mom and whole family. Praying peace and comfort for all of you.  
Rose (Irlbeck) VandeBerg*

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**Rose VandeBerg** - April 14, 2020 at 11:39 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Ed Lawler.*



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April 14, 2020 at 11:12 PM

SW

“ *Katie and family,  
I am so sorry to hear about Ed. He was such a great person who touched so many lives. He truly made the world a better place. He will be missed!  
Sheri Wanninger*

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**Sheri Wanninger** - April 14, 2020 at 10:59 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Ed Lawler.*



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April 14, 2020 at 09:36 PM



“ *Katie & family,  
We are so sorry for your loss! You have our deepest sympathy.  
Such a great guy, always smiling!! You are all in our thoughts and prayers.  
Jim & Jean Eischeid*

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**Jean Eischeid** - April 14, 2020 at 09:00 PM



“ *Katie & Family,  
Ed touched so many lives with his brilliant smile and always friendly ways. He will be missed by many. Our hearts and love go out to you. So glad we had our phone visit not long ago. He will not be forgotten.  
Love,  
Mike & Suzie (Sharon to Ed!!)*

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**Suzie Lawler** - April 14, 2020 at 08:36 PM



“ *Loved to get to see Ed when i went to the pharmacy at Hy Vee. He was such a wonderful man. Ive missed him being there every since he retired. RIP Ed*

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**Marlene Vanderheiden** - April 14, 2020 at 08:30 PM

SW

“ *Deepest sympathies to all the Lawler's!!  
Sandy (Gallagher) & Randy Williams*



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**Sandy (Gallagher) and Randy Williams** - April 14, 2020 at 07:30 PM

CS

“ *Dear Katie and kids, our hearts are heavy with sadness! Know that our prayers are with you during this trying time when that's the only way we can embrace you! RIP Ed!  
Carol and Gary Stark*

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**Carol Gary Stark** - April 14, 2020 at 07:18 PM

DF

“ *Katie and Family*

*In order to know the sadness and loss you now feel, one had to have known love. A feeling of closeness that binds us far beyond the limits of touch!*

*May Ed's love and touch forever remain part of your lives.*

*Know that my thoughts and prayers are with you all as you travel this painful road of separation!*

*Love and prayers , Dave Fitzpatrick*

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**David Fitzpatrick** - April 14, 2020 at 06:34 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ed Lawler.*



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April 14, 2020 at 05:53 PM



“ *Our deepest sympathy for the entire Lawler family* 🍀🙏🍀

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**Lori (Lawler) and Rick Hertzig** - April 14, 2020 at 05:35 PM



“ *I can't help but think of all the countless people Ed helped over the years. Always with a smile. That smile just jumps right out at you. Ed was always just such a good man. Rest well my friend. My sincere sympathy to Katie and family.*  
*Tom Madigan*

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**Tom Madigan** - April 14, 2020 at 05:07 PM



“ *Terry&Renee Eifler, Ryan and Lindy purchased the A Full Life for the family of Ed Lawler.*



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**Terry&Renee Eifler, Ryan and Lindy** - April 14, 2020 at 04:09 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Ed Lawler.*



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April 14, 2020 at 04:04 PM



“ *To the family of Ed Lawler, Please accept my deepest sympathy for your loss. Ed was my preceptor (teacher) when I was a young pharmacy student. I learned a great deal from him. I always admired him for all he did for Carroll as well. His committment to family, friends and community will be greatly missed. Sent to you with heartfelt sorrow, Jerry Fleshner*

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**Jerry Fleshner** - April 14, 2020 at 03:22 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy goes to you, Katie, and family. Your faith will see you through this sorrow. Such a good person and friend to all.*

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**joan shymanski** - April 14, 2020 at 02:12 PM



“ *Dear Katie and Family,  
Sorry about your loss. Ed will be in my prayers. He was "Salt of the Earth", a credit to his profession and a friend to many. Vern Henkenius*

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**Vern Henkenius** - April 14, 2020 at 02:01 PM

KH

“ *Katie and Family*  
*Wow don't know what to say. We are so sorry to hear this. Our family has always thought of you as wonderful neighbors and friend. We are sending you all our sympathy and prayers to you all. Wish we could be there with you all at such difficult times. But we are sending lots of love all the way from Mexico.*  
*May Ed Rest In Peace.*  
*Hugs*  
*Ken and Judy Haubrich* ❤️❤️

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**ken and Judy Haubrich** - April 14, 2020 at 12:26 PM

MP

“ *Our heartfelt sorrow to hear of Ed's passing. Such a great guy! I've always felt a certain connection to him simply because he reminded me so much of my Dad. Our prayers for all of you - many happy memories to comfort you.*

*Bob & Mary Pat Venner and Family*

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**Mary Pat** - April 14, 2020 at 12:15 PM

LB

“ *Linda Bluml lit a candle in memory of Ed Lawler*



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**Linda Bluml** - April 13, 2020 at 11:48 PM

KA

“ *Thoughts and prayers to Katie and family during this difficult time. We will always remember how Ed's smile could always make light up a room! He will be missed by many.* 💔🙏

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**karen** - April 13, 2020 at 09:29 PM