



Edward James Chanen

December 12, 1936 - March 1, 2021

Edward James Chanen, born on 12/12/1936, passed away 3/1/2021. He leaves behind his late wife Harriet M. Calder, who departed two years ago. The two were married for 50 years. Ed also leaves behind three daughters, Laurie A. Hamilton, Judy L. McDonough, and Susan J. Hernandez, as well as five Grandchildren and a Great Grandchild.

Ed began his career in the GE Apprentice course in Pittsfield MA, which eventually led to a life-long career in computers, mostly with Honeywell. He once stated that he would have worked for free, since his interest in the field was just that strong. An early retirement allowed for him and his wife to experience life in Las Vegas, later in Florida, and then in Virginia. In Orlando, Ed chose to pursue another fun interest, and that was at Walt Disney World. This became a 10-year part-time career as a Cast Member, working at Epcot Center on the "Journey into Imagination" attraction, and then later at the Magic Kingdom in Tomorrowland. He especially loved opening the park at the rope drop, where in previous years, his family were "mere visitors" to the park, without the coveted Disney badge that he possessed.

During the child-rearing years, Dad helped us make a "spooky" home movie with actual film, where a model car driving on a coffee table was done by a "ghost," and not an early stop-animation technique. In the summer, we would often go to one of the beachside or local amusement parks, and Dad could be

counted on to take us on the stomach-flipping rides, with Mom waiting down below. Dad drove two different daughters, one south, and one west, to start new jobs and set up apartments, partly because he was Dad, but truth be told, he just loved road trips!

Over the years, Harriet and Ed, before and after children, managed to travel the country by car and by plane, and especially loved Las Vegas, Disney World, Sonnys, watching CNN, Crime Shows, "Everyone Loves Raymond," and visiting obscure places such as the World's Tallest Thermometer in CA, followed up with a burger at Bun Boy's.

Ed's hobbies included chess, HAM radio, astronomy, HO Trains, blackjack, electronics, dining out, traveling, road trips, amusement parks, polkas, get-togethers, and he very much enjoyed the company of his wife Harriet.

He was loved by all and will be deeply missed.

A small graveside service will be held on Friday with the sisters in attendance.

Tribute Wall



“ Ed was a friend and I miss him and his ways. We worked together at Wang Laboratories as software engineers and had as much fun as we made money. We also had the occasion to both be working at Disney World in Florida in retirement. I will forever miss that mischievous smile and quiet following someone saying something stupid. :) Love you my brother and keep the best part of you in my life until I move on my way.

David Harrison - February 15, 2022 at 01:01 PM



“ Dad taught me so many things: how to drive a clutch, how to change a plug or a light switch, and gave me confidence to make wooden pet gates for the house. I only hope I can pass down 1/10 of this knowledge to Lucy. I'll miss you terribly, dad. Until we meet again.

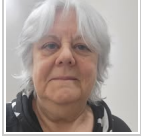


Judy - March 03, 2021 at 09:34 PM



So sorry for your Families loss Judy. May your memories bring you a smile and peace in your heart. He is reunited with your Mom and others who left before him. I hope they are Polkaing in Heaven.

Deb Martin - March 08, 2021 at 11:23 AM



“ *Laurie Hamilton lit a candle in memory of Edward James Chanen* ”



Laurie Hamilton - March 03, 2021 at 04:47 PM