



## Harold "Ed" Womble

October 8, 1926 - June 7, 2021

Harold "Ed" Womble, 94, of Centralia, passed away Monday, June 7, 2021 at SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital in Centralia.

He was born October 8, 1926 in Centralia, Ill. to Joseph and Thelma (Atchison) Womble. He married Betty Ann Greear on September 6, 1948. Survivors are two daughters, Jean Shepherd and husband Chuck of Kingwood, TX., Susan McCarthy of Rockford, Ill.; one son Mark AKA Corey Stevens and wife Linda of Los Angeles. Six grandchildren, Kevin Shepherd and wife Natalie of Rockwall, TX., Kellee Spangle and husband Steve of McKinney, TX., Kari Holman and husband Kevin of Allen, TX.; Adam McCarthy of Rockford, Ill., Brent McCarthy of Loves Park, Ill. and Cori Lynn Stevens of Los Angeles. Five great-granddaughters, Alyssa and Ainsley Spangle, Sydney Shepherd, Josie McCarthy, Lexi Holman; and four great-grandsons; Alex Tsiganos, Braylon McCarthy, Logan Holman; and Blake Shepherd.

He lived all his life in Centralia and was a retired Centralia High School teacher. He began his teaching career in 1953 at Patoka before coming to Centralia where he taught for 28 years. He had a Bachelor's degree in vocational education. He has a Master's degree and a specialist Certificate in Job Placement from Southern Illinois University. He was a veteran of the United States Air Force during World War II. He also, was a member of the Retired Teachers Association, The First Presbyterian Church of Centralia and the Centralia Moose and Elks Lodge. He was an avid fisherman.

He was preceded in death by his wife, parents and stepfather.

Funeral Service for Harold "Ed" Womble will be held Saturday, June 26, 2021 at 10:00 AM at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia with Rev. Dwain DePew officiating. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Centralia. Military Honors will be accorded at the gravesite by the Centralia American Legion Post 446 and the Centralia V.F.W. Post 2055. Friends may call Friday, June 25, 2021 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia. In Lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to The First Presbyterian Church Improvement Fund and will be accepted at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home at 235 North Sycamore Street Centralia, Illinois 62801, (618)532-3523, who is honored to be of service to the Womble Family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting [www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com](http://www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com) and the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home Facebook Page.

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

JUN **26**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home Inc.  
235 North Sycamore  
Centralia, IL 62801

# Tribute Wall

BG

“ To the family of Ed Womble: I was so blessed to be with you today. I could say "Amen" to all the things I heard from the eulogy. I don't know anyone who didn't like him or respect him. Know you are hurting, but time will heal to sweet memories. God bless you all, Aunt Betty Ray Greear

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**Betty Greear** - June 26, 2021 at 04:04 PM

PB

“ Mr Womble was my drafting teacher my junior year in 1967-68. Super teacher! Then later in life, he and his wife Betty, started going to our church. I had worked with Betty in the college Supt office when the college was still in A building. Office was across the street. At church, I always greeted 'Mr Womble'. He knew it was me cause I still had the respect of him being my teacher, Mr Womble, not Eddie! I was making sure he got to be at our 50th class reunion in 2019. His son was in town and brought him. What a joy to have him there. 🙏🙏 He will be missed! 😞

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**Peggy Myers Beal** - June 23, 2021 at 06:07 PM

CN

“ Jean, Mark, Susan and families our condolences to all of you. Sorry we won't be able to make it to services because we will be in Virginia Beach for our Nettles family reunion . Something us five kids have done every other year since dad passed away. Remember the good times had by all at the Greear family get togethers? Uncle Ed will be missed. Love and prayers to all.

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**Cindy Nordike** - June 14, 2021 at 02:09 PM

NA

“ *Mr Womble was a good teacher and a good man. Condolences to his family.*

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**Noland and Kathy Atchison** - June 13, 2021 at 05:35 PM

MH

“ *My husband Steve had Mr. Womble all four years at CTHS and was always his very favorite teacher. We would occasionally run into him at the Elks and it was always a pleasure for Steve to visit with him. A true gentleman that the students admired throughout their life.*

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**Mary Jane Hardy** - June 11, 2021 at 08:03 PM

DC

“ *I got to know Eddie just a few years ago through Annie. For a couple years I provided transportation for them before eventually becoming a caregiver for Annie. They were a lovely couple! Eddie was always a gentleman & always asked about my family. He was a dear man that I am very grateful to have had in my life! He will be missed!  
Sympathies to the family!  
Donna Castang*

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**Donna Castang** - June 11, 2021 at 03:38 PM

DE

*Eddie Always respected his students and they respected him.He was so faithful in the Presbyterian Church and was a friend to so many.He was very proud of his family and they were so devoted to him.Being isolated during COVID was so hard on him as Eddie missed his socializing at Elks and Church.He was a great man who improved his world.*

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**Dr. Ed Evans** - June 15, 2021 at 05:56 PM

LS

*I knew Mr Womble from working at The Eye Clinic years ago. Such a pleasant man.*

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**Lisa Speiser** - June 25, 2021 at 08:00 AM