



Edward Miles Briggs

March 8, 1933 - December 24, 2005

Edward Miles Briggs, 72, passed away peacefully on December 24, 2005. He was born March 8, 1933 to Henry George & Dorothy Tucker Briggs. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Donald Briggs. His family moved to San Antonio in 1939. He graduated from Brackenridge High School & the University of Texas at Austin. He joined Southwest Research Institute as a mechanical engineer, retiring after 39 years in 1998. During his career at SwRI, he was involved in many important projects, especially in the area of the design & testing of underwater vehicles. At the time of his retirement he was the Director of the Department of Marine Technology. He was a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, and in 2003 was nominated by his peers for the ASME Dedicated Service Award as a member of the Pressure Vessel for Human Occupancy Committee from its conception in 1975 until the present, and for recognition of his contribution as chairholder of the committee. He was also a member of the Board of Pressure Technology, Codes and Standards from 1982 to 2001; a member and representative of the Board of Research and Technology from 1992 to 1995; and a member of the Planning Committee Codes and Standards Research from 1998 to 2001. Following his retirement, Ed enjoyed bowling, golfing, fishing, and was renowned for his expertise in gardening, for which he had a real passion. He and his wife also enjoyed traveling. He dearly loved spending time with his grandchildren. Edward is survived by his wife, Mary Jane Briggs, son Roger Briggs and his wife Colleen, and his grandchildren Elyse and Ethan Briggs, all

of San Antonio, and many friends and colleagues.

Tribute Wall

GW

“ *Mary-Jane & Roger*
Ed was both my boss/friend for over 35 years. He was as close to a mentor as I ever had. His encouragement and sometimes criticism allowed me to grow professionally/personally beyond where I would have been without him. As you know, I

George Wolfe - February 13, 2006 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ *Dear Mary Jane,*
Ted and I send much love to you, Roger, Colleen, Elyse and Ethan. My memories of Ed center around gardening, a passion I shared. In fact our last conversation was his giving me advice about how to grow camelias. I miss him already.
Luf,

Ted and Mary Margaret Klein - January 13, 2006 at 12:00 AM

GA

“ *MARY JANE,*
I WAS SO SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT ED, YOU AND YOUR FAMILY ARE IN MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS. WISH I COULD HAVE BEEN THERE FOR YOU.
GERI

GERI ARZE - January 10, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ *I was blessed to have him as a Godfather. He will be missed.*

Dana Doffin - January 08, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ To Mary Jane and family: I feel fortunate that I visited last June in time to get to know Ed whom I had not seen in 25 years. I will never forget his hospitality and generosity in making my trip to see Mary Jane so rewarding.

Dr. Wm Clayton - January 06, 2006 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ Dear Mary Jane,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Ed will be missed, and we hope that, in time, your strength will come from all your great memories of your life together. Our Love,
Ed & Ida Rose
Marcy, Mindy & Stacy

Ed & Ida Rose Shapiro - January 03, 2006 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ Aunt Jane,
May God grant you the ability to accept the things you cannot change. You will be lonesome and I hope that you will take some time to come see our beautiful mountains. They will bring you peace. May God bless you Aunt Jane. Wrap his arms a

Cara Pittman - January 02, 2006 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ Dear Roger,
Few people can say that they "know how you feel", but I'm pretty sure that I do know how you feel. Being apart from your Dad will never be easy, but it somehow becomes bearable with time. He's in the best of company, ya know.
I love you R

Cara Pittman - January 02, 2006 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ *Mary Jane and Family:*

Ed was an important part of my life. There are many great memories to treasure. I am deeply saddened by his passing.

Love to you and family,

Sharon Pike

Sharon Pike - January 02, 2006 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ *Thank you all for your kind words and prayers during dad's illness and at his passing. Peace, Dad.*

Roger, Colleen, Elyse and Ethan Briggs - December 30, 2005 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ *I worked with Ed for many years at SwRI although not in his division. Ed was a great engineer; put SwRI on the map in deep submersible vessels and excelled at promoting new customers. Plus he was just fun to be around; he could talk intelligently on*

Terry Green - December 29, 2005 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ *Edward Miles Briggs*

gary smith - December 29, 2005 at 12:00 AM

TO

“ Dear Aunt Jane, Roger and Colleen,
There are few words meaningful enough to give comfort at this time in your lives. Please know that my prayers are with you all, and I will be thinking of you often. Uncle Ed had a positive effect on me in my youth, and

Tom - December 29, 2005 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ Roger,

I am so sorry that you’ve lost your father. The memories just slammed back: the submarines he worked on, helping me learn to slalom and being so patient when I we were misbehaving. Please give my love to your mom.
If you can, find some comfor

mark and tricia traeger - December 29, 2005 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ I wish I had been able to attend the services but my health did not permit it. My thought and prayers are with all the family.

Doris Ferguson - December 29, 2005 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Ed was an esteemed colleague and good friend.He was a key manager of many important projects at SWRI.I enjoyed working for him.

richard smith - December 28, 2005 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ Dear Sister and Nephew, I am so sorry this has happened to you. And I DO know how you feel. Christmas Midnight Mass was offered for Ed, and the Good Shepherd will guide you through the days to come.

Love and prayers,
Barbara Ann

Barbara Ann - December 28, 2005 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ I extend my deepest sympathy, Mary Jane. My heartfelt thoughts are with you in this difficult time.

Jane Baker

Jane Baker - December 28, 2005 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ DEAR ROGER AND COLLEEN
SILVIA AND I WERE DEEPLY SADDENED TO HERE OF YOUR
FATHERS PASSING. YOU AND YOUR FAMILY ARE IN OUR
PRAYERS. IF YOU NEED ANYTHING, PLEASE DO NOT
HESITATE TO CALL ON US.

LOVE AND PRAYERS JACK AND SILVIA WOLFF

JACK & SILVIA WOLFF - December 28, 2005 at 12:00 AM