



Edward Gust Branish

May 25, 1931 - June 24, 2022

Edward Gust Branish, 91, of Monroeton, PA passed away June 24th, 2022 at his home.

Edward was born in Rush Township, Centre County, PA, May 25, 1931. He was the eldest child of John and Elizabeth Tekely Branish.

Edward attended Indiana University of Pennsylvania where he lettered in golf, football, and wrestling while obtaining his baccalaureate degree in Business Education and Accounting. He was an officer in the US Army, and attended Pennsylvania State University for his Master's degree in Educational Administration and the Doctoral program in Educational Administration. He will well be remembered for starting the Wrestling Program in Towanda. He was wrestling, golf, football, and track coach. He was a business and accounting teacher and head of the Business department for Towanda School District. Edward initially served as Assistant Principal and later as Principal of the Towanda Middle School. He subsequently served as Principal of the Towanda Area High School. After his retirement from the public school system, he became principal of St. Agnes School. He was a member of the Lions Club and served as club treasurer for years. His dedication and influence is felt throughout the community.

Edward enjoyed gardening, hunting, golf and, of course, Penn State Football and Penn State Wrestling, so much so that a miniature Nittany Lion shrine graces the front yard.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his infant daughter, Teresa

Marie, brother John, and sister Mildred. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Barbara Peake Branish, son Edward "Gus" II, daughter Ann (Denis) Lamontagne, daughter Jennifer, brother Ronald (Linda) Branish of Denver, CO. grandchildren Jared (Hannah) Chaffee, Tara Chaffee, and Stefanie (Michael) Smith, great granddaughter, Esme and arriving soon great granddaughter River, as well as numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held at Saints Peter & Paul Catholic Church, Third Street, Towanda, PA at 11 am Wednesday June 29th. There will be no viewing hours as per his wishes, but a gathering of friends' family will be held afterwards in Grotto Hall at the Church. He will be buried in Saints Peter & Paul Parrish Cemetery, James Street, Towanda.

If so wish, in lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his name to St. Agnes School, 102 Third Street, Towanda PA 18848 or to the Monroeton Public Library, P.O. Box 145, Monroeton, PA. 18832.

Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting www.bowenfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

S.S. Peter & Paul Cemetery

30 James Street
Towanda, PA 18848

Previous Events

Service

JUN **29**. 11:00 AM (ET)

S.S. Peter & Paul Roman Catholic Church
106 Third Street
Towanda, PA 18848

Tribute Wall



“ *Edward Gust Branish*

October 22, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ *Edward Gust Branish*

October 08, 2023 at 10:34 PM



“ *Edward Gust Branish*

October 06, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ *Edward Gust Branish*

October 06, 2023 at 03:29 AM



“ *Edward Gust Branish*

October 05, 2023 at 02:02 PM



“ *He was a great man he was loved by so many i know my mom trudy and john bull loved ed for years him and ny mom worked together i always had so much respect for him watching. Me grow up he will be missed by so many my thoughts and prayers are with you and your entire family michelle bull*

Michelle bull - June 29, 2022 at 10:48 AM

TA

“ To the Branish Family,
Although I knew this day would some day arrive, I am very saddened by the passing of Ed Branish. My son Tommy had him as a golf coach. When I asked Tom if he was a good coach, he answered without hesitation, “Dad, he’s a good man!” You don’t get a better compliment than that. The boys on his golf team loved him and respected him. He certainly left this world better than he found it. Rest In Peace Ed Branish.... You’ve earned it.

Tom and Tommy Abell - June 28, 2022 at 11:51 AM

AC

“ Mr. Branish was my Business Law Teacher and I loved that class. Would run into him and his wife at the American Legion dinners and he always talked to me. Was an outstanding teacher.



Agnes (Aggi) Giffen Cook - June 28, 2022 at 08:11 AM

JS

“ I was one of mr Branish pupils I always felt he was a good teacher. I am sorry for your loss . May he Rest In Peace and I pray for your sorrow.

Sincerely ,ginger simmons,smiley

johnnie Smiley - June 27, 2022 at 09:39 PM



“ *Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Edward Gust Branish.*



June 27, 2022 at 01:54 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Edward Gust Branish.*



June 27, 2022 at 01:47 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Edward Gust Branish.*



June 27, 2022 at 01:37 PM



“ *Was a great teacher and friend. Always remembered who you were and asked how you were doing, many years after graduation. Truly a great teacher*

Sharon Ellis Pepper - June 27, 2022 at 01:03 PM

MB

“ thoughts and prayers to the family on your loss he was an awesome man i am so proud to have known

marleta bailey - June 27, 2022 at 09:54 AM

CH

“ Dear Barb, Jen and Ann and all of the family, I am sorry to her about the loss of Ed. Always enjoyed waiting on him at the stores where I worked. My deepest sympathy,



Claire Holton-Lizon - June 27, 2022 at 09:18 AM

SF

“ Dear Mr. Branish, you had a gift where you could make each of us as individuals feel like the #1 priority you needed to help out. Between this gift, and the tootsie pops you walked around St. Agnes delivering to classrooms, I knew that I was growing up in a place where school felt like family, and I would always be taken care of. Though I moved away several years ago, you made a large impression on my life, and I never forgot how lucky I was to have met you. I hope you knew how much we loved you when I wrote Christmas letters each year. Now, when I am stuck in life and looking for guidance, I will be grateful to know you've joined my guardian angel line-up, right next to my own Grandpa whom I lost several years ago. Fear not, this only means you'll hear more from me than ever! Mrs. Branish, you were very kind to share Mr. Branish when he was supposed to be retiring and instead came to St. Agnes... please know we Barton kids loved and appreciated very much what you and Mr. Branish did for our lives. I will pray for your loss and hope that your family finds peace in knowing he lived a full and good life. ❤️❤️

Samantha Barton Fullerton - June 26, 2022 at 11:35 PM

JJ

“ *Very nice, humble, and fair man! Always had high respect for this man!!*

Jamie Johnson - June 26, 2022 at 11:11 PM

LJ

“ *So sorry for your loss. He made a huge impact on many people.*

Leah Jones - June 26, 2022 at 05:14 PM

LE

“ *So sad to hear of the passing of my wrestling coach at Towanda High. He inspired me to be my best. Some memories are very vivid to this day . A coach has an opportunity to make lasting impressions on young lives. He certainly did that for me.A job well done Coach! Sorry I didn't get in touch in recent years. Condolences to the family. He helped inspire me. Thanks. Len E. Ennis M.D.*

Len Ennis - June 26, 2022 at 04:10 PM

RB

“ *Ron & Linda Branish purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Edward Gust Branish.*



Ron & Linda Branish - June 26, 2022 at 01:48 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Edward Gust Branish.*



June 26, 2022 at 11:40 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Edward Gust Branish.*



June 26, 2022 at 11:13 AM



“ *Mrs. Branish - so sorry to hear of the passing of coach Branish. So glad he started the wrestling program at Towanda High School. He has had a tremendous impact and influence on so many including me. I will look forward to seeing him again.*
Sincerely

Eric Hendershot

Eric Hendershot - June 26, 2022 at 10:45 AM

TY

“ I shared this on social media and prayers to family and friends.
Loved you Coach!

One of the greatest men I every knew, Ed Branish, My High School Wrestling Coach passed away recently at 92. Had a nice talk with him couple months ago reflecting on the past. Not only was he a great coach, he was a man who everyone respected and looked up too. He started the wrestling program at Towanda and also coached football, track and golf. He became a Principal at both the middle and High School and finished his career as Principal at St. Agnes. Ed influenced me greatly to be a coach and teacher. When I graduated from Penn State he asked me to start a middle school program at his Jr High. Between there and Coaching wrestling at Sayre I started my coaching career. Ed lettered in golf, football and wrestling at Indiana University of Pennsylvania and his masters and Doctoral degree at Penn State. Ed was a tough no nonsense coach that always believed in hard work and doing things the right way. I remember him playing tackle football with us and yes, no pads and he would run us over. He was a big tough man and always had your respect and attention. Wrestling for him was demanding and tough but we had fun and respected his work ethic to get better. It was not easy and he always told us that you have to work hard to achieve not only in sport but in life. Coach Branish made us all better people. God bless you coach and know that you made me and others better prepared for life's journeys.

Tony Yaniello - June 26, 2022 at 09:29 AM

AO

Well said Tony...

Amy O'Rourke - July 14, 2022 at 10:51 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Edward Gust Branish.*



June 26, 2022 at 09:17 AM



“ *Though I knew him only in his later years he and I became close friends through wrestling. I will miss him very much. Vic Millard*

Jan Millard - June 26, 2022 at 08:23 AM



“ *Toni Lamphere lit a candle in memory of Edward Gust Branish*



Toni Lamphere - June 25, 2022 at 08:57 PM



“ *He was a great teacher and wonderful person. Prayers for your family at this difficult time*

judy caton - June 25, 2022 at 11:43 AM



Mr. Branish was a great teacher. He taught Bookkeeping and Business Law classes that I attended in 1964 & 1965. May he rest in peace.

Gary Lewis - June 26, 2022 at 04:58 PM

RP

I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Ed. Barb, you and Ed were so great when Charlie had his accident and later on his passing. I am so very sorry for your loss.

Robin Palmer - June 26, 2022 at 07:32 PM

DS

I was so saddened to hear of the passing of Mr. Branish. He was an exceptional man who has left a lasting legacy in the countless lives he touched over the years. He took the time to get to know his students as individuals and truly cared. My deepest condolences to his family. Rest In Peace, Mr. Branish.

Denise Quiggle Seifert

Denise Quiggle Seifert - June 30, 2022 at 02:55 PM

JM

I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. Branish. He was a wonderful teacher and coach. RIP Ed.

Julia Crandall Moriarty

Julia Moriarty - July 02, 2022 at 10:50 AM

TJ

It was always an honor to have former educators join us at class reunions. Ed came to several reunions for the class of 1969 and always had an anecdote or two or a funny story to tell. What a memory he had and what a legacy he left to all of us who had him as a teacher, club sponsor, or coach.

Tom Johnson, Chester Springs, Pa

Tom Johnson - September 11, 2022 at 10:35 PM