



## Leonard E. "Ed" May

September 16, 1944 - January 27, 2023

Leonard E. "Ed" May, 78, well known Wysox businessman of Standing Stone Township, PA passed away

Friday, January 27, 2023, at Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester, NY. "Ed" as he was known by his family and friends was born September 16, 1944, in Towanda, PA the son of Leonard E. "Fat" May and Marion (Park) May. Ed was a graduate of Towanda High School and in early years was employed by Dave Snell's Auto Sales in Wysox. On February 19, 1963, he married the former Ellen J. McGuire. Ed was employed by Owego Auto Parts in Owego, NY for several years and subsequently became manager of Wysox Auto Parts in 1965. Ed purchased the business in 1986 which he operated for 27 years until retiring in 2013 when his son Scott assumed ownership of the business. In earlier years, Ed enjoyed car racing for which he received numerous trophies. He enjoyed attending car shows with his red 1956 Ford Thunderbird.

Ed and Ellen enjoyed spending their winter months in Florida for a number of years. Ed was a member of the Sayre Elks Lodge and the Towanda Gun Club. He is survived by his wife of nearly 60 years, Ellen J. May, their son Scott May of Rome, brother and sister-in-law, David and Juanita May of East Smithfield, PA, sister, Nannette Light of Wysox, sister-in-law, Betty McGuire of Wysox, as well as several nieces, nephews, and cousins. In addition to his parents, Ed was predeceased by his sister and brother-in-law, Donna and Ted Matthews and brothers-in-law, Howard Light, Ed McGuire, and Michael McGuire.

The family will receive friends Wednesday, February 1, 2023, from 5:00 to

8:00 p.m. at the Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home 217 York Ave. Towanda, PA. A funeral service will be held Thursday, February 2, 2023, at 12:00 p.m. at the funeral home with Rev. Robert W. Martin officiating.

Interment will follow in the Wysox Cemetery, Wysox, PA.

The family suggests that contributions may be directed to a charity or organization of one's choice in memory of Leonard E. "Ed" May. Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting

[www.bowenfuneralhomes.com](http://www.bowenfuneralhomes.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Wysox Cemetery

Route 187  
Wysox, PA 18854

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 1. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home  
217 York Ave.  
Towanda, PA 18848  
(570) 265-2272  
info@bowenfuneralhomes.com

## Service

FEB 2. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Leonard E. "Ed" May

October 22, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ Leonard E. "Ed" May

October 08, 2023 at 10:34 PM



“ Leonard E. "Ed" May

October 06, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ Leonard E. "Ed" May

October 06, 2023 at 03:29 AM



“ Leonard E. "Ed" May

October 05, 2023 at 02:02 PM



“ Ellen, I am so sorry to hear of Ed's passing. As you know, we grew up together and had many happy times as children growing up. I wished Ed and I could have spent more time together as we got older, but time and distance reduces those chances. I will pray for you and your son during these difficult times. With sincere condolences, Gary Ackley

Gary Edward Ackley - March 01, 2023 at 04:42 PM

BR

“ To the family of Ed May. My he rest in peace. Ellen I am so sorry for your loss, haven't seen you guys in a while but always had a great time. The guys would be working on a stock car or something and we'd just be around talking, RoseMary, Jean Rielly, and a few others. Been a while ago, but time goes so fast now. Take care. You and your family. Have my deepest sympathy.



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**bernira rice** - February 11, 2023 at 11:17 AM

KA

“ Ed May, another pillar of the community, will be missed by many. Always had a smile and a kind word to all.

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**Kevin and Sally Allis** - February 05, 2023 at 07:24 PM

LK

“ There are no words. Ed was bigger than life, I fondly remember my many conversations with him, doing business with him, all of his teasing, laughter and wisdom he shared with me. Always a friendly hello, many hours sharing stories. He will be greatly missed. May your memories bring you comfort during this very difficult time. Fly high!



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**Lisa Kellogg-Williams** - February 04, 2023 at 08:17 AM

RW

“ Ed was a great guy. Deb and I bought Ed and Ellen's motorhome and we love it. Ed was extremely helpful to us. Fly high Ed and know you'll be missed ole friend.

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**Ray and Debbie White** - January 31, 2023 at 08:01 PM

SW

“ We were deeply saddened to hear of Ed's passing. He was a good friend and a great asset to Wysox and surrounding communities. We will miss you friend. Sincerely, Sonny and Mary Jo Warburton

Sonny Warburton - January 31, 2023 at 07:38 PM

TA

“ Scott,  
I'm sorry about the passing of your dad. He certainly left his mark on the Wysox community. You and your family are in my thoughts at this sad time.

Tom Abell - January 31, 2023 at 10:26 AM

GM

“ GORDON MOORE purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Leonard E. "Ed" May.



GORDON MOORE - January 31, 2023 at 09:30 AM

PM

“ Very sorry to hear of the loss of Ed. Praying for the family.

phillip mcneal - January 31, 2023 at 09:27 AM

NS

“ NAPA Syracuse purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of Leonard E. "Ed" May.



NAPA Syracuse - January 30, 2023 at 06:48 PM

JR

“ *Jan, Gloria, Jake & Raquel purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Leonard E. "Ed" May.*



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**Jan, Gloria, Jake & Raquel** - January 30, 2023 at 11:45 AM