



## Edward K. Schiele

December 3, 1952 - November 2, 2025

The world has lost a renaissance man. After nearly 73 years, Edward K. Schiele passed away early Sunday morning, November 2, 2025. He is survived by his beloved wife Susan of 43 years, his two sons Richard and Egon (Erin Delaney), as well as his elder sister Evelyn. He was preceded in death by his parents Rosa and Karl Schiele.

Remembered for his boundless energy and passion for the arts, Edward was an accomplished woodworker, painter, and gardener. Throughout his life, he built exquisite furniture and loved making carvings — a skill he learned from his father Karl — many of which famously adorn his family home across from Libertyville High School. As a painter, his work is proudly hung in many of his friends' homes and he never stopped working on his latest canvas, even when his pancreatic cancer made nearly all else impossible.

An incredibly intelligent man, he held a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Illinois ('76) and an MBA from Lake Forest Graduate School of Management ('81). Ed worked for H.C. Starck, as an expert in high-purity tantalum powders and was co-author of two patents. In his position as Worldwide Safety Officer he traveled widely: from England and Germany to Thailand, Japan, and Hong Kong. He wound up being a million-mile flyer on three separate airlines!

His favorite place, however, was probably at Ravinia Festival in Highland Park where his inescapable wit and scathing sense of humor could be heard punctuating the park at every classical performance. For those of us who loved him, his endless passion for music will be his most enduring memory. He particularly loved opera and was a continuous season ticket holder at the Lyric Opera since 1979. He and his wife Susan were also subscribers to the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Chicago Opera Theater, and Chicago Shakespeare Theater. Even as the cancer took its toll, he still managed to take his family to over 25 productions, sharing his love for classical music wherever he went.

We invite you to celebrate his life from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, November 8, 2025 at Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, 120 W. Park Avenue in his hometown of Libertyville.

In lieu of flowers, we ask gifts be made to the Lyric Opera of Chicago in recognition of his life. Link: <https://www.lyricopera.org/support-lyric/donate/#:~:text=Give%20to%20Lyric%20Opera%20of%20Chicago>

For info: 847-362-3009 or share a memory at [www.burnettdane.com](http://www.burnettdane.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 8. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Burnett-Dane Funeral Home  
120 West Park Avenue  
Libertyville, IL 60048  
(847) 362-3009

## Funeral Service

NOV 8. 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ My enduring memory of Ed was after a long international trip waiting for luggage in Dallas. Ed hadn't had a cigarette for 16hrs, his foot, which he had recently broken, was throbbing, the luggage was late and his powerful voice carried throughout the claim area. It was around the Obama election and Ed was sure that the Red state of Texas was sabotaging our Blue state luggage! He was a great character. I worked with him for years at HC Starck. Best Wishes, Enda

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**Enda Quigley** - November 20, 2025 at 11:26 AM

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“ Baxter Comex Team purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Edward K. Schiele.



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**Baxter Comex Team** - November 06, 2025 at 02:08 PM

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“ I donated and added going to an opera house to my bucket list to experience what my uncle so much enjoyed. I listen to classical music while I work but have never experienced it in person. I knew Ed mostly through the high quality landscaping, art and woodwork I was surrounded by when I hung out with Rick at the house since I was just a kid when I lived in Illinois.

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**Tim** - November 05, 2025 at 10:10 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Edward K. Schiele.



November 05, 2025 at 09:27 PM



“ Phil, Terry, Dave, Kathy, Rich, Katie purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Edward K. Schiele.



Phil, Terry, Dave, Kathy, Rich, Katie - November 05, 2025 at 01:45 PM



“ Phil, Terry, Dave, Kathy, Rich, Katie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward K. Schiele.

Phil, Terry, Dave, Kathy, Rich, Katie - November 05, 2025 at 01:45 PM



“ The last time I saw Ed was on my 60th birthday at Ravinia where he was enjoying his favorite opera and his wife prepared his salmon fillet for us as a picnic. I've never seen anyone so in love with opera rest in peace.

NS - November 04, 2025 at 05:44 PM