



## Edwin G. Klenk

June 18, 1941 - April 25, 2018

Edwin G. Klenk, age 76, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Wednesday, April 25, 2018. He was preceded in death by his parents Oscar and Margaret, and his brothers Raymond and Oscar. Edwin will be missed by his wife of 38 years, Sara, and their children Elizabeth (David) Maisonet, Alicia (James) Williams, grandchildren Presley and Matteo Maisonet, as well as brothers Irwin (Charlene, deceased) Klenk, Richard (Judy) Klenk, Robert (Joan) Klenk and brother and sister-in-law James (Leona) Doyle, and Carol (Dwight) Woods; in addition to many loving nieces and nephews. Edwin was a long time educator and band director for Belding Area Schools (Michigan). Upon relocating to Florida, Edwin enjoyed working for Walt Disney World and Publix. Family was most important to Edwin, along with a variety of interests: hunting, fishing, Detroit Tiger baseball, attending the theatre, movies, and travel. In following his family's wishes, cremation has taken place and his ashes will be scattered in the family deer woods he loved so well. In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial contribution to either the Greater Clermont Cancer Foundation, Clermont FL, or the American Lung Association. Services have been entrusted to Steverson Hamlin and Hilbish Funerals and Cremations. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family on the tribute wall.

# Comments

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“ Loved Ed for his humor, his humility, and his bringing the joy of music to thousands of students. First memory I have of Ed is when he made me cry as he introduced me to his hot pepper soaked vegetables. He will be with a multitude of us in our hearts forever. Tom Hetherman

**Tom Hetherman** - May 05, 2018 at 09:03 AM

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“ Seems like yesterday when we were all together at the middle school. Ed was a kind, talented man. Three of our children, Kelly, Tammy and John benefited from his band instruction at the middle school.  
I was so happy when Sarah came to the middle school and she and Ed fell in love and were married. We saw each other every day in the old teachers lounge and had some good laughs. It gave me great pleasure to think of Ed playing in the band at Disney. Sarah may God give you and your family comfort.

**Nancy Baum** - May 04, 2018 at 07:25 AM

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“ Wonderful memories of band with Mr. Klenk at Belding High School. He was a great instructor and a kind man. Sympathies to his family and friends.

**Jan Sykes** - May 02, 2018 at 10:55 AM

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“ Many memories of Mr. Klenk from band in Belding. So sorry to hear of his passing. My thoughts and prayers to Mrs. Klenk and your family. May God wrap His arms around you during this difficult time.

**Sue (Martin) Holyfield** - April 30, 2018 at 10:30 AM

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“ Mr. Klenk has and will be fondly remembered. He was a wonderful band teacher and terrific choir director. I have such fond band camp memories playing games and seeing his fun side and too remember how I would frustrate him and cause him to toss his baton (I was not a great student, but he truly cared).  
I remember before he got married and how excited he was to get married. He always brought out the best in our love for music and taught us so much. He was so encouraging.  
We three girls, the triplets (Dawn, Denise and Diane) loved singing at church with him and were privileged to know him.

We keep the family in our prayers.

**Dawn Klein** - April 29, 2018 at 11:38 PM

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“ Mr. Klenk was one of my favorite teachers. He was a great musician, as well, and helped foster my love of music. I thoroughly enjoyed marching band and jazz band under his guidance and have many wonderful memories of those days. My thoughts are with his family at this sad time.

**Nancy Cory-Saaf** - April 29, 2018 at 09:25 PM

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“ I used to giggle when he would get mad and "toss" his conducting stick, lol. He was a wonderful teacher who inspired many of us. My best memory is when he was the one who purchased my grandparents home. He and his wife would let me come visit and just hang out. You have always been missed since you left belding, and I will see you again one day...



**Kristine (Allison) Henneman** - April 29, 2018 at 11:49 AM

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“ My heart goes out to the family of Mr. Klenk. Hard-nosed, and demanding nothing short of excellence, he was pivotal in developing my love of music. One of the best teachers who graced Belding with his knowledge, dedication, and love for his students he will be sorely missed. Thank-you Mr. Klenk for changing my life.

**William Doty** - April 29, 2018 at 02:11 AM

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“ Mr Klenk was an invaluable part of the Klenk - Stiles duo that taught hundreds of youth instrumental music at Belding Area Schools , Belding Mi. The music that those Jr & Sr high musicians preformed after Mr. Klenk's education was exquisite. Those Marching Redskins & their families will be forever grateful for all the wonderful musical life experiences & beautiful music you gave all of us RIP  
Lynn Mosier Havey

**Lynn Mosier Havey** - April 28, 2018 at 11:33 PM



“ Rachel Satterlee lit a candle in memory of Edwin G. Klenk



Rachel Satterlee - April 28, 2018 at 09:21 PM

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“ Sara and family,  
Ed will always be remembered here at Belding as a great band teacher. Lots of memories.  
Our thoughts, prayers and deepest sympathy are with you and your girls.  
Dan and Eva Mae

Eva Mae Lake - April 28, 2018 at 08:42 PM

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“ I have the fondest of memories of living with Ed and Rich Herweyer at Big Pine Island. We were 3 bachelors who were rescued one by one by the only women that would have us. Diane and I send our love to Sarah and the rest of the family.  
Goodbye old friend.

Kim Timmons - April 28, 2018 at 08:10 PM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers to the family. Proud to be a student of Edwin and Robert in Belding back in the 1980's.

Keith Geiger - April 28, 2018 at 05:54 PM

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“ Mr. Klerk was my first and by far my favorite band teacher. One of best teachers ever in fact. Any person who can instill that much love for music and at the same time teach 100 complete novices to come together and turn noisemakers into beautiful music in just one year with s smile on his face is a true treasure. Thank you Mr. Klenk!

Bobbi Houtman Warren - April 28, 2018 at 05:43 PM



“ Mr. Klerk taught me to believe in my talent. Many years of private summer lessons with him correcting my Embouchure paid off, and I finally made it to the top spot! He had moments in 7th grade band we will never forget. His passion for music was truly seen. All of our band memories started with him teaching these little 5th graders how to sit properly and breathe. Thank you for believing in us, for sharing with us and not giving up on us. Mary Shoemaker Harris

**mary Shoemaker Harris** - April 28, 2018 at 04:43 PM

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“ Great band teacher!

**Rick Reeves** - April 28, 2018 at 03:55 PM

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“ Mr. Klenk was a passionate teacher and he truly loved music. My favorite memory of him was on a band trip to Cedar Point either 1989 or 1990. His enthusiasm for roller coasters was infectious. Rest in peace and may his family be comforted and supported during this difficult time.

**Stacie Smith** - April 28, 2018 at 03:03 PM

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“ Jane (Reeves) Gleason lit a candle in memory of Edwin G. Klenk



**Jane (Reeves) Gleason** - April 28, 2018 at 02:42 PM

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“ So sorry to read of Ed's passing. My sympathy to Sara and family. I'm glad I got to know Ed and Sara during my early years teaching in Belding.

**Jayne Johnson** - April 28, 2018 at 02:36 PM

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“ Jennifer Tingley lit a candle in memory of Edwin G. Klenk



Jennifer Tingley - April 28, 2018 at 01:00 PM

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“ I had Mr. Klenk in band, so many great memories, he was a great teacher, one of my favorites. My deepest sympathy to his family, he will be greatly missed.

Barb Jones - April 28, 2018 at 12:44 PM

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“ I have fond memories of Mr. Klenk. He was a great influence in the lives of many students.



Jenelle Bumgardner - April 28, 2018 at 12:27 PM

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“ I have many fond memories of middle school band class with Mr. Klenk. My prayers for your family at this time.

Rhonda Jones Hamblin - April 28, 2018 at 12:23 PM

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“ So many great memories of Mr. Klenk as my middle school band teacher, and then having the opportunity to work as a colleague of his for a few years before he retired and moved to Florida. I have had the privilege of working with the Lowell middle school music department as a retiree, and I have had so many memories of Mr. Klenk recently as I have been in that similar setting. May God be with his wife, Sara, also a teacher of mine, and all the children and family. What a blessing it was to have had him in my life and development as a musician.



“ He was my first introduction to music, playing it that is. I loved his band class. I loved learning to play the flute from him. He is part of the reason my daughter is starting to play the flute. Middle school band was always fun with him. He has touched many lives. May he rest. Prayers for all of you during this difficult time.

Lynne Geiger



Lynne Geiger Wester - April 28, 2018 at 11:57 AM

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“ Kathryn (Hopkins) Case lit a candle in memory of Edwin G. Klenk



Kathryn (Hopkins) Case - April 28, 2018 at 11:49 AM

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“ May peace be with you my friend! I knew you better away from school and it was a true pleasure to know you. God bless!



Bart Ketner - April 28, 2018 at 11:44 AM

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“ Janice (Sisson) Vandenberg lit a candle in memory of Edwin G. Klenk



Janice (Sisson) Vandenberg - April 28, 2018 at 11:20 AM

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“ He was a great music teacher and person! Enjoyed his music class!

Diane Christensen - April 28, 2018 at 11:08 AM

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“ R.i.p Mr Klenk always a great band teacher. Go Redskins

Jo Forist Taylor - April 28, 2018 at 10:34 AM

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“ RIP Mr Klenk ~ you taught me so much more than how to play the clarinet \*which you played beautifully\*; you taught perseverance and dedication, discipline and to have fun once you've done the work. Many years of Belding Marching Band excellence would not have been without the strong foundation you gave us in junior high. God speed Leader of the Band \*Bonnie Snyder, Belding MI 1984\*

Bonnie DeRooy - April 28, 2018 at 10:13 AM



“ Ed used to have his elementary beginners blast musical notes outside my school room door, in the hallway. He always apologized with a smile. I would reply that I thought it sounded beautiful and he would grin. God bless him...

Tom & Diane Sprowls - April 28, 2018 at 01:21 PM



“ Sympathies to Sara, Elizabeth, Alicia and families as well as Ed's siblings and extended family. Ed was so supportive of me as a young student teacher with the Belding Bands and middle schoolers, in particular, during the fall of 1978. He certainly shared the gift of music with his students during his tenure at Belding. May you jam on your clarinet with the angels!

Jean (& Keith) Brack Hudson

Greenville

Jean Hudson - April 28, 2018 at 02:34 PM

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“ Cheryl Wagner lit a candle in memory of Edwin G. Klenk



**Cheryl Wagner** - April 27, 2018 at 01:55 PM