



## William Edsel Holt, Jr.

February 4, 2014

William Edsel Holt, Jr. of Lawrenceville, Ga. passed away suddenly on February 4, 2014.

Edsel was a devoted Husband to his wife Toni, and a Father to his two boys, Jacob and Mitchell.

His presence was well known in the community, and he loved the outdoors and any activity involving his children. His presence will be missed, but memories of him will always remain.

In addition to his wife and children, he is survived by his mother, Linda Cartwright of Athens, GA, and his father, William Edsel Holt, Sr. and his wife, Donnann Holt, both of McDonough, GA. Also surviving him is his brother, John Holt and John's wife, Demi, both of Lawrenceville, GA. In addition, he is survived by Michael Cicco, his Brother-In-Law of Marietta, GA, Shelly Rockmore, his Sister-In-Law of Monroe, GA, Mickey Cicco, his Father-In-Law of Greensboro, GA., and Gaye Phillips, his Mother-In-Law, of Dacula, GA.

A Memorial Service will be conducted in the Funeral Home Chapel of Flanigan Funeral Home, 4400 South Lee Street, Buford, GA, 30518, on Saturday, February 8, at 3:00pm. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 2:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m.



# Tribute Wall



“ *William Edsel Holt, Jr.*

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“ *Edsel was one of the kindest, most caring and genuine people I've ever had the honor of knowing. He was my boss at Bruster's, and I've considered him a very good friend ever since. He always treated his employees just like other his other fellow human beings, like equals. He always would listen to what you had to say and brought an active positive energy and outlook to any situation. He was a brilliant and good man, a perfect role model. I look up to him with the utmost respect and can comfortably say he's impacted who I am and how I behave; I'm a much better person having known him. I miss him dearly and will forever cherish his memory and spirit. My heart goes out to Toni, Mitchell, and Jacob.*

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**Ben Barrows** - February 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *I am saddened to hear of Edsel's passing. I always appreciated how helpful he was at the gym and always with a smile. I was also amazed at how flexible he was in doing yoga poses. I hope you are comforted at this time knowing how loved you are by all the people around you who care about you, Jake and Mitch. Many prayers and thoughts are with you during this difficult time.*

*Deborah Ward*

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**Deborah Ward** - February 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GK

“ Our thoughts go out to his family.

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**George & Pam Ketner** - February 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ I met Edsel at the school where our children attended and through Cub Scouts and I have to say that truthfully, I still remember the first time I shook his hand! Somehow he is "one" person that I always remembered from Cub Scouts and School, and you could just tell how he "Love People, his family and everybody that he touched". He had a wonderful smile and such a Positive outlook. I many times wished I could be half the person that he was. I am deeply saddened! I will be praying for the family and if there is anything that I can do please email me. I am out of state and did not know of this until after the funeral. I'm sorry that I was not there.

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**Kerry Manahan** - February 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ I don't think I ever saw Edsel without a free and easy smile. We first met Edsel at the Edgewater pool when my oldest was only about 3, so that was about 5 years ago. I always remembered him calling the boys Peanut and Squirt, and would ask him for years how they were by using those names. Wish I could thank him for giving so much of himself to our neighborhood, school and community. He was a fine man, a rare soul and seemed to always have a smile and something funny to say. He is sadly missed by so many, but may you have some comfort in knowing how many lives he touched. He set such a wonderful example for everyone. Our deepest condolences.

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**Tom, Deanna, Kaylee and Allyson Shay** - February 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ I only knew Edsel Jr. briefly, a long time ago, but I remember him well as a charming, handsome, sensitive, and caring young man who dearly loved his father, brother, and grandmother. I am so sorry for your terrible loss.

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**Charlotte M. Dixon** - February 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ Dear Toni and Family,  
We have heavy hearts in our house tonight. We are all so sad to hear about Edsel. We pray that God carries you as you journey through your grief. We hope you find comfort in all of the kind words that people write to you and through the memories that they share with you. I know first hand the Edsel loved his family very much and was very dedicated to being a great father. He spent countless hours volunteering at Rock Springs. He made such an impact on our family just by being 'Edsel'. Rest in peace, my friend.

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**Megan and Brian Worth** - February 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ I miss Jake and Mitch at school and on the bus. I hope that will come back to school on Monday. Mr. Holt was a very nice and caring man. He was always helping around the school. We wil al miss him very much

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**Graham Findlay** - February 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Toni,  
My heart is filled with sadness for you, Jacob and Mitchell. Edsel was a wonderful man who meant so much to so many people. He always had a smile and a kind word.

He especially meant so much to all the young people whose lives he touched when they worked for him at Brusters.

You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Cindy MacKay

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**Cindy MacKay** - February 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Toni & Boys as well as Edsel's whole Family, our heartfelt condolences go out to you. We only meet you and Edsel a few times, however as a true friend and classmate of our Son-in-Law Brett; we had the pleasure of helping Edsel move Brett and Tracy back to Florida from South Carolina. Toni, you and Edsel are our granddaughter's God Parents, Brooke and Brittney; they are very saddened at the loss of Edsel. God bless you and your boys.  
Becky and Stephen Brown

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**Becky & Steve Brown** - February 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LW

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**Laura Woods** - February 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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**Laura Woods** - February 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ I am so very sorry that Edsel passed. He was always a good-hearted guy and pleasant to be around. Your family here in PA will always be here for you if you need anything. Toni, my dear cousin, I can't imagine what you have been going through but know that I am always here for you, Shell and your mother. My deepest condolences and heartfelt love to all of you.

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**Drew Campbell** - February 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ I am extremely sad about the passing of Edsel. I first met him when he started working at the Exxon convenience store. Nearly every weekday morning I would stop in for coffee and looked forward to his cheerfulness, his yelled good morning to each person who entered the store. We would often discuss the news or sports, trade stories, and just generally joke around. The testimonies in this guest book attest to the type of person he was. I pray that God will give his family strength and courage.

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**Steve Lawrence** - February 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ So sorry to hear about Edsels passing. He was an awesome person and amazing father to his boys. I will never forget his smile and our conversations. RIP and prayers to his family.

*The Delains*

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**DELAIN FAMILY** - February 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ There are no words to express the sadness we feel at losing Edsel. We have all been truly blessed to have known him and through him, Toni, Jacob, and Mitchell. He will live in all of our hearts and memories always. Our thoughts, prayers, and friendship are with his family.

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**Cindy Petrucci** - February 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ Toni,  
I'm so sorry for your loss. I met Edsel ,at the pool with your beautiful boys, years ago.  
And we would always see him when we stopped to get ice cream.  
We just live 3 houses  
down and my husband and I are home most of the time. If there is  
anything that we can do  
for you, help with boys, anything, please let us know.  
Tammy Parker

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**Tammy Parker** - February 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ We wish we could be there to wrap our arms around you and the boys. Edsel showed us and our kids so much kindness. We were blessed to have been touched by such loving neighbors. We have been praying for God's comforting touch on your hearts. With our deepest and sincere sympathy, The Coffeys

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**Mike and Cindy Coffey** - February 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ I so enjoyed having Edsel in my classes at the gym. I will truly miss seeing him there. What a lovely person he was. My heart goes out to Toni and the boys.

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**Lisa Gyenes** - February 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ My deepest sympathies to Toni and the boys and the entire family. I'm sure the family in Pa. feels the same. This is a sad time but your family is there for you and will help you mend.

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**Kathie Cicco Peters** - February 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Toni, Jacob & Mitchell, We are so saddened by the news of Edsel's passing. We will always remember his smile, his laugh & his humor. You are in our hearts, our thoughts and our prayers.

*Cathy, Tom, Madeleine & Samuel Marchiando*

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**Cathy & Tom Marchiando** - February 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ Dear Toni, Jacob and Mitchell, We are so sorry for your loss. Edsel was such a kind and caring man...always with a genuine smile that made everyone feel good! Hugs to you all. Love, Pete and Elizabeth Barows

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**Pete and Elizabeth Barows** - February 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ My sincerest condolences to you and your family. I'm wishing you peace as you grieve this great loss.

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**Jennifer Bolt** - February 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ I only knew Edsel Jr. briefly a long time ago, but I remember him as a charming, handsome, kind and sensitive young man who dearly loved his father, brother and grandmother. I am so sorry for your terrible loss.

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**Charlotte M. Dixon** - February 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Edsel was a great person, always speaking highly of his family and the great outdoors. What I remember most of Edsel is how he would always have a smile on his face. Over the years knowing him he helped supported the community in so many ways. We are truly sorry to hear about his passing. Our hearts pour out to the family.

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**Jim & Sherri** - February 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ I will miss Mr Ed's kindness and think of him every time I buy an ice cream. Bella 3rd grade Rock Springs Elementary.

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**Bella Gorecki** - February 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Dear Toni, Mitch, and Jake  
There are no words to express my sorrow...please know that you all are constantly in my thoughts and prayers. Edsel's kind words, positive attitude, and love for his family will always be remembered.

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**Jennie Dent** - February 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GA

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family and especially the boys. Edsel was always around the school and helpful in any way possible. He will be greatly missed by all.

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**Gary Augst** - February 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Toni and the boys,  
  
I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I am lost for words. My prayers and thoughts are with you all. Edsel will be missed dearly at the bank.

*Jodi Gower*

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**Jodi Gower** - February 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ Words seem inadequate to express the sadness we feel about Edsel's recent passing. He was a great person. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during these difficult times. Remember we are here to support you in your grieving process.

*With sincere sympathy,*

*Rawanda, Tyrone, Joshua and Jordan Goode*

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**Rawanda Goode** - February 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ *I used to stop by the corner store after my walks and was always greeted by Edsel's friendly smile and movie suggestions. We will miss him, at school, at scouts, on the trails.*  
*Toni, Jake and Mitch, my heartfelt condolences. I will keep you all in my prayers and hope that you will let me know if there is anything I can do for you.*

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**Alice Coelho** - February 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ *Toni,*  
  
*I am heartbroken to hear of Edsel's passing. He was one of the nicest and kindest person I have ever known and a great neighbor. Love you all very much and praying for you. May God wrap his arms around you, Jacob and Mitchell.*

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**Joy Norman** - February 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ *Dear Toni and family,*  
  
*Allen and I were so sorry to hear about Edsel's passing and our heart goes out to you, the boys and your family.*  
  
*I will never forget after renting the first suite at Scenic, watching Edsel down on the floor laying tile and smiling through the whole time. I loved how his eyes lit up over funny things that happened, and your laugh.*  
  
*He was a great man and he will be missed, but kept in our hearts. May God comfort you at this time.*

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**Kaye and Allen Holt** - February 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GW

“ Toni, We are so saddened to hear of Edsel's passing Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the boys and the entire family. We admired Edsel so much. We will sorely miss our neighbor, our gym buddy, our fellow Steelers fan . . .our friend. Please let us know if there is anything you need.

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**George and Val Wayland** - February 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ Dear Toni, Jacob, and Mitch,

*I was truly saddened to hear of Edsel's passing. I am thinking of you all during these difficult times. I want to offer my deepest condolences and will keep you in my prayers.*

*Sending love and hugs your way,  
Ms. Wendy*

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**Ms. Wendy Naiman** - February 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SE

“ Edsel was the first friend we met at the pool when we first moved into Edgewater.  
He would run by our house with his boys and this great big dog. We will miss you Edsel. Toni, Jake and Mitch, our thoughts are with you.

*Your friends Scott & Kim Easton*

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**Scott & Kim Easton** - February 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ My heart is filled with sadness at the news of Edsel's passing. It has been many years since we were classmates at Redan High School. I recall with the fondest of memories our years there and then as friends. I send my deepest and most heartfelt condolences to his beautiful family. May the strength and peace of the Lord keep you all!!

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**Madolyn Mckenzie Cole** - February 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ I just loved seeing Edsel out & about. He was such a presence in the community & always had a smile on his face. His spirit of giving and helping out was unmatched! He sure did love his family & you could always find him where his boys were. We sure do miss him and are praying for Toni, Jake, Mitchell, and the rest of his family.

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**Tracy Solet** - February 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ There are no words to express how I feel. All possible thoughts and prayers are with Toni and the family. Rest in peace.

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**Steve Reich** - February 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM

FM

“ We will miss Edsel so very much. He was such a generous man, who always supported our community youth programs. We will continue to pray for Toni, Jacob, Mitchell and the entire family.

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**Fredrick and Cari Mask** - February 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ I can recount numerous stories of Edsel's generosity - toward me and others. I can't believe he is gone. I pray for his family. Please contact me if there is anything I can do for you.

Love,  
Becky Russ

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**Becky Russ** - February 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ Dearest Toni, Jacob and Mitch,

I send my deepest condolences for your loss.

With sympathy,  
Ms Liz and family

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**Ms Liz Lawther** - February 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ So very sorry to hear of Edsel's recent passing my daughter and son in law knew Edsel and we all use to go up to Brewsters all the time for ice cream My daughter is Stacey Fokes Moorman and her husband is Steve Moorman.

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**Joyce Fokes** - February 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ Edsel was a beautiful man and an incredible father. He set an example for the rest of us on how to be involved in the lives of his kids and his community. Everyone in this community is affected and saddened by his passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

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**Elizabeth Searing** - February 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ Toni, Jacob and Mitch,

*My deepest sympathy, there are no words. Edsel was a wonderful man. It was evident to all who knew him how much he loved his family. We will miss him tremendously on White Ridge Trace.*

*Love, Kerry, Ryan, Kate and Lily Dougherty*

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**Kerry Dougherty** - February 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM