



Theodore Teddy Oehler

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Theodore "'Teddy"' Francis Oehler, 60, of Mystic, Iowa died from injuries sustained in a single vehicle accident on July 28, 2011.

Ted was born April 3, 1951 in Centerville, Iowa to Francis and Evelyn Oehler, who preceded him in death.

He attended local schools, graduating from Centerville High School, as well as attending Indian Hills Community College.

Teddy had many interests and passions which he pursued with enthusiasm. Ted loved to collect old toys, signs, cars, relics and many varied items. Through the years he attended antique and flea markets throughout Iowa, Missouri, and Texas. Ted always seemed to know what were the right items to buy that would appeal to his customers. He had friends and acquaintances from many places that would come to his home to purchase and enjoy being with him. Ted was a true outdoorsman and loved fishing, boating, hunting, and just being outside and living by Lake Rathbun. Ted loved his family and was a loyal friend to many. He was kind and giving to his family and friends. Teddy was a true individual and lived his life the way he wanted. He is survived by his son Shad (Angie) Oehler of Centerville, Iowa, a daughter Lyndsay Oehler of Centerville, Iowa, Shane Gooden of Centerville, and Missy Gooden of Centerville; his sisters Susan (Donald) Forsling of Clive, Iowa and Sally (Ronald) Hampton of Urbandale, Iowa; his former wives Deb Hawk and Inez Blecker; significant others Connie Gooden and Karen Kissinger; and ten grandchildren, Dylan, Cameron, Patton, Zack, Jeff, Kylan, Taylor, Meleia, Collin, and Cade. Funeral services will be held 10 AM, Wednesday, August 3, 2011 at Lange Funeral Home in Centerville. Burial will follow the service in the Dale Cemetery, north of Centerville. A visitation will be held from 9 AM-8 PM on Tuesday, August 2 at Lange Funeral Home, with the family present from 5-8 PM. Memorials have been designated to the family and may be left at or mailed to Lange Funeral Home, 1900



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S. 18th St., Centerville, Iowa, 52544. Condolences may be left online at www.langefh.com.

Visitation

August 02, 2011 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Lange Funeral Home 1900 S. 18th St. Centerville, IA (641) 856-2000

Funeral Service

August 03, 2011 10:00 AM

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Anonymous posted:

We are so sorry to hear of your great loss of Ted. Our hearts go out to Connie & Lyndsay & Shane & Missy and all who lives he touched with love. Sending our condolences & prayers & love to you - Aunt Barb & Jake Two smiling eyes are sleeping, Two busy hands are still. The one we love so deeply, Is resting at God's will. May he always walk in sunshine, God's love around him glow. For all the happiness he gave us, Only a few will ever know. It broke our hearts to lose him, But he did not go alone. For part of us went with him, The day God called him home! Posted by barbara & jim jacob - Chula Vista, CA - aunt to Connie Gooden August 01, 2011

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I have been a friend of Ted's for over 30 years. Had as much fun as every one else, maybe more. Too many things to mention! My heart hurts and tears are running down my cheeks. Tears of sorrow for his family, friends, and me at the loss of a Great Person. I'll see you later Toad!!!!!!! Love, Natch
Posted by George Gregory Glascock (Natch) - Close Friend August 01, 2011

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Ted and I were in our young 20's when we met, fell in love, had children, and had a wonderful life for almost 20 years. We've remained close friends over the years and he was a person of great worth. He was loved by many and a friend to all that deserved his love and caring ways. He would do anything for you if it was possible. I have a lifetime of memories that can never be taken away or forgotten and I will never forget him. I will love him forever. Good Bye Ted, until we met again....
Posted by Connie Gooden - Former Significant Other August 01, 2011

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Anonymous posted:

Ted was my friend and brother for over 35 years. He was my common law brother in law for over 20 years. He was the best man at my wedding. So many memories--road trips, fishing, hunting, cutting wood, or just talking around the old wood stove. He was taken from us before we were prepared. I'm sure the Good Lord has a place for our friend. Forever in my heart, love you, Ted. Posted by Randy Gooden aka Buford - Family August 01, 2011

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Ted and i have been life long friends, he was a good man, connie gooden (red) is my best friend , ted her and i have been through alot over the years, i have a ton of great memmories, to many to write down. ted was a great man and a forgiving man. to his children chad,shane,lyndsay, his grandchildren, all of teds family&friends you are in my prayers. rest in peace my friend, you will never be forgotten!!!! your friend Rebecca Crane Posted by lenny becky crane - centerville, IA - friends August 01, 2011

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

GOD BLESS HIM AND ALL HIS FAMILY! MY PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU! Posted by ARTHUR &LESLIE DUPREE - FORT WAYNE, IN - FAMILY FRIEND July 31, 2011

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Going to miss you Uncle Ted. You were truly a gentle soul who followed his own path in life. Will cherish the memories I have of you. Love you. Posted by Justin B Hampton - nephew July 31, 2011

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Anonymous posted:

I have nothing but extraordinarily fond memories of Ted. He was a wonderful man, terrific father, great friend and I know he made a lasting impact on everyone who was lucky enough to know him. I have especially fond memories of camping and fishing with him and playing around with his assortment of collectibles and antiques when I was a kid. He was a wonderful friend to both of my parents and will always have a special place in their hearts. My heart goes out to all who knew him, especially his kids and grandkids. I'm so sorry for your loss. You will be greatly missed, Teddy.

Posted by Tara Gooden - Family FriendNiece July 31, 2011

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

The Roberts family will miss you, and always love you. Posted by Gabriel Roberts - friend July 30, 2011

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Teddy & I go way back to the old Park Ave days when we were young and in Lincoln Elementary School. Teddy was my first official boyfriend & he gave me my first kiss. (Just a peck.) He was so bashful and always turned beet red. One memory I have is that Teddy always had the good stuff to play with so we all congregated at his house. He had a go-cart and we would ride it around and around his Gramma's house. We would play until his Mom came out and yelled Theodore.....Theodore Francis.....come in to supper now. He was so embarrassed that she always called him Theodore Francis in front of us. I've only seen Teddy twice since I moved back to C'ville in 1988, but I will always have fond memories of him. May he rest in peace. My prayers go out to his family. Posted by Deborah Harris - Centerville, IA - Childhood Friend July 30, 2011

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Anonymous posted:

Ted and I were friends and neighbors. I cannot say we were lifetime friends as many of you can, our friendship was a little over a year old, but it was special from the beginning. Whether we were fishing, eating, or just sitting around talking, it was obvious he cared for his family in a unique way. I have gone over those memories these past few days and they all bring a smile to my face, lightening my heavy heart. Ted was a special person and will be sorely missed. My deepest sympathies to the family, you were dearly loved. Although it seems a door is being slammed shut, another will open, without Ted, but full of great memories about him. Go with that thought. Barry Howard Posted by Barry Howard - Mystic, IA - friend July 30, 2011

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Anonymous posted:

MY HEART IS BROKEN TED WILL BE GREATLY MISSED. NOT ONLY WAS HE A FRIEND BUT HE HAS BEEN FAMILY TO ME MY WHOLE LIFE. I HAVE SO MANY MEMORIES OF HIM WHICH ONE ONE DO I CHOOSE TO SHARE WHEN MY FATHER LEFT ME TED WAS THERE TOLD MY SISTER AND I THAT HE WOULD NEVER TRY TO REPLACE SAM BUT HE WOULD BE THERE TO DO WHATEVER SAM WOULD DO FOR US. I CHERISH THOSE WORDS. HE WAS CRUSHED JUST AS MUCH AS WE WERE. BUT WHAT IS HELPING ME GET THROUGH THIS NOW IS KNOWING THAT DAD WAS THERE WAITING ON HIM TO WALK THROUGH THOSE GATES WITH OPEN ARMS. GOD BLESS YOU TED, YOU WILL BE MISSED! LOVE YOU AND MISS YOU, LES Posted by LESLIE (DAL PONTE) DUPREE - FAMILY FRIEND July 31, 2011

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Ted will be missed. My thoughts and prayers go out to all his family and friends. Ted was a true friend. He once Picked me up when I was down and helped me on lifes path. For that I will always be grateful. That reaching out showed the true measure of his soul. Peace be yours my friend Posted by Chris Perdie July 31, 2011

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Anonymous posted:

teddie was one of my best friends we used to say we were brothers from different mothers.i meet teddie when i was 16 years old and we were fast friends i cant even tell you all the times we spent and what we did together he was a beautiful person,i dont think i ever heard him say a bad thing about anyone,he was kind to a fault,and a very careing person.there are so many of our friends that have gone before us like sammy d brad y bill s,and many many more once we were many now we are few,i will miss him till the day i am with him again,god bless chadarac,lyndsey,and all his grandchildren i love you ted friends forever forgotten never. delbert robert Posted by delbert j roberts - corydon iowa now jackson s.c, SC - friend and brother July 30, 2011

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Anonymous posted:

Teddy was a great person through and through, and one of my Fathers best friends. So many memories come to mind when I think of Him. He was truly one of a kind just like all the antiques he collected, and the portrait of him that I remember from when I was a little tike. I mourn this huge loss with you and He will always be in my thoughts and prayers along with his friends and family. Take care Teddy you will be missed more than you will ever know. Posted by Gabriel Roberts - Aiken,, SC - friend July 30, 2011

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Anonymous posted:

I will forever love you daddy and you will never, ever be forgotten. Your chlldren, grandchild, family, and friends will cherish your love and caring so much and you were such a genuine man... Oh daddy. Posted by Lyndsay Oehler - Daughter July 30, 2011

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Anonymous posted:

happy trails my friend,old times not forgotten,we knew they would get us sooner or later Posted by joel r. mastin - fren July 30, 2011

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Anonymous posted:

My thoughts and prayers go out to your family Ted. You were a friend and neighbor for so many years....i will miss you pullin in the drive on your 4 wheeler or in your truck full of treasures from some sale you had been to. I will miss your offers of help when I am working on some project that needed 4 hands instead of 2..I will miss your driving up and down the road to Rolling Cove to go fishin. I will miss your helping me launch and retive the boat. I will miss our crazy conversations and i will miss your easy smile and laughter. May you find the peace you searched for here on earth. You rest in peace ole friend. A light has gone out in the neighborhood..You will not be forgotten. JaNan C Posted by JaNan Clark - Southfork..Rathbun Lake, IA - friend and neighbor July 30, 2011

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Anonymous posted:

Back a few years ago,I delivered the Ottumwa Courier to Teddy's Grandmother's house on Park Ave. I think her name was Hanson. Teddy would see me coming and would ride his tricycle to meet me. Being only 4 or 5, he would carry on a great conversation. In later years when we would see each other, we always carried on a good conversation. I always enjoyed that. I love that '57 Chevy Wagon! Rest in Peace. Posted by Jerry Power - Moravia, IA - friend July 30, 2011

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Anonymous posted:

Ted has been a family friend since before I can remember. More like an uncle. I still have an old catcher's mask that he gave me. It has sat on my dresser or hung on my wall for 20 years now. He will be truly missed and always loved. Posted by Zach Roberts - Friend July 30, 2011

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Anonymous posted:

Ted was such a caring man who would help anyone he considered a friend!!! He will be sorely missed by so many! I am blessed he was in my life and I will miss him. He left all of us with so many great memories. Love you Teddy!!!!!!!!!! Posted by Missy Gooden - Centerville, IA - Step-Daughter July 30, 2011

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Anonymous posted:

I have a lot of funny and fond memories of Ted, he was a man of his word and he loved his children very much and he was always there for his friends. Ted always seen the good in everyone and even when some didn't deserve it. Ted was a really good friend and we will always treasure the visits with Ted, Sam, Gary and Larry now they are all in Heaven. Our thoughts and prayers goes out to his family and friends, Posted by Richard & Margie Stewart - Friend July 29, 2011

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Anonymous posted:

I am truly sorry for your loss. I spent a lot of time at Teddy's with my Dad when I was younger. So many good memories. I always thought he was a really great guy. He will be missed so much. Posted by Dan Roberts - Pleasant Hill, IA - Friend July 29, 2011

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Anonymous posted:

Ted was my father-in-law for many years and such a great person who will be truly missed. My heart breaks for Shad and our boys for thier loss. Posted by Stacy Arnold August 03, 2011

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Anonymous posted:

Being home to say goodbye to Ted has reminded me yet again of my true friends and family, i thought the service was wonderful and would have made Sam and Ted proud of all of us. Letting go of Ted was like burying a part of my dad. Thanks for the support i got and for being treated like family from all of you! Posted by Latisha Dal Ponte (Baker) - family friend August 05, 2011

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Anonymous posted:

I am so glad I had the chance to have Teddy as a part of my life, Teddy was an amazing man, a genuine man just as Lyndsey said. My heart breaks for Shane, Shad and Lyndsey... I can not even imagine what they are all going thru. I have so many memories of you Teddy, ones Ill always have....till we meet again u'll be missed! love you.nuAT3 Posted by Mandi Shiltz - Oskaloosa, IA - friend August 05, 2011

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Anonymous posted:

Teddy's sister Susan was married to my brother Ed. I first met Teddy in 1963 - Susan and I were coming from Bloomfield after a trip to Chicago to visit Ed. Car lights temporarily blinded Susan and we rolled her 1956 Chevy convertible. After I was released from the hospital Teddy wanted to see me with my 2 black eyes. We had a funny sort of relationship in the beginning - not knowing what to do around each other being so young. Later after I graduated from College and old boyfriend (Splurkitt) and I hung around with Ted and Connie. Some wild times (with Natch, too) Ted and David would go fishing and called it the Panfish Panic. It's been years since I've seen Teddy, but he will always have a special place in my heart. My heart goes out to Shad, Lyndsey, Shane, Melissa, Connie and all of those who were touched by Teddy. He was so special. Posted by Bev Craver (Fowler) - Wayland, MA - friend August 07, 2011

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Anonymous posted:

RIP Uncle Ted..... I will Never forget growing up around you, at your house out at the lake staying with my cousin's and my Aunt Connie,, was always such a good time,, Ill never forget the friend you were to my daddy... Now you guys are together with grandpa delbert and grandma joy they loved both their son n laws so much.. YOu are sooo missed by your children, grandchildren, family, friends.. RIP Ted Posted by Crystal Steen~ - moulton, IA - neice September 30, 2011

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Anonymous posted:

I met Theodore 40 yrs ago., He is and will remain dearly missed.May you be at rest. Posted by Terry Mastin - Trenton, MO - friend April 07, 2012

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Anonymous posted:

My mother, Foncey Jennings Taylor, wanted me to pass along her condolences to Teddy's sisters. She remembers visiting her mom and dad, Frosty and Lucille, in Centerville and walking my brother John in a baby stroller with Evelyn walking Teddy when both were babies. She remembers them being such cute little boys, and remembers both the sisters. She was fond of Francis and Evelyn, as were her parents. Posted by Katie Taylor Morgan - Laramie, WY - friend August 02, 2011

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Anonymous posted:

Shad, So sorry to hear of your unthinkable loss. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. The bond between parent and child is deep and complex. As I read about your dad, I see where your zest for life comes from... Take care and lean on your friends when you are in need. That's what friends do. Hope to see you again in the Colorado mountains. LeAnne, (Erik's mom) Posted by LeAnne & Jon Becker - Millerton, PA - friend August 02, 2011

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Anonymous posted:

Ted, sorry I can't call you Teddy, only your sister, Sally, could do that and that was okay. Hard to believe we first met when you were around 6 years old. We have had fun and exciting 54 plus years and loved it. Actually you were a pain in the butt because we had to babysit you at the beginning. WOW we had fun on this great ride. We enjoyed coming to your Lake home to see you latest treasures. I was always nervous as to what you would convince your sister as to what she really needed. We have so many treasurers because of you. You will be missed by all and your family and friends are so much better because you touched them. Thanks, we all love you. Ron Hampton Posted by Ron Hampton - Ubandale, IA - Brother-in-Law August 02, 2011

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Anonymous posted:

Lyndsay, I'm so sorry to hear about the loss of your dad!! Thinking of you!!! Love you, Tammy Uhlenhake Posted by Tammy Uhlenhake - Friend August 02, 2011

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Anonymous posted:

Ted and I's friendship was silent to many, but the respect between us was great. I am proud to say you were my friend through good and bad. God Speed my friend and I will dearly miss our joking conversations and your advice! Posted by Gary D. Anderson, Sheriff - Centerville, IA - Friend August 02, 2011

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Anonymous posted:

Ted, I didn't have the opportunity to met you directly, I am a very good friend of Lyns, I have known her for many many yrs, and I know she feels your loss deeply right now, but I also know you will be with her every step she takes. Thank you for giving her life, for being her daddy, and for being her kids grandpa. You will be missed. I asked my mom to meet you at the gate, she will show you the way. Rest in Peace. ~~ Andrea Posted by Andrea Bailey - Friend of Daughter Lyns August 02, 2011

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Anonymous posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. The Southern Hampton 'Clan' Posted by Heather and Terry Cooper - Sally's Niece August 02, 2011

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Anonymous posted:

ive known teddy since way back when, he should have been a mountian man. he loved the outdoors so and being in the country. he was a kind and gentle man and i think of him always with a grin and a smile. is he gonna have some stories to tell in great here after. smile frani Posted by frani logston [crane] - w. burlington, IA - an old friend for years August 02, 2011

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Anonymous posted:

I was sorry to read of Teddy's passing. I didn't now him very well, but knew the Oehler family, especially his sister Sally. I just wanted to send my condolences to his family, especially his sister's Susan and Sally. Posted by Anne Malmberg - West Des Moines, IA - Family friend August 03, 2011

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Anonymous posted:

I remember Teddy fondly as a boy in Centerville, living a couple of houses near my grandparent's home, Frosty and Lucille Jennings. My brother John, who was Teddy's same age, and I would play with him, and my brother looked forward to seeing him whenever we visited Centerville. We lost John many years ago to a car accident when he was only 18. Our condolences to your family. Posted by Katie Taylor Morgan - Laramie, WY - friend August 01, 2011

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Anonymous posted:

My Uncle Teddy gave the greatest hugs! Every trip that I made to Centerville, over the years, he always made it a point to see me and my kids! Visiting with Uncle Teddy was a treat for all of us! He made you feel so good and his home was like a museum of antiques. My 1936 Coke machine is in my dining room and everyday I will think of him! Love you, Uncle Teddy! Posted by nikki (hampton) gordon - denver, CO - niece August 01, 2011

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Anonymous posted:

An Ode to Our Dear Friend, Ted Life - You definitely lived it and to the fullest as you should. You used your time as you saw fit, helping others when you could. You never judged the people you knew, only wanting them to be the same with you and up until your time was through you remained yourself - tried and true. Now the memories can no longer be made and our times together are all past - know this Dear Friend on your journey home, while you were here you were one heck of a blast! To old Chevy's, Theodore and a good journey! Posted by Britt & Marilyn Micetich - Knoxville, IA - Friend August 02, 2011

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Anonymous posted:

Ted was a father to me for many years, I loved him very much and tho I haven't seen him for quite some time now that love remains. Ted made a difference in my life and made my life better. I love him dearly and always will. Posted by Michelle Hiatt - McDaniel - Des Moines, IA - step father August 01, 2011

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Anonymous posted:

Dear Shad. You have my deepest sympathy, I know what you meant to you father and what he meant to you. Ted and I had been talking quiet a bit on the phone last week and I was coming up for the weekend. I will be up for visitation on Tuesday and Wednesday for the funeral. My heart goes out to the whole family. Russ Posted by Russell (Russ) High - Browning, Mo, MO - Friend August 01, 2011

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Anonymous posted:

I've loved Teddy with all my heart since he was a baby. He is one of the dearest and kindest individuals I have ever known. He was like our dad. Teddy was loving and good to so many. I'm not sure I have ever heard him say an unkind word about anyone. He gave me unconditional love, and I know he felt that from me. My heart goes out to his children, his extended family and his friends. He is in safe keeping. God Bless. Sally Hampton, sister
Posted by Sally Hampton - Urbandale, IA - Sister
August 01, 2011

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Anonymous posted:

I met Ted in 1999. In 2000 he said the magic words I love you. What a ride that would end up to be !!!!!. I have always loved Ted and I always will. No words can describe how I feel. I am thankful for the best and last 6 months of our lives together. The bike riding and kayaking. It was great fun. I miss my partner. I have been blessed. I will remember all that we did together and miss all of our future plans that will now never be. You will never be out of my thoughts. You are in my heart and head. I love you so very much. Thank you my dear Ted. Love always and forever. See you at the gate. Till then I will be missing you. k.
Posted by Karen Kissinger - last significant other August 01, 2011

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Shad, Your dad was a GREAT guy....I sent Ted a Christmas card for many years and for some reason I stopped sending cards all together....the next year I got one from you dad (I still have it). I didn't get to see Ted often but I treasure the memories I have of him...Loved him... my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time...Susan
Posted by Susan Buckallew - memphis, MO - friend August 01, 2011

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