



## Edward Max Langham Jr.

July 28, 1948 - June 2, 2026

Edward (Ed) M. Langham was born in New Kensington, PA on July 28, 1948, the son of Edward Max Langham, Sr. and Myrtle Louise Smith. Ed's father died shortly after the family moved to Michigan in 1964. He attended Albion College and began work in social services in 1970 while living in Lansing, soon moving to Traverse City where he spent many years raising a family.

He obtained his MSW from Michigan State University in 1981, after which, Ed's career shifted to psychotherapy delivered in nursing home, family service, hospital, and outpatient clinic settings. He and his second partner established a private practice in Saginaw from 1991-2010 and he retired from the Veteran's Administration in 2017.

Ed was the embodiment of a free spirit, coming of age during the 1960s. He was always game to try something new and spread laughter. Over the years, he explored many hobbies, including photography, travel, camping, hiking, biking, scuba diving, building computers, and home-brewing. He was also an avid fan of the oldies, blues, books, and action movies. Ed was passionate about learning and helping others, specializing in then-emerging treatments like EMDR and neurofeedback. His work touched the lives of countless adults, children, and Veterans.

Ed was a man of words and knowledge whose spontaneity and wit were enjoyed by all, despite an accident that brought cognitive decline in his final 10 years. He died in Traverse City on June 2, 2026, aged 77. He is survived by two sons, Jason (Angela) Langham and Devin (Samantha) Langham, grandchildren Kendra, Mia, and Leland Langham, siblings Charlene Cooper and Matthew (June) Langham, nephews Nestorio and Alfonso Cooper, and his beloved former partners and caregivers Annie (Harold) Gurian, and Roberta Bidwell. Ed was predeceased by his parents and brother-in-law, Willie Cooper.

A celebration of his life is being held at noon, June 27, 2026, at Bryant Park, 1101 Peninsula Drive, Traverse City, MI 49686. Those wishing to honor his memory are invited to spend time with their loved ones, tell a bawdy joke, and cherish being present together in the moment.

Arrangements were made by Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home, our family serving yours.

# Upcoming Events

## Celebration of Life

JUN 27. 12:00 PM (ET)

Bryant Park  
1101 Peninsula Drive  
Traverse City, MI 49686