In Loving Memory of <u>f</u>dward "fast <u>f</u>ddy" George Niblett

May 11, 1964 ~ April 20, 2020

**Celebration of fife** Anderson Funeral Home Alexandria, Minnesota Saturday, April 25, 2020 2:00 PM

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Musicians Jack Stoeck Toby Novotny

**Vrn Bearers** Johnny Bosek Jeff Kluver Ricky Kluver Kevin Lofquist Tom Wilkins

**Musical Selections** The Sound of Silence—Disturbed How Great Thou Art—Pentatonix Halleluiah—Pentatonix Ave Maria—Jack Stoeck Wheel in the Sky—Journey

"When I Count My Blessings, I Count You Twice."



## I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free, I'm following the path God laid for me. I took his hand when I heard his call. I turned my back and left it all.

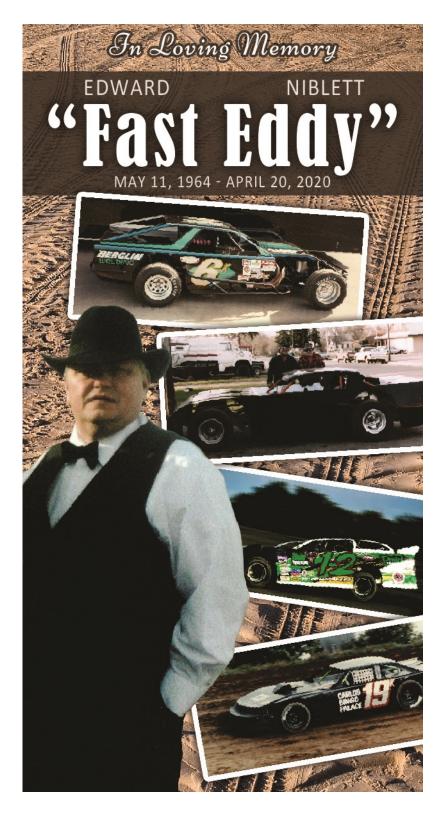
I could not stay another day, To laugh, to love, to work, to play. Tasks left undone must stay that way, I've found that peace at the close of the day.

If my parting has left a void, Then fill it with remembered joy. A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss, Ah yes, these things I too will miss. Be not burdened with times of sorrow, I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.

My Life's been full, I savoured much, Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch,

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief, Don't lengthen it now with undue grief. Lift up your heart and share with me, God wanted me now, He set me free.





Edward "fast Eddy" George Niblett was born on May 11, 1964 in Alexandria to George and Ellen (Hoaglund) Niblett. He was raised

around the racetrack with his three brothers, Greg, Ted "Teddy" and Brian. Eddy held his first job at the age of 13, cleaning at the Coffee Pot

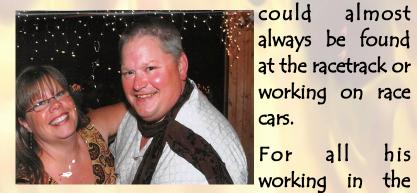


restaurant; he also farmed with Roger Mart throughout his high school years. At 15 he started working for Matt Zwilling at the Carlos Locker doing cleanup, before graduating from Alexandria High School in 1982. After graduation, Matt offered to send Eddy back to school, or learn all that he could about the meat industry. Eddy chose the latter and became a sausage apprentice at the age of 18. In 1993, he started working at Klinder Processing with Darrell, Marilene, and Scott.

On September 22, 1990, Eddy married the woman that would become his right-hand lady in the meat business, Jodi Mortenson, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Carlos. In 1994, he lifted a baby girl and future hunting partner, Olivia, into his arms and said, "Hello Miss O!"

and in 1999 Eddy was gifted with a lifetime fishing, hunting, and racing buddy, his son, Stanley.

In July of 2002, Ed and Jodi took over ownership of Klinder Processing and the team became Scott, Gerri, Ed, and Jodi. In 2003, Eddy took a class on sausage-making but proved to have more experience than many of the men there that were 15 years his senior. The Master of Meats could only be taught one sausage recipe and how to net hams. In his spare time, Eddy loved woodworking and crafting things for his beloved Jodi, and he



always be found at the racetrack or working on race cars.

## For all his working in the

meat industry, Eddy was a firefighter first and foremost and a business owner on the side, having been a member of the Carlos Fire Department for the past 30 years. His love for doing good and supporting his community were passed down to his children, Olivia and Stanley, who carry on their dad's firefighting legacy to this day. Eddy was a jovial man that adored his community, would do anything to help someone succeed, and was overall just a good soul.

On Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020, the man with a

heart of gold passed away, at the too-young age of 55, despite the valiant efforts of his coworkers, family, Carlos First Responders, and North Memorial Ambulance team. He is



preceded in death by his dad, George "Shorty" Niblett and brother, Brian Niblett.

Ed is survived by his wife of 29 years, Jodi; children, Olivia and Stanley Niblett; mother, Ellen Niblett; brothers, Ted "Teddy" (Deanne Mortenson) and Greg (Kathy) Niblett; sisterin-law, Lisa Niblett; nephews and nieces, Steven Arthur (Michaela) Niblett, Whitney (Eddie) Niblett-Garcia, Lauren (Josh) Eide, Emma (Jen Warner) Schlosser, and Louisa (Leo) Steffl; great-nephews and nieces, Kaija, Easton, Grayer, Lucas, and Judah Niblett, Julian and Lala Garcia, Logan, Gauge, and Hank (Bocephus) Eide, and Ava and Mack Steffl; granddog, Tiny "TD" the Pitbull.