



## Egon Lipps

July 20, 1936 - November 26, 2023

Egon Lipps, age 87, born in Gelsenkirchen, Westphalia, Germany on July 20, 1936, passed away unexpectedly at his home in Ann Arbor, MI on Sunday, November 26, 2023. Born during a turbulent time, Egon was age 9 when WWII ended. In early 1956, he emigrated to the United States where he first found work in restaurant kitchens. Working his way up, he became a cook, then chef at several Ann Arbor restaurants including Kale's Waterfall Supper Club, The Farm Cupboard, The Tuebingen Room, and others. He served in the US Army as a driver and translator in his native Germany. He was a proud member of the US Army boxing team. In the 1960s, he began a career in construction and became a skilled licensed builder. He loved solving difficult construction problems and completing many projects throughout the Ann Arbor area. Egon continued in the work he loved until the age of 85.

Throughout his life, he enjoyed dancing, was an avid boater, and loved spending time on Lake Erie.

He will be missed by all who knew him, but especially by his long-time love, M. Jean Gray. He was a proud father to Sherri (Lipps) Darvis, Daniel (Kentley) Lipps, and Eric Lipps, grandfather to Danielle (Joe) Delong, Robert Burda, and the late Justin Burda, and Big Opa, (great-grandfather) to London Delong and Sophia Delong. He was predeceased by his sister, Brigitte (Lipps) Abbott, of Burlington Junction, MO.

Friends may join the family for a Celebration of Life Gathering on Saturday,

December 9, 2023 from 1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. at the Robison-Bahnmiller Funeral Home in Saline. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in his name may be made to Fisher House Michigan, and envelopes will be available at the funeral home. To leave a memory you have of Egon, to sign his guestbook or for directions please visit [www.rbfhsaline.com](http://www.rbfhsaline.com).

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Gathering

DEC 9. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home & Cremation Services

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# Tribute Wall

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“ I was an acquaintance of Egon as with his boat is stored at my place. He was a great fellow. I need some one to contact me to make plans to retrieve his boat. My name is Dan Curley. (734) 279-1350 is how I can be reached. His boat has been in my barn for over 4 years.

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**Dan Curley** - March 11, 2025 at 09:41 PM

EJ

“ I worked with Egon a couple of times and was honored to have worked with him! I worked with him as a teenager before I joined the service and once while I was waiting to get into Fords! I learned a lot from him. I still to this day talk about the memories and the stories that he shared with me! Yes,he loved to take on jobs that challenged him but he always figured it out even if he had to stay up all night. Prayers and love for the family and loved ones!❤️🙏

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**Edward Minion Jr.** - December 07, 2023 at 08:32 AM

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“ So honored to not only meet Egon but to know each of his children. His legacy of strength will live on for generations to come. My deepest condolences to Danny, Sherri, Eric, Jean, and the entire Lipps family.

*Mark Amos*

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**Mark Amos** - December 04, 2023 at 10:45 PM

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“ Egon you are a BLESSING to all who knew you. You had the greatest hug and always a loving smile. Your stories will never be forgotten. Thank you for ALWAYS being you and for being Duane’s idol in life, yo live life to the fullest, to always being willing to help a friend. The world is a little less shiny ...we know that you will always be around we will hear you in the wind. Gods Blessings my friend may God grant you peace and thank you for a job well done. Love you ALWAYS.

Tamorah Hankins - December 03, 2023 at 10:40 AM

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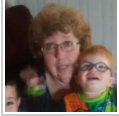
“ We are so sad to learn of Egon’s passing. So many memories of boating years, sitting around campfires, overnight group boating in Cubby Bay, listening to stories of his youth, snacks and shots while rafted at Toledo Beach. The looks on the faces of carnival workers trying to guess his age. The delight he took from men friends who referred to him as their idol!! Egon embraced fun, life, love, and whether planned or not, adventures! He was a delightful and treasured friend. ❤️❤️❤️❤️

Cindy Stefanski - November 29, 2023 at 09:46 PM

EJ

I worked with Egon a couple of times. Once before I joined the service and Once while waiting to get in Fords! It was a real honor to work with him and I learned a lot from him! Yes,Egon loved a challenge that others thought couldn't be done and we would get it done! Many good memories even the times we couldn't get no work. I still share the stories of working with him and the stories he shared with me! Prayers for the loved ones and lots of hugs!❤️🙏

Edward Minion Jr. - December 06, 2023 at 11:25 AM



*I met Egon when i worked at Bolgos at sixteen but my mom working with him at the Waterfall supper club as well he was also a neighbor and i knew Sherry and Dannie and we babysat for them many times I still have pictures of them when they attended my high school graduation i loved this family but moved away and lost contact now wish i had not lost that contact.*

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**Deborah Hardison** - December 18, 2023 at 02:31 PM