



Larry John Edgell

November 16, 1946 - December 24, 2025

Larry John Edgell, 79, of New Martinsville, passed away December 24, 2025, in Good Shepherd Nursing Home, Wheeling WV.

He was born November 16, 1946, in Hundred, WV; the son of the late John. W. "Duke" and Edith Hostutler Edgell.

Larry was a veteran of the US Navy, serving during the Vietnam War; taught elementary school for Star City Elementary for 1 year, Grandview Elementary for 4 years, and concluded his teacher career at New Martinsville Elementary School with an additional 25 years. Before retiring from teaching, he was first elected to the Wetzel County Democratic Executive Committee; was named Wetzel County Democrat of the year in 1995; was elected to city council in New Martinsville; and then elected as state Senator to represent the Second Senatorial District from 1998-2014; where he served not only as Majority Whip, but also as President Pro Tempore in 2013. Larry served on the Education and Finance Committees during his terms.

He was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in New Martinsville; Holy Name Society, Moose #931, and American Legion Post 28; served on the West Virginia Solid Waste Board; and coached golf at Magnolia High School and West Virginia Northern Community College.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister-in-law, Karen Poe Edgell; five brothers-in-law, David N. Herrick, Leonard Oates, Lou Hores, Dana McClanahan, and Bruce Hall.

Survivors include his wife of 50 years, having celebrated their Golden

anniversary in August 2025 with family and friends, Cecilia Herrick Edgell; one daughter, Eva (Damon) Wilde of Crestwood, KY; one son, Joshua (Lisa) Edgell of Cary, NC; seven grandchildren, Claire Wilde, Abby Wilde, Royce Wilde, Julia Wilde, David Edgell, Andrew Edgell, and Lucy Edgell; two brothers, Gary Edgell of Hurricane, WV and Wally Edgell of Sebring, FL; one sister, Judi Hall of Hurricane, WV; several nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews.

Family will receive friends on Friday, January 16, 2026 from 3pm to 7pm at Grisell Funeral Home and Crematory, 751 Third St., New Martinsville.

Funeral liturgy with Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, January 17, 2026 at 11am at St. Vincent DePaul Catholic Church, 21 Rosary Road, New Martinsville, with Fr. Joseph Abraham as Celebrant.

Interment will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park, New Martinsville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association or The Holy Name Society at St Vincent de Paul Catholic Church New Martinsville.

Sympathy expressions www.grisellfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Greenlawn Memorial Park

North State Route 2
New Martinsville, WV 26155

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JAN 16. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Grisell Funeral Home - New Martinsville
751 Third Street
New Martinsville, WV 26155
(304) 455-1800
<https://www.grisellfuneralhomes.com/>

Funeral Liturgy with Mass

JAN 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church
21 Rosary Road
New Martinsville, WV 26155

Tribute Wall



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Larry John Edgell.*



January 16 at 11:09 PM



“ *Great friend, wonderful family and he will be missed by many. So many memories but know he was loved by his students and colleagues. However, he loved his family the most. Love Bob, Jennifer and the Plymale family.*

Bob Plymale - January 16 at 10:28 AM



“ *Patrick M. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Larry John Edgell.*

Patrick M. - January 15 at 02:05 PM



“ *Love, Doug and Linda planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Larry John Edgell.*

Love, Doug and Linda - January 15 at 12:26 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Larry John Edgell.*



January 15 at 12:26 PM



“ *My sincere condolences to Mrs. Edgell and family. Mr. Edgell was one of my favorite teachers. He always had a smile on his face. R.I.P. Mr. Edgell. You made a huge impact on many people on your earthly journey. Rest now.....*



Melissa Wade - January 14 at 11:59 AM



“ *Joe and Beverly Craig planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Larry John Edgell.*

Joe and Beverly Craig - January 14 at 09:58 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Larry John Edgell.*



January 14 at 09:58 AM

ML

“ *My sincere condolences-Adam Lemon purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Larry John Edgell.*



My sincere condolences-Adam Lemon - January 11 at 09:31 PM

RR

“ *Margie and Ray Renaud's memories of Larry began when he taught our daughter, Grace, at Grandview School. As a Senator, he assisted us with oil and gas issues. We also met him at many social activities. We have included photos on this site for two of the activities. He will be missed.*

Ray Renaud - January 07 at 11:52 AM

RR

“ *3 files added to the album Larry Edgell*



Ray Renaud - January 07 at 11:29 AM



“ *May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,

May your memories of Larry John Edgell, give you peace, comfort and strength...

Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete.
I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom.
You will not be forgotten...
My thoughts
and prayers to the family of

US Navy Veteran, Larry John Edgell, is “A True American Hero”
God Bless†

† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †*

Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum - December 30, 2025 at 09:09 AM

BC

“ *To Eva & family you have our deepest sympathy. As the days and weeks pass, and as you return to life's routine, may you continue to feel comforted by the love and support of family and friends. Also may God give you all the strength to cope during this time of grief and sorrow.*

Bridgette Carroll - December 30, 2025 at 01:05 AM

BM

“ Ceci, Eva, Josh and family,

I am truly sorry for your loss. Larry was a great Senator. One of the best. I considered him a friend. He always said hi and made time to talk. Always a smile like you Ceci. Loved teaching you Eva. Ceci I loved all of your stories. Especially how you met. Larry as I knew him as will be deeply missed. Loved going by the house and seeing him outside, usually sitting. Sometimes walking in the yard. He was very friendly to all. Such a caring and nice person. Many students loved him. If I recall correctly he taught out at Grandview School 5th grade. Went there to buy honey. Hope the school will always stand.

Betty Ann Mitchell-Thomas - December 29, 2025 at 09:15 PM



*Dear Ceci and children, I am so sorry to hear of Larry's passing. I always enjoyed running into him in Charkeston where we both served. We talked about our year at Star City Elementary. May the Lord hold you close as you walk this new journey.
Anna Border Sheppard*

Anna Sheppard - January 01 at 08:14 PM

LC

“ *A true gentleman who was a real pillar of the community. Larry always had time to speak with me but more importantly he spent time listening and leveraging the support for the community that we spoke about. Always a smile, never negative.... His service to the community will serve us all for decades to come. May he rest in peace...*

Larry Couch - December 29, 2025 at 08:20 PM

CK

“ Dear Ceci and Family,
I was at GS yesterday and asked about Larry for I hadn't seen him in his usual spot. I was so saddened to learn that he had passed. Please accept my sincere condolences. May the blessings of the love you shared always be a part of you.
Carma Kovalo

Carma Kovalo - December 29, 2025 at 04:26 PM

TL

“ Mr Edgell was my favorite teacher! He always had the biggest smile of all times, and was so kind and caring! RIP Mr Edgell ❤️



Tina Longwell - December 29, 2025 at 04:23 PM