

Edward James Melton Jr

February 14, 1961 - June 19, 2025

Edward “Ed” James Melton, Jr. was born in Greenville, North Carolina, on February 14, 1961. He moved to Juneau, Alaska, in 1975 and graduated from Juneau-Douglas High School in 1979. He proudly served in the U.S. Army from 1980 to 1984 as an Indirect Fire Infantryman, stationed at Fort Hood, Texas.

In 1988, Ed relocated to Wenatchee, WA, where he became a father in 1992 and 1994. He later moved to Chelan in 2007, where he lovingly stepped into the role of dad to three more children. In 2010, he married the love of his life, Carrie Melton, with whom he shared a strong and lasting bond.

Ed was known for his quick wit and classic “dad jokes” before they were even called that. He was happiest outdoors—hunting, fishing, camping, and coaching his kids. A true gearhead, he loved tinkering with anything that had an engine, especially Jeeps, and never missed a chance to hit the trails or find a good mud pit.

Always willing to lend a hand, Ed never passed by someone in need. He worked hard to provide for his family, retiring in 2022 after a long career as the beloved Franz “Bread Man.”

More than anything, Ed cherished time with his granddaughters, Hayden,

Amiyah, and Aspen. His world revolved around them.

Ed was preceded in death by his son Nate Hart, sister Shawn Wilson, father-in-law Don Hart, stepfather Jerome Painter, and father Edward James Melton, Sr.

He is survived by his wife, Carrie Melton; mother, Joyce Painter; mother-in-law, Nancy Hart; children: Chase (Kelsey) Melton, Taran (Alyssa) Melton, Dakota (Zac) Buchmann, and Kiera (Jeremy) Piechalski; and granddaughters Hayden, Amiyah, and Aspen. He also leaves behind his sisters and brothers: Marie (Mike) Love, June (Doug) Stanaway, Philip (Suk) Melton of Manhattan, KS, Ann (Roger) Ooms of Las Vegas, NV, and brother-in-law Mel Hart. Along with extended family, he will be deeply missed by a host of nieces and nephews who adored him.

Ed was a helper, a protector, and a family man to his core. His legacy lives on in the laughter, love, and memories he leaves behind.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life - Graveside

JUL 11. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

Chelan Riverview Cemetery
401 Riverview Road
Chelan, WA

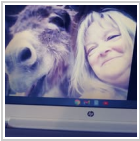
Tribute Wall

RO

“ Rest easy, Ed you are better now 🙏



Robin - June 23, 2025 at 10:58 PM



“ Karen Miller lit a candle in memory of Edward James Melton Jr



Karen Miller - June 23, 2025 at 10:39 PM

TR

“ I'll never forget the way Ed smiled. He always reminded me a little bit of one of my brothers. Rest easy big guy ❤️👊



Tina Rotter - June 20, 2025 at 10:21 AM

EN

“ You are in our prayers please keep posted on his service



Edward newton - June 19, 2025 at 08:27 PM

JE

“ *Watching him Cheer on Nate at wrestling tournaments was awesome. The way he loved as a father was so beautiful.... Ed you will be missed.... Give Nate a hug for me!!!*

Jeffrey - June 19, 2025 at 05:41 PM

KV

“ *Kylee Vargas lit a candle in memory of Edward James Melton Jr*



Kylee Vargas - June 19, 2025 at 05:26 PM

AS

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Ashley Stanaway - June 19, 2025 at 05:18 PM

AS

“ Uncle Ed was the kind of person who made you feel completely seen-without ever needing to ask a million questions. He didn't care about the details; he just cared about me. He never once made me feel like I had to explain myself-he just accepted me, always.

He was hilarious-always making jokes, competing with me at every turn, from diving contests to tickle fights with those strong fingers of his that would literally make you hurt. He had this lightness to him, this playfulness that made every moment better just by having him in it. Having him there, meant laughing no matter what.

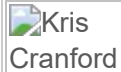
He picked me up from preschool on his motorcycle and I guess what was normal for me left my classmates in awe of the badass who picked me up. He brought me teen trash mags when we worked at the magazine distributor, always making sure to give me the Johnathan Taylor Thomas copies. He made a special trip to bring me my first Britney CD... I was the first niece on our side of the family which obviously made me the favorite. He had two sons that the sun rised and fell with, then got the two daughters he always wanted and quickly tried to turn them into boys- dragging them along on all his adventures. 😭 He knew what he was doing molding them into the little baddies they are today. His 3 granddaughters were his pride & joy. Carrie, he loved you like no other and one thing you guys always had was FUN. I remember you both taking Adrienne & I to Vegas from Pahrump and it's turned into one of my most favorite memories. You holding the navigation, Ed not being able to hear it, you forgetting to tell him when the turns were coming, it was the BEST. 😭 He fought his cancer with everything he had.

One of my most treasured memories was our trip to Alaska-not just the helicopter ride to Mendenhall Glacier or the halibut fishing-but the stories, the reminiscing, the presence. He was still him-funny, real, full of life, even as he quietly braved so much.

Uncle Ed was more than an uncle. He was my friend, my fan, my

constant. And I will miss him with all my heart. Rest in Peace, see you again one day. ❤️🙏

Ashley Stanaway - June 19, 2025 at 05:15 PM

Kris Cranford

“ *Kris Cranford lit a candle in memory of Edward James Melton Jr*



Kris Cranford - June 19, 2025 at 03:43 PM

RW

“ *This saddens my heart. Ed was a blessing to Carrie, the kids, grandkids and all the family. He touched so many lives. He just had this way about him that made everyone feel included, loved and welcomed. Ed always welcomed you with a hug and sad goodbye when leaving with a heartfelt hug. He showed Carrie and the kids how a man should treat women and love them. He set an example for marriage and relationships.*

So many memories. The one that stands out the most for our family is... Ed and Carrie called my girls from early ages every Christmas Eve and acted as though they were Mr and Mrs Claus. They would talk to them and hear their wishes. The memories are ones that will be left with us for years to come. The two together were a great force. They have had some great losses. Carrie and Ed were able to overcome these and bring joy to the youngest by giving their love to them.

Ed will be missed but never forgotten in our hearts. His memory will live on for many, many years through conversations, memories, pictures and most of all through his grandchildren.

Rebecca Waller - June 19, 2025 at 03:09 PM

CW

“ *Rest In Peace Ed.*



Cheryl A. Williams - June 19, 2025 at 02:49 PM

NF

“ *NANETTE FIELD lit a candle in memory of Edward James Melton Jr*



NANETTE FIELD - June 19, 2025 at 02:32 PM

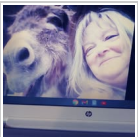


Melissa Torgerson

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Melissa Torgerson - June 19, 2025 at 02:21 PM



“ *Karen Miller lit a candle in memory of Edward James Melton Jr*



Karen Miller - June 19, 2025 at 02:10 PM

SM

“ Sarah Molina lit a candle in memory of
Edward James Melton Jr



sarah molina - June 19, 2025 at 02:06 PM