



## Eric Haser

October 6, 1951 - May 13, 2020

Eric Z. Haser, 68 died on May 13, 2020, after a short but courageous battle with cancer. Eric was born on October 6, 1951, in New Kensington, Pennsylvania. He graduated from Burrell Senior High School in 1970 where he played football as an All-Conference athlete and wrestled. He will be sadly missed by all the friends and acquaintances with whom he remained in touch over the years. He attended Shippensburg University and then enlisted in the Navy where he served proudly during the Vietnam War from 1973-1975. Upon his return, he attended the University of Pittsburgh and graduated with a Bachelors's degree in Public Administration in 1985. Soon after graduating from Pitt, he moved to Columbus, Ohio where he lived for over 35 years. After moving to Columbus, he was employed by Davis Associates 1986-1998, beginning his career representing employers in workers' compensation cases throughout the state of Ohio. In 1999 he joined KKSG as an Account Executive where he continued his career for the next 21 years. He represented employers with professionalism, a sense of fairness, and a dogged determination. He enjoyed a reputation as a smart, competent, and fair representative. Eric was a sportsman. He hunted and fished with his Burrell buddies at a camp near the headwaters of the Allegheny River. The Tiki Trophy was a coveted fishing prize among the guys of which he was a proud 3-time winner. Turkey, deer hunting, and fishing were favorite seasonal activities for him. Many times they served as an excuse just to be in the woods, lean against a tree, and read a good book.

He bowled, played softball, and played in a regular golf league. He was long off the tee, but like most golfers continued to work on his game, which seemed to elude him. But to Eric, golf was more of an excuse to talk about the issues of the day, or the latest Steeler, Blue Jacket, or Pirate game. His friends all became friends because of his inclusive nature.

Fourteen years ago, Eric had an idea to start a golf outing with proceeds going to those in the workers' compensation community who were going through a life-altering event. The Spring Fling Golf Thing was formed and this 501C3 organization has raised significant funds toward that mission. It stands as a legacy for who Eric was, bringing people from opposite sides of the table together for the greater good of helping those in need, and of course, having fun in the process.

Eric will be remembered for his love of life, sense of humor, and positive nature. He loved and was loved greatly by his friends and family. In recent years, his relationship with his brown-eyed love Gloria Castrodale brought him his greatest happiness.

Gloria and his family wish to thank all his friends and family for their support during Eric's illness. The outpouring of help and wishes will always be remembered with gratitude.

Eric was preceded in death by his parents Ralph and June Rae (Callender) Haser. He is survived by fiancé Gloria Castrodale, her son Frankie, and daughter Maria, sister Aimee (Douglas) Woods of Upper Burrell Pa., brother, Ralph G. Haser of New Kensington, Pa, niece Alexis (Jason) Wisniewski, Cincinnati, Oh, niece Alison (Michael) Hall, Chagrin Falls, Oh, nephew Zachary (Kiely) Haser, Pittsburgh, Pa. also surviving are his loving cousins, grand nephews and nieces, and Uncle Ralph Callender.

A celebration of life will be announced at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, a charitable contribution may be made in Eric's memory to Spring Fling Golf Thing Inc., Randy Mikes 1237 Norwell Dr., Columbus, Ohio 43220. Proceeds will be used to establish the Eric Z. Haser Memorial Scholarship. RUTHERFORD-CORBIN FUNERAL HOME in charge of arrangements. Condolences to [www.rutherfordfuneralhome.com](http://www.rutherfordfuneralhome.com).

# Comments

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“ It has taken me a little while to rap my thoughts around Eric's passing. I have known Eric for what was his entire professional life in the Workers' compensation arena, Being on different sides of the table in that arena did not prevent me from admiring his sense of duty to his clients while being fair, open and honest in doing so. What a great sense of humor he had away from the arena as well. We talked sports (mostly Pitt and MSU, in my case) as well as current events and family. Gloria, my soul aches for your loss of this wonderful guy's companionship. My wholehearted condolences to all, Bill Polhamus

**Bill Polhamus** - May 28 at 03:29 PM

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“ Life would be better with more people like Eric in it. He carried himself with kindness, grace and humility. He showed those of us who worked with him how to advocate effectively without acrimony, but with respect and professionalism. You cannot replace people like Eric. God blessed us by sharing him with us. Rest In peace bud. God bless his family.

**Joffre Laret** - May 19 at 09:58 PM

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“ I'm still in shock over Eric's passing. I was so glad to have had the chance to correspond with him recently, and as always, he had a way of knowing just what to say to make things brighter even when he knew his time here would be short. I always enjoyed talks with Eric when we shared time in Lima at the IC. My family is from the Ohio valley, and Eric and I would discuss valley football, but mostly ethnic foods and recipes from the region as Eric was a foodie at heart. We also discussed gardening and our love of honey-crisp apples in the fall when we would try to be the first person to announce to the other reps in Lima that the apples were available at Hurley's farm market for pick up on the way back home to Columbus. Eric loved his Gloria and he beamed with pride and love when we discussed their adventures. She was the love of his life. I will miss Eric's kind demeanor, smile, giggle and mostly his warm friendship. My heart goes out to Gloria and all of us who dearly miss him. Rest in peace Eric. You are missed so much by so many. You will not be forgotten.  
Darla Kaikis

**Darla Kaikis** - May 19 at 03:49 PM

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“ You were a genuinely nice person. Always a kind word, a joke, and a smile. Will miss you, Eric.



“ EARTH'S CRY, HEAVEN'S SMILE is what Eric's passing is. Over the last 35 it has been my pleasure to have known Eric Haser because of his character, optimistic outlook, quick smile and kind heart. Despite being adversaries at work, we were friends. Eric was a gentleman. Along with sympathy, I send encouragement. Respectfully, Tom Morgan

Tom Morgan - May 19 at 01:50 PM

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“ I will greatly miss Eric. Although we were usually "adversaries" on workers' compensation claims Eric was ALWAYS professional, courteous, and fair. Outside of the hearing room I always enjoyed running into Eric, and often times Gloria too, at Blue Jacket games. For years we lamented the team's lack of success but of course the last few years was especially fun talking CBJ hockey with Eric. As they say, in the end the only thing you leave behind is what people think about you and in that regard Eric won at life. I don't know a single person who ever had less than warm regards for Eric. My condolences to his family and Gloria. Chris Flint, Flint & Kilbride LLP

Chris Flint, Flint & Kilbride LLP - May 19 at 11:17 AM

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“ A good friend; a solid citizen, a good guy to have in your memory book. He will be missed to a great degree by many.

PAUL MILLER - May 18 at 12:20 PM

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“ I had the pleasure of working with Eric when he represented employers before the Mansfield Industrial Commission. Eric was professional, always diligently prepared and treated his colleagues with the utmost courtesy and respect. His easy going demeanor and outgoing personality will be greatly missed. My condolences to his family and many friends. With sympathy, Lisa Davidson

Lisa Davidson - May 17 at 11:53 AM

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“ I had the pleasure of working in the Workers Compensation industry with Eric. He was always smiling and made sure to see how someone was doing saying hi and always said goodbye when his day was done. We always would talk about the Pittsburgh Steelers, both of us being great fans. I will miss his smiling face and those great talks! May he Rest In Peace. God Bless him, Gloria and his family.

Robin Black - May 17 at 11:45 AM

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“ We are so sorry for your loss Gloria. We remember meeting Eric the inaugural season of the Blue Jackets. No matter the record of the team Eric was always there to cheer them on. Such an upbeat and positive person. Our hearts ache for you.

Pam Kirk - May 17 at 08:47 AM

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“ Red Poinsettia (Silk Cemetery Flowers) was purchased for the family of Eric Haser.



May 16 at 12:07 PM

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“ My sympathies to Eric's family and friends on his untimely passing. I worked with Eric at Davis & Associates for many years. Eric was always an upbeat fella and just an all-around great guy. It was nice to see him and many others at the "ole" Davis group get-together in 2018. RIP Eric. You will be missed by many.

Eva & Tom Thiel



Eva Thiel - May 16 at 10:01 AM

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“ Eric was not only a valued neighbor, but a friend who showed a sincere interest in our family. Our brief conversations over the back fence always left us feeling that he cared about us, as we did for him. We are thinking and praying for him and Gloria as we too come to grips with his untimely departure.

Sandie and John Schuster

John and Sandie Schuster - May 16 at 09:12 AM



“ So honored that I got to know Eric. We shared an office together for the past 19 years. Even when we had the chance to get our own office, we stayed together. Work was just more fun having someone to laugh with and bounce ideas off of each other. Going to miss our sports talks. We had ESPN radio on every day! He was proud that he had perfected the Manhattan and wanted to make one for us. Going to miss you pal!!!

**Scott Stephens** - May 15 at 07:41 PM

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“ Eric will be sorely missed. He always had a smile when he came into the office. My condolences to his family.

**Michelle Bowen** - May 15 at 04:56 PM

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“ Christine Penwell lit a candle in memory of Eric Haser



**Christine Penwell** - May 15 at 02:51 PM

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“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Eric Haser.



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“ We are going to miss Eric at KKSG. He had a great sense of humor and always good for a chuckle. So sad he left us so quickly. My prayers to his family, friends and Gloria.

Terrella Lee-decarlo - May 15 at 09:13 AM

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“ The journey through grief is excruciating. I have known Eric in the Workers Compensation industry for several decade. My heart breaks for the family’s loss and Gloria. May you all feel the angel wings wrapped around you and the love/support from those around you.

Corinne Moore - May 15 at 12:37 AM