

Remembering Ed Ruppel

We're saying goodbye to a dear friend who for decades committed himself to the betterment of Eagle Lake and our community.

Ed Ruppel passed away on the morning of February 3rd after a brief battle with inoperable cancer.

You may not know about Ed, so let me tell you a little about him. He was a husband, a father, an educator and a caring citizen of our community.

His is a story of selfless giving. His wife Mary encouraged and supported his work for Eagle Lake. For it stole much of their time.

Ed's passion for helping and teaching extended for beyond Eagle Lake. For years he taught at Indiana Tech, was devoted to helping young people through [Fort Wayne's Junior Achievement](#).

Even after being diagnosed, he kept going to make sure that there is a smooth transitioning of information, mailing lists, documents, tax forms and Newsletter information to those who would carry on. Despite his pain, his focus on Eagle Lake business was undeterred. Almost matter-of-factly he defied his fate and worked with Board members to ensure continuity.

To be sure, many of you never knew Ed. Perhaps you met him as he and his years-long pal Brandy, a loyal Cavalier King Charles spaniel, strolled the neighborhoods of Eagle Lake for which he cared for and gave so much.

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Ed Ruppel will be thought of often and remembered fondly for his many contributions in making Eagle Lake the wonderful community that we love to call home.

Farewell.



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