



Uncle Ed (Norman Edwin) Washburn

February 10, 1948 - November 15, 2015

Uncle Ed (Norman Edwin) Washburn, 67, of Leesburg, GA died Sunday November 15, 2015 at Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital.

His memorial service will be held Saturday November 21, 2015 2:00PM at Kimbrell-Stern. The family will receive friends Friday from 6:00 to 8:00PM at Kimbrell-Stern.

Ed was born in Alabama and moved with his family to Georgia in the late 50s as a Cotton Mill kid. He attended Albany High School and joined the Air Force after high school. Ed returned to Albany after the service in 1972 eventually going to work for Mrs. Bobbi Stallings at Stallings Music. Ed loved Mrs. Bobbi and learned the ropes about running a music store from her. Ed was also a working (aka starving) musician playing bass in a local band. After Mrs. Stallings died, Ed became a partner of Stallings Music, and eventually took over the business that became "Uncle Ed's Stallion Music". Uncle Ed's passion was for his family-esp his three boys, for Stallion Music, and writing/recording his songs. From gigging musicians to DJs to civic groups/organizations to churches. Ed was always honest and knew that the sale did not end when the PA system was installed. He was always on call if someone had a question or problem- answering his phone at night, on Sundays- even when his wife told him not to. Over the years Ed's customers became his friends and some who got their first guitar 30 years ago are still bringing their kids in today. Uncle Ed was a huge influence on the musical scene in Albany and helped musicians and churches all over Southwest GA

with their sound needs. In his spare time Ed was working on recording his original music and enjoyed playing with local bands. Uncle Ed was one of kind, and his legacy will endure at Stallion.

He was preceded in death by his parents Paul and Agnes Washburn and his brother Max Washburn.

Survivors include his wife Joy Hudson Washburn of Leesburg; three sons Thomas Paul Washburn of Beaufort, SC; Trevor Boone Washburn of Leesburg; Taylor Zane Washburn of Leesburg; a brother Jerry Hoyt Washburn and his wife Jane of Worth County; a sister Beverly Ann McCollum of Dothan, AL; a brother Frederick Washburn and his wife Allyson of Albany; a brother Danny Bruce Washburn and his wife Sandi of Americus; a sister Nancy Condos and her husband Christ of Dahlonega, GA;

In lieu of flowers please make donations to the Albany Rescue Mission, 604 N. Monroe St. Albany, GA 31701.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **20**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Kimbrell-Stern
1503 Dawson Road
Albany, GA 31707
(229) 883-4152
<https://www.kimbrellstern.com?>

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Uncle Ed (Norman Edwin) Washburn*

May 22, 2023 at 10:29 AM



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December 24, 2022 at 02:54 AM



“ *MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO DANNY, FRED, AND FAMILY. I HAVE SOME GREAT MEMORIES JAMMING OUT WITH ED AND BROTHER DANNY, TWO REALLY GOOD MUSICIANS. GOD COMFORT YOUR FAMILY DURING THIS TIME. STAN HOPPER*

STAN HOPPER - November 24, 2015 at 10:38 AM

MC

“ Just want to share a story. I don't remember the year, but during a gig I was performing with friends, Uncle Ed and Joy were sitting in the audience watching Thomas Paul play with my band at the time. Of course, TP was playing drums (as we all know he had been doing since he was just a small child) and Joy was invited to sing "wind beneath my wings". When it was all over, TP said to me he liked the way we ended the song with an instrumental tag at the end. Joy seemed pleased, Ed seemed pleased, and Thomas Paul was SOOOOOO proud!!

It just don't get any better than that!! I had the privilege of playing on stage with Ed and Joy only one other time, as I recall, but it was as though I was in the presence of royalty. No one had to say it, we all just knew.....or at least I did.

Ed did so much for all of us. From running sound for Billy Joe Royal to opening for the Tams, Uncle Ed was always there for all of us!!!!

I once said the highlight of my musical "career" was opening for the Tams. I was mistaken.....the highlight of my musical career was knowing Uncle Ed; but more importantly, knowing he was my friend!!!!

I cannot speak for everyone, but there will always be a 'before' Ed, and an "after" Ed, for me. Such was and is the influence of this fine man on my life.

Godspeed Uncle Ed, Joy, Thomas Paul, Trevor, and Taylor!!

Michael Coleman

michael coleman - November 21, 2015 at 09:43 PM

ES

“ I was in my early teens when I first ventured into Stallings Music and met the man who would end up being a life long inspiration and friend, Uncle Ed Washburn. Thru the years, the music scene has evolved and changed, but one thing never did, and that was Uncle Ed and his philosophy. Whether you wanted to debate politics and religion, or just talk about family, Uncle Ed was always ready to rumble. So much of my musical "life" has been because Ed was always there to support me and help me any way he could. Shiloh would not have been what we were without him, and neither would most any other local band in the past 35 years. Uncle Ed, I will miss you. We will meet again and have the chance to sit and talk about things, play some music, and hopefully hear that laugh of yours again! Rest in peace my friend. Your legacy lives on in us, and our children and grandchildren.

Earl Schlegel - November 21, 2015 at 10:17 AM



“ I met a man named Uncle Ed when looking for a sound system for the church. . He was not only understanding but also very patient through the process of helping to select the right system, then professionally installing the system. Anytime there was any problem he was always available. I thank God for the wonderful opportunity of meeting just a kind compassionate gentleman. My prayers are with you as you celebrate his life and the memories. God comfort and strengthen you today and always..

*Pastor Davis
Bethel AME Church*

Ernest Davis - November 21, 2015 at 08:06 AM

BS

“ I met Uncle Ed when I was in Middle School and then when I got in High School I joined the the band and I would go to Uncle Ed and then as the years goes by I starting singing gospel songs and preaching the Word of God I would always go to Uncle Ed to rent equipment or to just go and sit down and talk with him about the Lord. Uncle Ed was a man of wisdom and knowledge. He would help and support you if you were only for what was right. And God knows he would tell you what's on his mind. Lol.... You're already missed Uncle Ed. Servant of God Well Done. Sincerely Yours, Bishop Tremaine Omar Alford, Sr.



Bishop Tremaine O. Alford, Sr. - November 20, 2015 at 05:57 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Uncle Ed (Norman Edwin) Washburn.



November 19, 2015 at 08:28 PM

MK

“ Ed, thank you for your hospitality and the loving subtle way of delivering a boot to the backside when needed. Your humor and wisdom is every bit as poignant at 47 as it was at 15, maybe more so. In so many ways you will be here forever. Love and respect,
Matt Kane

matt kane - November 19, 2015 at 07:59 AM

“ Growing up in Albany during the 1970's and 1980's and obsessed with guitar after seeing hometown rock music heroes 'Messenger' perform a concert at the now defunct Radium Springs Casino swim park — this important experience set my life upon a trajectory to eventually meet another one of Albany's prolific and influential musical icons. An always colorful and encouraging local musical icon whom would help me eventually realize my own musical dreams. This great man was Ed Washburn — A man multiple generations of musicians would not only encounter during business but equally they would also befriend and learn to adopt and address just like a family member. As an uncle. And so for decade after decade, the vast majority of Albany musicians from all walks of life and virtually every genre of music happily learned to call the always jovial music merchant from the original Stallings Music — and later Stallion Music — that of "Uncle Ed Washburn." Uncle Ed was truly a surrogate uncle and voice of wisdom for all of us misfit musicians traversing the far too often challenging life of working musicians. Uncle Ed always had cunning wit and a comedic charm which afforded him the patience for sharing countless hours of fun, fellowship and laughter alike. While also providing a guiding voice of gentlemanly experience, knowledge and wisdom in efforts to help a long winding list of musicians the insight to both understand their instruments of choice while equally obtaining the necessary tools and knowledge for becoming professional musicians. And so across the decades, Uncle Ed's retail music stores felt more like a home away from home with the entire matter of money and commerce existing as a secondary purpose within matters. I can recount countless times Uncle Ed handed out a free package of guitar strings or a new instrument cable to struggling musicians whom had a gig later in the evening but no money at the time to purchase the article of music gear which was needed in order to perform hours later. Uncle Ed always came through to support the working musician population with an ever present notion that store credits offered to help could be paid back as it could be afforded. And this same generosity also applied to P.A. rentals which Uncle Ed provided to nearly every working band spanning 5 decades. Uncle

Ed knew and always trusted that the struggling musicians which he aided would always return soon enough to pay up and clear their tabs which were noted most times by nothing more than an old-fashioned handshake and a smile. It was this very method of support which not only defined Uncle Ed's family approach to music business but also anchored Uncle Ed at the pulsing heart center of Southwest Georgia's greater musical family at large. Uncle Ed came into my life at a very young age. Near daily I rode my bicycle across town to Stallings Music to excitingly hang around Uncle Ed and the colorful cast of characters whom also frequented the store. Some of them were employees but most were merely loiters just as myself. However, all of us ragtag musicians way back then were not just friends — due to Uncle Ed — we were all a large musical family. Uncle Ed always made sure of this fact as he revealed old stories and always had a joke ready to share. Sadly after I moved to Atlanta in 1994, I lost contact with Uncle Ed. And in those years I built a respectable music career. I owe tremendous thanks to Uncle Ed for all I've done musically. And a memory I will always cherish occurred one afternoon in 1984 when Uncle Ed openly complimented my guitar playing in front of everyone in the store that day. Uncle Ed's open and vocal endorsement of my guitar playing provided me the much-needed confidence to march off into the Atlanta music scene abyss and make a name for myself. For this compliment and encouragement, I will forever love and honor the memory and life of Uncle Ed Washburn. Godspeed! — Jason Floyd Hatcher

Jason Floyd Hatcher - November 19, 2015 at 05:01 AM

SC

“ I knew "Uncle Ed" for more years than I can count. From the days of Stallings Music, where I took my first guitar lessons, to years later and a favorite guitar that was bought from him , which I still play regularly.

But, you didn't have to buy something for him to be your friend. I remember the Saturdays, hanging out with other musicians at the store. Ed would buy Jimmies hotdogs for everyone, and we would play music and eat, and just have a good time.

He was also a dispenser of wisdom. One day I was talking to him, about what I can't recall, and he said...."You know....some money costs you more to take it, than it does to turn it down!" I have remembered those words, and they have helped me make the right decisions MANY times.

Uncle Ed was an original. The day before he passed, I was with some musicians, and he came up in conversation. We talked, and laughed, and told "Uncle Ed" stories for a while, and, I suppose, that is a fitting eulogy. Laughter, good times, good music, and good memories. What more could a musician ask for?

So, goodbye for now Uncle Ed. We'll see you again some fine day. And....we can only imagine the concert you're taking part in right now.

Stan Clardy

Stan Clardy - November 18, 2015 at 08:35 PM

RP

“ *Uncle Ed was indeed a great friend of mine. I've known him for over 30 years. He was always willing to help and assist with our Church needs whenever called upon. I will truly miss Him. My Prayers and thoughts goes out to the family. Rev Dr. Raymond Polite.*



Rev Dr. Raymond Polite - November 18, 2015 at 08:14 PM

JC

“ *Godspeed Uncle Ed and thank you for all you have done fir thee South Georgie music scene! You will be missed!*

Jimmy Chambless - November 18, 2015 at 06:07 PM

 Tommy Weekley

“ *Terribly saddened to hear of Edwin's passing. Like him, I moved to Albany and the mill village from Alabama in the late 50's we remained friends for over 50 years. He was a musician and I was an outdoorsman with no musical talent so our big common interest was chasing the local girls. We shared some good times and a lot of laughs and I know he will be greatly missed. You, the family, have my deepest sympathy..... Tommy Weekley.*

Tommy Weekley - November 18, 2015 at 03:04 PM

RW

“ *Ray Watson lit a candle in memory of Uncle Ed (Norman Edwin) Washburn*



Ray Watson - November 18, 2015 at 12:07 PM

WS

“ *Uncle Ed was a great influence on my career in music. Albany will never be the same and I always tried to visit him when I was in town. Caring and advice were his greatest traits. What a kind man. Rest in peace my friend, Walter Stapleton Jr., Americus, Ga.*

Walter Stapleton - November 18, 2015 at 11:39 AM

JP

“ Joy, I heard at WW meeting that your husband had passed away. I will pray for you during these difficult days and in the days ahead.

Joyce C. Pheil - November 18, 2015 at 10:54 AM

SA

“ Dear Washburn Family,
So sorry to hear about your loss. Nothing can really fully prepare us for the loss of a loved one. But we can find comfort and hope that they are no longer suffering as ecclesiastes 9:5 reassures us that they feel nothing at all, and that One day we won't have to deal with death because there will be no more pain and death like Isaiah 25:8,9 tells us. hope this has brought some comfort to you. And again my condolences.

sarah - November 18, 2015 at 06:23 AM

CJ

“ I loved visiting (and doing business for my churches) with Uncle Ed. The first time we met, soon after moving to Albany, I told him that I heard about him while serving as music evangelist in a camp meeting in Southern Alabama. A musician at the camp told me about Uncle Ed and what a good man he was, and that he loved to help other musicians with great advice and good equipment. His store at that time was in East Albany. The day I stopped in I told him I had met his "nephew". He laughed out loud and told me that everyone called him Uncle Ed. We had great conversations and shared our music with each other. Uncle Ed will be missed by many. I thank God for getting to know him.

Charles Jones - November 17, 2015 at 10:04 PM

DG

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Debi Griffin - November 17, 2015 at 12:21 PM

 Jerry
McDonald

“ *A true friend and fellow musician. Prayers for comfort and healing in this time of sorrow....I meet Ed and Joy back when he was at Stallings Music. We as in The Skidrow Show would hang out and swap licks and lies. Uncle Ed allowed me to teach mandolin lessons during the day also. Always looked forward to stopping by Stallion Music when I came back home to receive those words of wisdom he had. Much sorrow in Oklahoma.*

*Jerry McDonald
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma*

Jerry McDonald - November 17, 2015 at 09:24 AM

DJ

“ *Uncle Ed was the musician and sound man's friend. He will be definitely missed.*

With Deepest Sympathy,

Derrell Johnson

Derrell Johnson - November 17, 2015 at 07:03 AM

CG

“ *Uncle Ed you will be truly missed. I can remember fond conversations over the phone with you. No matter how rough a day would be going if I got a call from you I was sure to have a smile on my face once we hung up. He never seemed to worry or let things get him down. I wish we could have met face to face. Thats one of the hardest things about my job is I make friends that become family and the majority of the time its a relationship via the phone. But Ed you were of the few that I felt as if I had known all my life. To his family. I would like for you to know we at Peavey Electronics will deeply miss him and will always cherish our memories with him. This personally saddens my heart. Our hearts and prayers are with you...*



*Sincerely
Chris Goodwin
CSRM
Peavey Electronics.*

Chris Goodwin - November 16, 2015 at 10:39 PM

MC

“ Having known Ed since the late sixties, I consider ours a lasting close friendship. He worked at Stallings Music when I first met him. Through the years we developed a close relationship full of kindness, trust and love. I remember when he married Joy and when all the kids were born. Ed was just the coolest sincere dude ever. He put up no pretenses and just always wanted himself and others to just be real. We traded all kinds of equipment through the years including one item I will treasure for a long time. For anyone who does not know, Ed professed his relationship with Christ to me so we have the assurance Ed is with His Lord. As my once five year old Michael Jr. once said, there has to be a drum there in heaven. I loved Ed Washburn and pray the very best for Joy and the family.
Mike Carter

Mike Carter - November 16, 2015 at 08:25 PM

SO

“ Uncle Ed.... thank you for taking time for me when I needed to talk. I will never forget our long discussions about the music industry and your words of wisdom. It is because of you and your guidance that EGA Productions is where it is today. You are one of the kindest people I have ever known and never asked for anything in return. You gave up so much for our local music scene and I appreciate your love and dedication. You are a tremendous asset and your legacy will carry on. Thank you to your family for sharing you with our community. You will be missed! Love you man!



Steve Owens - November 16, 2015 at 02:10 PM

DG

“ Dear Joy and my Washburn family,
I am so sorry to hear of Ed's passing.
The loss is greater for us here in earth than for him as he soars to the Heavens.
Know and have comfort in your time of sorrow that Ed is with you and watching over you and his family that he cherished so much.
There was but one Norman Edwin Washburn, Uncle Ed to the many he inspired and mentored through the years. He left a mark on each of us.
I can just hear him saying now "Dang I feel Good" as he walks in the Glory of Heaven and at the side of our Lord. He will join his friends and loved ones in a celebration of his coming home, something we all look forward to when God calls our name.
Joy, I pray God gives you the comfort you need during this deep sorrow, and that you will receive the strength to take one step at a time, one day at a time.
Love always transcends time and space and lives forever.
My heartfelt Sympathy and love to you and the family,
Debi Jones-Washburn Griffin

Debi Griffin - November 16, 2015 at 11:26 AM

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sarah - November 16, 2015 at 06:24 AM

GL

“ *Today we lost a caring wonderful person who was loved by more than He knew. A friend who was always eager to help you, if you were lucky He would throw in some Uncle Ed wisdom and wit when you came by the store. I 'll miss you.*
Gary Lloyd



Gary Lloyd - November 15, 2015 at 08:29 PM