



## **EDGAR L. “Ed” AXSOM, 1929-2015**

Edgar L. Axsom, 86, of Indianapolis passed away peacefully on Saturday, August 22, after a valiant battle with lung cancer. Cherished husband of Ruth E. (Hepp) Axsom for 66 years. Loving father of Cecily Fultz, Kathryn (Mark) Woerner and Douglas (Pam) Axsom. Grandfather of Justin and Jenna Axsom, Matthew and Nicholas Woerner, and Christopher Fultz. Brother of Treva Tuley and Marilyn (Paul) Housel. Fond uncle of fourteen nieces and nephews. Edgar was preceded in death by his parents Alma I. (Deckard) and Millard E. Axsom, sisters Freda (Les) Long and Norma (William) Roper and son-in-law Jim Fultz.

Born in Bloomington, Indiana, Ed enlisted in the military after graduating from Bloomington High School and was a member of the 528th Air Force Band, headquartered at Scott Air Force Base in Belleville, Illinois. An accomplished musician, Ed received both his Bachelor’s Degree in Music and Master’s in Music Education from Indiana University where he was a member of the Marching 100. His teaching career spanned over 30 years and several schools including Bloomington High School, Warren Central High School and Westlane Middle School.

Outside of the classroom, Ed’s dedication to the music profession led him to play trombone with the Northwinds Dance Band and Scottish Rite Orchestra, serve as an adjudicator for Indiana’s State High School Band Competitions and introduce young people to their first musical instruments through Paige’s Music Store. Ed was selected as the Music Director for the Allison Division of General Motors Band in 1972, a position he held until the early 1980’s when it became the Circle City Concert Band and later incorporated as the Indianapolis Municipal Band (IMB) in 1983. He then went on to serve as the Indianapolis Municipal Band’s Music Director for 35 years, retiring in 2007. IMB established the Edgar L. Axsom Future Music Educator Scholarship in Ed’s honor in 2009 to assist Indianapolis Municipal Area high school seniors study instrumental music education at the university level.

Edgar was a member of Phi Beta Mu National Bandmaster Fraternity and Kappa Kappa Psi Honorary Band Fraternity. He was also a member of St. Therese-Little Flower Roman Catholic Church where he previously ministered as Coordinator of Ushers. Ed enjoyed golfing, gardening, following IU athletics and spending time with his family.

Visitation will be Wednesday, August 26 from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Feeney-Hornak Shadeland Mortuary, 1307 North Shadeland Avenue. Funeral services will be Thursday, August 27 at 9:30

at the mortuary followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10 am at St. Therese-Little Flower Roman Catholic Church, 4720 E. 13th Street. Interment will be at Clear Creek Cemetery, Bloomington, Indiana. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Lung Association or the Indiana University School of Music. Your remembrances and thoughts are welcome at [www.feeneyhornakshadeland.com](http://www.feeneyhornakshadeland.com)